



## Hocking Hills Newsletter **September, 2016**

### Upcoming Dates:

**August 30th-** Bus Safety Presentation.

**August 31st- Lifetouch Pictures.**

**Sept. 5th-** Labor Day- No School.

**Sept. 7th-** Last day for Student immunization.

**Sept. 15th-** Fair Day- No school for students.

**Sept. 16th-** Fair Day- No School.

**Sept. 22nd-** Bookmobile.

**Sept. 30th-** Interim Reports.

### Welcome Back:

As principal of Hocking Hills I would like to say it is a pleasure working with your child. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer break. I am looking forward to serving your children this upcoming school year. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call me at 740-385-7071. Also, I will be sending out monthly newsletters with school information and upcoming important events. You can also see a copy of the monthly newsletter on our school website <http://loganhocking.k12.oh.us/>. Once you are on the district site click the tab that say schools and then click on Hocking Hills Elementary. We will also be placing school photos on this website as the school year proceeds.

### Lifetouch Pictures:

Just a reminder that pictures for your students will take place on August 31st. This is a little early compared to past years.

### **Attendance, Tardy and Early dismissal:**

Last year our buildings attendance increased from 94.6% to 95.8% This was a very positive increase. Our building goal is to be above 96% for this upcoming school year. There is a direct link between attendance and student growth, therefore, we want to continue to improve our attendance rate. Please be familiar with the school's attendance policy. This can be found on the folders that were sent home with your child during open house, or if you were unable to attend open house ,the folder was sent home with your child the first day of school. Below is a reminder of our tardy and early dismissal policy.

EXCESSIVE Tardies/ Early dismissals will be filed on in court this year. A letter will be created to request a meeting with the parent once 10 of either, tardy or early dismissals have occurred.

Once a student reaches 20 unexcused tardies and/or early dismissals court intervention will be taken. The only EXCUSED TARDIES/EARLY DISMISSALS are the same as the excused absences. Doctor note, funeral card, lice check or school related activity.

### **Calling office when your child is absent:**

Please notify office when your child will be absent. You may do this between 8:30 am and 10:30 am, or by sending a signed note with sibling. This is required procedure as stated in the Missing Children Act. If you are unable to contact the office by 10:30 am you will receive an automated phone call from the school district notifying you to inform the school of your child's absence.

### **PTO/ AR Prizes**

Here is our officers for the 2016-17 school year: President- Rod Hedges, Vice President- Tiffany Micochero, Treasurer- Kelly Nutter, Secretary- Jackie Abele.PTO has been kind enough to help with our AR prizes. The prizes that students will receive for obtaining their AR goal has changed this year. When students meet their goal their name will be read over the intercom, and will have their picture posted on our display case for the nine weeks. Students will also earn a fun activity that PTO will provide at the end of the nine weeks. When a student doubles their goal they will earn a book, and when a student triple's their goal they will earn a pizza party with the principal. Student's that achieve their AR goal all four nine weeks will receive a t-shirt.

### **Kroger Rewards**

Kroger offers local schools a community rewards program. It is simple and raises money that we can use as rewards for students, supplies, etc... This is how it works. Every time you use your Kroger card Hocking Hills Elementary earns money. The great thing about this is that it does not take away from any of your individual points that you earn. We simply get credit by you shopping there. However, for this to work you must enroll. You can enroll by following these directions: 1. visit [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com), 2nd create an account (or enter your existing account to re-enroll), 3. complete information, 4. enter school code #84700 when prompted, 5. confirm and save changes, 6. shop and earn money for our school.

### **Before Care and After Care**

If you are interested about signing up your child for Project SAFE, there are two ways to register. 1. Come to the board office to fill out the paperwork or, 2. go to [www.loganhocking.k12.oh.us/projectsafe](http://www.loganhocking.k12.oh.us/projectsafe). Hocking Hills Elementary no longer takes registration forms or payments. Project Safe is now using My School Bucks as one option for parents to make their tuition payments. Before care begins at 6:30 am and after care will end at 5:30 pm.

### **MySchoolBox.com**

Logan Hocking School District offers a program for parents to help them monitor your child's lunch account. The system is called MySchoolBox.com. This website will allow parents the ability to access their child's account. It offers the following features:

Automatic deposit when your child's account is running low.

Your child's purchase history from the past 90 days.

Low balance e-mail notifications

Schedule recurring payments

An app you can download for your mobile device.

You can find this website from the Logan Hocking District Home page. Click at the top where it reads parent, then click on Food Services and Menu, then click on MySchoolBox.com link to enroll.

### **Hocking Valley Community Hospital**

We are proud to announce that we will be able to continue our partnership with Hocking Valley Community Hospital. Beginning in October they will come once a month and provide fun lessons and activities to our students that promote healthy living.

### **Busing**

If you have concerns about a bus being late, please call the bus garage at 740-385-7844. They will be able to assist you.

### **Infinite Campus**

Parents you may check on your students grades, attendance, assignments etc.. by signing up to Infinite Campus. To sign up click on the district's website page [loganhocking.k12.oh.us](http://loganhocking.k12.oh.us), at the top click on the parent link. Next, click on the infinite campus portal link. At the bottom click on request form for Parent Portal Account. Just follow the steps given on the page and you will be able to have access. Any questions just call the school, 385-7071 and we can help assist you.

### **Immunization Deadline:**

The deadline for your child to have their required immunizations will be Sept. 7th. After this date students will be excluded until they are to date with their immunizations. Any questions please call the office: 740-385-7071 ext. 1201

Please label your students lunch boxes, coats etc.. this way we can promptly return any lost items to your child. Thanks and Go CHIEFS!

*Go Chieftains!*