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Keyser Families,

Our first semester will soon be coming to an end. Keyser students and families have put in a lot of hard work and achieved great things this semester. Students at Keyser earn, on average, over 3,500 ClassDojo points each week acknowledging their positive behavior and good choices. They have earned both class and school rewards like extra recess time and a walking taco party. While we are making great strides academically by using the iReady program school-wide to provide individualized instruction for your child in math and reading, there is still more work to do. Teachers at Keyser continue to focus on academic growth for every child. Many of our 5th-8th grade students are taking advantage of the Rogers early risers enrichment program and learning to play instruments and enhance their vocal talents in the choir. We want to congratulate our 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade students who were selected for the junior Rams basketball team as we had more than four students make these teams. Great things continue to happen at Keyser. Thank you for your support and have a happy and prosperous holiday season.

Connecting School to Home: Consider visiting the library or getting your child a book to read over the winter break. Asking your child to read at home is a great way to practice and improve their reading fluency. It also helps them to know that reading is an important part of their lives inside and outside of school.

Ms. Fletcher

## Toledo Public Schools

### Core Commitments

- Student-Centered
- Accountability-Based Management
- Building Stronger Relationships
- Technology Oriented
- Rigorous Curriculum
- Develop a Culture of High Expectations



Dear TPS Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back to school and the beginning of the 2020-21 school year. As you can imagine, our procedures will look different this year because of COVID-19. As we work to keep everyone safe and healthy, we are asking for the following help:

Do a health assessment each day before sending your student to school. If you need assistance getting a thermometer, please call your school. We ask that you also monitor for the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Congestion/runny nose
- Body aches/muscle aches
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

**If your student has any of the above symptoms, he or she must stay home for 10 days** OR have a signed note from your health care provider that he or she is not contagious and can return to school.

**If someone living in your home is positive for COVID 19, your student will need to quarantine at home.** The quarantine timeline of 14 days starts 10 days after the symptoms appeared in the family member with COVID-19. Please contact the school nurse for a return date.

It is important for you to know that students with any signs or symptoms of COVID 19 will be sent home immediately.

Make sure your phone numbers and emergency contacts are current.

If you cannot get to school to pick up your ill student, identify a dependable person that can pick them up.

Because COVID-19 spreads through respiratory droplets, we will be unable to provide any type of aerosol (nebulizer) treatments at school. Please discuss this with your child's doctor for an alternative option for his or her medication.

We understand this is a confusing and anxious time. Please feel free to reach out to your school nurse with any questions or concerns and/or call the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department COVID Hotline at (419) 213-4161.

## TPS Grading Scale

A	100-93
A-	92-90
B+	89-87
B	86-83
B-	82-80
C+	79-77
C-	72-70
D+	69-67
D	66-63
D-	62-60
F-	60-0



### TPS Educational Technology Department Help Desk

Parents,

If your chrome book device does not power on after charging it or you are having difficulty with non account issues, please call 419-351-0485 (M, W, F) 419-351-8658 or 419-671-8750 (M-F) for tech support.



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### **Nurse's Corner**

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### **KEYSER'S WALKING SCHOOL BUS:**

As the weather cools down, we will be walking occasionally on warmer days in the forecast through the winter months. Please check your email linked with the Walking School Bus on Monday mornings for the week's schedule. Students that participate are encouraged to have hat, gloves, and a winter coat on. The 1 mile walk takes up approximately 25-30 minutes.



### **HPWO DENTAL**

Keyser is scheduled for the dental program to arrive in February. Please contact the school if you need a permission slip sent home. The purple permission slip was sent home at the beginning of the school year.



### CHILD ABUSE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

Ms. Bishop and Ms. Wensink will be presenting the Child Abuse Prevention Program to Kindergarten, 1st, and Third Grade in January or February. Information about the program and an opt out permission slip will be sent home. Please return the form to your student's teacher if you do not want them to participate in this educational program mandated by the State of Ohio.



### COMMUNITY RESOURCES

The school based health centers are still able to do the following related to COVID: rapid testing, PCR testing, vaccines, and boosters. Please feel free to connect with a location that works for you and/or your students. They are able to see students, staff, and families.

