



Inspiring World-Class Academic Achievement

January 1, 2024

Melrose Elementary Family Newsletter

Principal's Message

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Over the next several weeks we will be sharing information about attendance and the impact absences can have on a student's education. Be on the lookout on our social media pages to learn about our attendance policy and how our school staff can help students and families improve attendance. Regular attendance is crucial for your child's academic success and helps them build a sense of responsibility and belonging. Let's partner together and establish consistent attendance for all of our students.

OUTSIDE RECESS

Students go outside as long as the temperature is at/above 20 degrees, including the wind chill. Please make sure that students are dressed appropriately (winter coats, hats, gloves, boots). Students are only permitted to be in the snow if they are wearing winter boots. Please contact the school if you need assistance for cold weather attire.

Upcoming Event

January 3

Dominoes Dine to Donate

January 8

Students Return to School

January 9

Melrose PTO- 6:30 pm

January 11

Academic Challenge- 5 pm

January 12

No School- Teacher Inservice Day

January 15

No School- Martin Luther King Jr Day

January 16

Bosco's Dine to Donate

January 19

Melrose Dental Clinic- 9:30 - 11:30am

January 22

2nd grade Breakfast Buddies- 9:15am

January 23

Candid Picture Day

January 26

Tally Reward Movie

January 30

Melrose Title Information Meeting - 6:30pm

CANDID PICTURE DAY/MELROSE T-SHIRT DAY

Candid Picture Day is **Tuesday, January 23**. Please have your student wear their **Melrose T-Shirt**. They may also bring/wear their sport jersey. All students received their Melrose t-shirt for the 23-24 school year! We love being able to wear our special school t-shirts on Town Hall days and on field trips/class outings. Thank you to PTO for providing a t-shirt for each student and staff member at Melrose!

THANK YOU MELROSE PTO!

K and 1st Grade Spring Concert

Please save the date **Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00pm** for the Kindergarten/First Grade Spring Concert. The date has been changed due to reasons outside of our control.

NO SCHOOL

January 1- January 5 – Winter Break

January 8 - Students return to school

January 12- No School- Teacher Inservice

January 15 - Martin Luther King Jr Day

PTO MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on **January 9th at 6:30p.m.**

Childcare will be available.

MELROSE SAFETY & SECURITY PROTOCOLS

As we begin the second semester, please take a minute to review our safety and security protocols. We appreciate your support of a safe learning environment for our students and staff.

VISITORS

When ringing the buzzer please:

1. State your name
2. State your child's name and teacher
3. State the reason for visit
4. **Refrain from holding the door open for others. Each visitor must buzz in.**
5. Have your ID available

Upon entering Melrose, please come to the office to check in with the secretary, sign in and receive a visitor's pass. Your visitor's pass must be visible.

ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

Melrose has the opportunity again this year to have a team at the Mid-Ohio ESC Academic Challenge tournaments **Jan. 11 and March 20th**. One team will represent each Wooster Elementary and will answer trivia questions with schools from all over Ohio. The team consists of 5, 4th grade students. Best of Luck Melrose Team!

Counselor's Corner with Mrs Shaniuk

We will be working on Habit #5, **Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood**, for the month of January. **Listen before you speak.**

MELROSE DENTAL CLINIC

The Melrose Dental Clinic will be **Friday, January 19, 9:30 to 11:30am**. A state licensed dentist will regularly check your child's mouth and teeth, as well as provide a cleaning, x-rays as necessary and fluoride treatment. You can fill out the paperwork that was sent home or sign up online at www.MySchoolDentist.com. **For families covered by Medicaid, Healthy Start or Healthy Families**, there is no cost for the dental care.

MELROSE CLINIC

Please do not send your child to school with a fever, vomiting or diarrhea. They may return to school when their temperature has been normal (98.6) for 24 hours without the help of medication. Students may return if they are vomit or diarrhea free for 24 hours. More information may be found on the Melrose website.



Is it a cold, the flu or a stomach bug?

SYMPTOMS	COLD	FLU	STOMACH BUG
Symptom Onset	Gradual	Abrupt	Abrupt
Fever	Rare	Usual; lasts 3-4 days	Common
Aches	Slight	Usual; often severe	Common; cramps & stomach ache
Chills	Uncommon	Fairly Common	Common
Fatigue/Weakness	Sometimes	Usual	Common
Sneezing	Common	Sometimes	None
Chest Discomfort/ Cough	Mild to Moderate: hacking cough	Common; can be severe	None
Stuffy Nose	Common	Sometimes	None
Sore Throat	Common	Sometimes	None
Headache	Rare	Common	Common

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention