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Toledo Public Schools**Core Commitments**

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

Dear Keyser Families,

Meet the new Principal!

Christina Fletcher is a proud TPS graduate of Rogers High School. In primary school, she attended Keyser Elementary. She is very excited to return to Keyser as the principal. She earned a full scholarship through the Toledo Excel program to the University of Toledo where she earned both her bachelor's and a master's degree. She later went to Bowling Green State University to obtain her Education Specialist degree in Administration. She has spent twenty-one years in education with Toledo Public Schools. Outside of school, she enjoys traveling and has been to every state except twelve in the United States. She also enjoys gardening and learning new things. Ms. Fletcher considers herself a life-long learner. "My goal every day is to remove barriers in order to support teaching and learning. Once a child knows how to problem-solve and work through challenges, the world is filled with opportunities they have not even dreamed of."

Please follow our Keyser Elementary School Facebook page for ongoing updates and new information.

Ms. Christina Fletcher
Principal
Keyser Elementary



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 Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:45 am -3:30 pm



We are returning to school still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic . As we work to keep everyone safe and healthy, we are asking for the following help:

1. Do a health assessment each day before sending your student to school and if your student is sick please keep him/her home. We ask that you monitor for the following symptoms: if your student has any of the symptoms **KEEP THEM HOME** and call the nurse for guidance when they can return.

Shortness of	Sore throat	Diarrhea
New or worsening	Congestion/runny	Nausea or vomiting
New loss of taste or	Body aches/muscle	Fatigue
Fever of 100 F or	Chills	Headache

2. If your student has shortness of breath, cough, or new loss of taste or smell, he or she **must** stay home for 10 days **OR** have a signed note from your healthcare provider that provides a specific alternative diagnosis **OR** a negative PCR test before returning to school. All other symptoms must be significantly improved before returning to school.

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

4. All absences related to COVID-19 or COVID-19 like symptoms (listed above) will be excused.

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

6. Make sure your phone numbers and emergency contacts are current.

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

8. 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.

9. Send your student with a mask each day.

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.

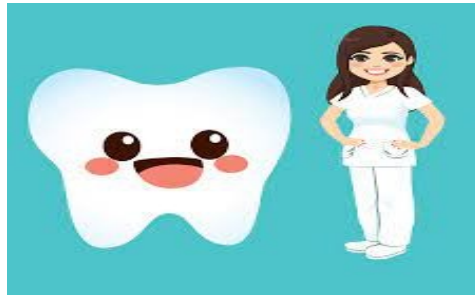
Handwashing remains the number one way to prevent the spread of Germs. Remember to continue good hand hygiene habits at home.

Follow these five steps every time.



1. Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
3. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
4. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.
5. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

Exciting news at Keyser this year we will continue to offer TeleHealth to your students partnering with Health Partners of Western Ohio. HPWO have worked extremely hard to add dental and vision services to this list of resources being offered to our students. School based dental programs provide: Dental Exam, Cleaning, Fluoride Treatments, and Dental Sealants to children right in their school. Tooth decay is the most prevalent and preventable chronic disease of children.



Purple Dental Permission forms have gone home with your student. If you have yet to return them, please do so. Do not miss the opportunity for dental care, estimated arrival of the Dental Van is Spring 2022. School-aged students should see the dentist every 6 months. Make sure you are limiting daily sugar intake, encouraging students to mainly consume water or milk. Juices, soda, and sports drinks contain large amounts of sugar.

Make sure your student is brushing their teeth twice daily, especially at night to ensure getting all the excess sugar off their teeth before going to bed.



Immunizations

Please make sure you have turned in immunization records prior to September 30, 2021. If your student is not up to date with immunizations and you have not discussed this with the nurse please call soon. TPS district wide exclusion date is set for Friday, October 1, 2021. All incoming new Keyser students, kindergarteners, and 7th graders must have the required immunizations for school entry according to Ohio Law.

Please schedule an appointment with your health care provider or visit a Shots 4 Tots clinic at the Toledo Lucas County Health Department 635 N. Erie St. Toledo, Ohio 43615 419-213-4121 or Health Partners of Western Ohio at Rogers High School 419-442-7701.



As the school year progresses, all new Keyser students and students in Grades K, 1, 3, 5, and 7th will have hearing and vision screenings conducted. If you are concerned your student needs to be screened please call and speak with the nurse.



National Walk to School Day is Wednesday October 6, 2021. Keyser Elementary will be celebrating along with many schools in the nation. We encourage you to walk with your students to school on this day.

Walking is an activity that is easy and accessible to most students, staff and parents and can be made into an engaging, interesting activity in many ways. Walking uses all of the major muscle groups in the upper and lower body and is a low impact activity. Students who are physically active are more likely to maintain a healthy weight, have better academic performance, and improved mental health. Walking is one of the healthiest, safest, and easiest ways to begin a fitness program and can be a big step toward improving your health and the health of your students.

Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS)

Dear Parents,

The Toledo Public School District and Keyser Elementary wants to provide a safe and positive learning environment for students, teacher and staff through the continued implementation of Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS). Rather than utilizing a discipline system that reacts to student misconduct, we want something more positive in place for students to rely upon for direction. PBIS focuses on the types of behavior we want the children to display rather than the types we do not want copied.

The **PBIS** team has set clear expectations for behavior that will be used throughout the building including in the cafeteria, hallways, bathrooms, playground, library, computer lab, and gymnasium. The Toledo Public School District has developed the three "R's" for all the buildings which stands for being: **Respectful, Responsible, and Ready**.

How it works...

The PBIS team has decide to implement ClassDojo school wide for the 2021-2022 school year. ClassDojo is a classroom management tool that teachers will use to track positive behavior.