Rams Health Center: 419.442.7702

Bulldog Health Center: 419.442.7701

Waite Health Center: 567.218.0770

Woodward Health Center: 567.343.6890

All individuals eligible for the COVID Vaccine (5+ years of age and older) who are **on Medicaid** are able to receive a \$100 gift card for the first dose of their vaccine. The gift cards are provided at the time of the vaccine. The Department of Medicaid is providing this incentive for the COVID Vaccines. This incentive is only scheduled to last through the end of December 2021. These vaccines and gift cards are available on a daily basis at all of the school based health center locations.

Pathway of Toledo is offering assistance with winter heating. Please feel free to call them with inquiries at 567-803-0010 or visit their website for all the services they provide <https://pathwaytoledo.org/winter-crisis-program/>



## Safer Ways to Celebrate Holidays From The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention

Holiday traditions are important for families and children. There are several ways to enjoy holiday traditions and protect your health. Because many generations tend to gather to celebrate holidays, the best way to minimize COVID-19 risk and keep your family and friends safer is to get vaccinated if you're eligible.

Protect yourself and your community by getting your [COVID-19 vaccine](#) and wearing a mask indoors in public if you are in an [area of substantial or high transmission](#), even if you are [fully vaccinated](#).

Here are safer ways to celebrate the holidays:  
Generally:

- Protect those not yet eligible for vaccination such as young children by getting yourself and other eligible people around them vaccinated.
- Wear well-fitting masks over your nose and mouth if you are in public indoor settings if you are not fully vaccinated.
- Even those who are fully vaccinated should wear a mask in public indoor settings in communities with substantial to high transmission.
- Outdoors is safer than indoors.
- Avoid crowded, poorly ventilated spaces.
- If you are sick or have symptoms, don't host or attend a gathering.
- Get [tested](#) if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have a close contact with someone who has COVID-19.

If you are considering traveling for a holiday or event, visit CDC's [Travel](#) page to help you decide what is best for you and your family. CDC still recommends delaying travel until you are [fully vaccinated](#).

If you are not fully vaccinated and must [travel](#), follow CDC's [domestic travel](#) or [international travel](#) recommendations for unvaccinated people.

- If you will be traveling in a group or family with unvaccinated people, choose safer travel options.

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Everyone, even people who are fully vaccinated, is [required to wear a mask](#) on public transportation and follow [international travel recommendations](#).

Special considerations:

People who have a condition or are taking medications that weaken their immune system may not be fully protected even if they are fully vaccinated and have received an [additional dose](#). They should continue to take all [precautions recommended for unvaccinated people, including wearing a well-fitted mask](#), until advised otherwise by their healthcare provider.

- You might choose to wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission if a member of your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated.

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- If you are gathering with a group of people from multiple households and potentially from different parts of the country, you could consider additional precautions (e.g., avoiding crowded indoor spaces before travel, taking a test) in advance of gathering to further reduce risk.

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- Do NOT put a mask on children younger than 2 years old.

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By working together, we can enjoy safer holidays, travel, and protect our own health as well as the health of our family and friends.



***Mission***

*Toledo Public Schools' mission is to produce competitive college and career ready graduates through a rigorous curriculum across all grade levels by implementing Ohio's New Learning Standards with fidelity.*

***Vision***

*Toledo Public Schools' strives to be an "A" rated district whose graduates are college and career ready.*

## **AMENDMENT to ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE 2020-2021**

**\*\*The following Elementary schools are exempt from this dress code: Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls, Grove Patterson Academy, Martin Luther King Jr. Academy for Boys, Old West End Academy, and Escuela SMART Academy. These schools have a dress code specifically for their building. Please contact the principal/school for clarification. \*\***

Toledo Public Schools has adopted the following dress code for all students who attend one of the District's traditional elementary schools. It is expected that all students will comply with the dress code, beginning with the first day of school. Parents and students are equally responsible for the appearance of the student.

The purpose of Toledo Public Schools' Elementary School dress code is:

- To enhance school safety
- To support the learning environment
- To promote good behavior
- To avoid discipline problems
- To prepare students for the world of work.

The following items are **NOT** appropriate:

Clothing/grooming that illustrates or promotes drugs, alcohol, tobacco and/or sex and that could be considered offensive or degrading to others; have symbols of hate or oppression; reference gang membership or present a hazard to an individual or other people.

Clothing/grooming that is disruptive to the educational process:

Undergarments should not be visible at any time (this includes underwear, bras, etc.)

Skirts or shorts must be no higher than just above the knee.

Spaghetti straps, halter tops, tube tops or tank tops are not allowed.