Students will have the opportunity to earn a minimum of 4 points per day. The goal for each student is to earn 20 points a week. K-8 students will need to earn 40 points every 2 weeks to receive an individual classroom reward as determined by the teacher. At the end of 4 weeks, any and all students who have acquired 80 points or more shall receive a school wide reward. This would include rewards such as: extra recess time, Nintendo Switch time in the gymnasium, nachos or ice cream.

Students will earn points for attendance, turning in work, following classroom rules and following school expectations. Students will be able to track their points daily. Teachers will also give additional points for positive behaviors in addition to the expectations already stated. Please help your child meet their goals by discussing positive behavior and good work habits at home.

We believe that by helping students engage in appropriate behavior, we will form a school community where all students feel safe and have the opportunity to achieve and succeed.

Your ongoing support is appreciated. Please continue to encourage your children to be **Responsible, Respectful and Ready**.

Sincerely,

Keyser Elementary Administrators, Teachers, and Staff



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.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE

****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, Escuela SMART Academy, Chase STEMM Academy, Hawkins STEMM Academy, Marshall STEMM Academy and McKinley STEMM 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 student for the world of work

The following items are **NOT** appropriate:

1. 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.
2. Clothing/grooming that is disruptive to the educational process:
 - a. Undergarments should not be visible at any time (this includes underwear, bras, etc.)
 - b. Skirts or shorts must be no higher than just above the knee.
 - c. Spaghetti straps, halter tops, tube tops or tank tops are not allowed.
 - d. Cleavage should not be visible at any time.
 - e. Holes/tears in jeans are **not** permitted, unless the holes are below the fingertips when arms are fully extended.
 - f. 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.
3. Clothing/grooming that is deemed **unsafe** for the classroom or school environment, including but not limited to hats/coats/outerwear/gloves, etc.
4. Clothing/grooming that does not reflect good personal hygiene.
5. Tops and bottoms that do not overlap while standing or seated (i.e. no midriffs).
6. Pajama pants, including pants made of flannel or fleece.

Additional guidelines:

- A. Hooded sweatshirts are permitted as long as hoods are not worn or does not cover the head.
- B. 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.
- C. Slippers, shoes with retractable skates, cleats, or footwear with flexible, soft soles (flip flops, beach shoes, etc.) are not permitted. Crocs are permitted only if there is a strap on the heels to secure the foot.
- D. Shoes that expose the feet or toes are not allowed in shop areas or in science classes when chemicals are being used.
- E. Hats, bandanas, sweatbands, curlers, rollers, gloves or sunglasses will not be allowed except for medical reasons.
- F. No headgear or head wraps unless of a religious nature or approved by school officials.
 - These guidelines are to be followed on all days when school is in session and for school-sponsored events where students are actively participating and/or representing Toledo Public Schools.
 - The school administration shall determine the appropriateness of student dress and grooming, acting in the best interests of establishing and maintaining a safe and effective learning environment for the benefit of the school.
- G. All students must comply with the District's policies and procedures in place regarding wearing facial coverings to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Students who do not comply with the dress code are subject to progressive disciplinary action.

Important Dates

Monday, September 6, 2021 Labor Day, No school

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 iReady testing begins



Parent Involvement

When you think of parent involvement, do you picture moms and dads volunteering in the classrooms? That's one way to help-but research shows that supporting your child's education at home is even more important. Here are conversation starters that will help you stay involved.

"Let's see what you brought home."

Look at completed work to find out what your youngster is learning and how he or she is doing. You should comment on their math work or social studies project, for instance ("You know a lot about our state's history!") Also, respond to notes from their teacher and sign their weekly folder and/or daily planner.

"Show me what you have for homework."

It's your child's job to do his or her homework, but you play a role, too. Make sure he or she knows what they're suppose to do by having him or her explain the assignments to you. After he or she finishes their homework glance over the work to check that it's complete.

"Tell me what you learned that you would like to know more about."

Use their interests as jump points for activities to share. If he or she likes geometry, you might hunt for shapes together. If they are fascinated by how animals adapt to winter take them to the library to research animals or to the zoo to see animals.

Parent involvement in student's learning significantly improves student performance at school. Together we can make a difference in each of our students success.

Welcome to Keyser Elementary
A Proud Title I Schoolwide Building

What is Title I?

Title I funds are designed to serve at risk and disadvantaged students.

Title I funds are federal dollars that supplement State and Local funds, they do not supplant them.

Title I Funding is based on the building's percentage of low income students

Title I Services are based on the academic needs of the students

All TPS buildings run a School Wide Program, which means every student and every staff member is eligible for services.

How does being a Title I building help our students community?

Provide opportunities to increase student achievement

Provide instructional supplies and materials

Provide instructional programs and experiences

Provide educational field trips

Provide additional teachers and support staff

Provide professional development for the entire staff

Provide parent engagement activities

Parents Right to Know

As a parent/guardian with a student participating in a Title I funded program run by supported by Toledo Public School, you have the right to know the qualifications of your child's classroom teacher. The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that any local school district receiving Title I funds must provide the following information to parents/guardians who ask about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher:

Whether the teacher has met the Ohio teacher licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides your child instruction.

Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or temporary status that waives state licensing requirements.

The undergraduate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate degree or certification (such as National Board Certification) held by the teacher and the field of discipline of certification or degree.

Whether your child is provided services by instructional paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

All requests must be made in writing and should include the following information: student's full name, legal parent/guardian's full name, address, city, state, zip code and teacher's name. Your request can be sent to the Toledo Board of Education, Human Resources Department.