Cleavage should not be visible at any time.

Holes/tears in jeans are **not** permitted.

Tight, form-fitting clothing is not permitted. Tights and leggings are allowed if the front and back are covered by a long shirt, skirt or dress.

Clothing/grooming that is deemed **unsafe** for the classroom or school environment, including but not limited to hats/coats/outerwear/gloves, etc.

Clothing/grooming that does not reflect good personal hygiene.

Tops and bottoms that do not overlap while standing or seated (i.e. no midriffs).

Pajama pants, including pants made of flannel or fleece.

Additional guidelines:

Hooded sweatshirts are permitted as long as hoods are not worn or does not cover the head.

Footwear must be worn at all times. For safety considerations, all footwear must be adequately secured to the foot with heels no higher than two inches.

Slippers, shoes with retractable skates, cleats, or footwear with flexible, soft soles (flip flops, beach shoes, etc.) are not permitted.

Shoes that expose the feet or toes are not allowed in shop areas or in science classes when chemicals are being used.

Hats, bandanas, sweatbands, curlers, rollers, gloves or sunglasses will not be allowed except for medical reasons.

## Important Dates

**Thursday, December 16 End of Second Quarter**

**Friday, December 17 No School Teacher Work Day**

**Monday, December 20– January 4 Winter Break**

## Tuesday January 5 **School Resumes**



Dear Families and Staff:

As you might know, the number of COVID-19 cases in our area are on the rise and that continues to be a challenge for everyone. Unfortunately, as the numbers increase in the community, so do the numbers in our schools.

Toledo Public Schools continues to follow health and safety protocols in an attempt to keep our students and staff members healthy and slow the spread of COVID-19. At this time, the district is mandating face masks for all students and employees who are able to wear a face covering, hand washing/hygiene throughout the school day and frequent cleaning of high touch surfaces.

The district also encourages anyone who is sick to stay home and contact his/her healthcare provider. All TPS schools have free rapid COVID-19 tests available to staff and students. These tests are important in surveillance of COVID-19 infections.

Finally, TPS strongly recommends that all students and staff members get vaccinated against COVID-19, including boosters; the original vaccines require boosters to maximize the effectiveness of immunity to COVID-19.

Our school-based health centers offer COVID-19 testing (PCR and Rapid/antigen) and vaccines. Simply call the clinic closest to you to schedule an appointment - appointments are available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m - 4 p.m.

Scott High School - 419-442-7701

Rogers High School - 419-442-7702

Waite High School - 567-204-3056

Woodward High School - 567-343-6890

Thank you for being our partners in health.

## Meet Mrs. Bishop!

Hello, My name is Emily Bishop and I am your school counselor this year. I will be working with students one on one, in pairs, in small groups, in classrooms, and will schedule students. My focus depends on the needs of the school under the umbrellas of social emotional learning, academic support, and careers. My role is to work with the entire student population.. My door is open for students to stop in and chat (with teacher permission first ), or for school employees and parent/guardians to refer students. I like to keep the lines of communication open with parents as much as possible. You can reach me by calling the school, or through email, which is below my signature. I will do my best to keep communication strong. However, I am split between two schools, so if you don't hear back from me right away, just know that I will get back to you the next day I am in the building. Sometimes a student may come to my room here or there to talk about a problem or big feeling, or might eat lunch in my room with a friend. I might not call you if it is not a big issue or just a "fun lunch". However, if the problem seems like your student needs psychological help, or long term therapy, I will definitely contact you. I also will send permission forms home and/or gain verbal permission over the phone if your child is referred to work in a small group with me or if a teacher/principal is refers your child for multiple meetings with me. If you have concerns about your child's personal situation, please reach out to me.

### Counselor Things:

- Work with all students K-8
- Individual, small group, whole class
- Topics: anxiety/stress, friendship, grief, divorce/separation, social skills, impulse control, mindfulness, kindness, anger, organization, bullying, careers, high school plans
- Connecting with outside therapists & in school mental health partners, helping families seek resources, advocate for students, connect with other school specialists

### Personal Things:

- Started the year on maternity leave
- Ended maternity leave in November--will be here the rest of the year (Ms. Devin Shuler subbed for me while I was out)
- Love visiting national parks, bike rides, board games, Dr. Pepper, crafting, movies
- Always have worked with children
- Has lived in NW Ohio entire life
- Family: husband (a teacher) & three children