

Dear Wickliffe Families,

Happy Sunday! It's hard to believe that we will start school this coming Tuesday. I had the pleasure of meeting with staff on Friday as our first gathering for the start of the year. It was so wonderful to have us all in one space together starting with hope, positivity, and community in mind. We have so much excitement for this year and are working as one to grow our Wickliffe community.

One thing that I am personally focusing on this year, and will be modeling for my staff, is to take care of myself and taking care of others. These past two years have been difficult and trying for all. That's why this year, we as a staff, are going to stay focused on our well-being of ourselves and our students. In order for us to be the best educators we can be for your children, we need to also take care of ourselves.

This is where we need the help of you all too. I have encouraged my staff to respond to communication from families in a timely manner, but to try to do so while they are at work, to minimize how much time they are spending working at night. I am encouraging my staff to focus on spending time with their families in the evening so they have time to recoup and rejuvenate in preparation for the next day! I hope that you all can do the same. We as a school team, are going to try to follow through on this so we can be the best educators we can be for the entire school year.

As a Wickliffe family, we will continue to live out our progressive principles and focus on supporting the individual growth of each and every child. We will continue to foster a love for learning, curiosity, and critical thinking among our student body.

We can't wait to welcome students and families to our open house on Monday, August 15th at 3:00 pm. See you all soon!

Angela

[Here](#) is this week's update.

Important Dates:

- **August 14:** [K/1 Meet up sponsored by PTO](#) (3-5 pm at Wickliffe playground)
- **August 15:** Meet the teacher/Open House for all grades @ 3:00-3:45
- **August 16:** **First day of school for ALL 1st-5th grade students**
- **August 16 & 17:** **Staggered start for our K Students.** Half of the students will come on the 16th and the other half will come on the 17th. Then **all** K students will report to school on the 18th.
 - Last Name A-M report to school on August 16th (N-Z stay home)
 - Last Name N-Z report to school on August 17th (A-M stay home)
- **August 16 & 17 Parent Coffee with PTO and Principal**
 - After you drop your child off, join us for some coffee to mix and mingle with our PTO and other school staff
- **August 18:** **All** students in session

- **August 23-September 6:** PTO Flower Sale
 - **August 25: New families to Wickliffe (K-5) meet in the Town Square**
 - 9:00 am (if you come a little early, you'll be able to see a town meeting)
 - OR**
 - 6:00 pm
 - **September 1:** 2/3 & 4/5 Parent Curriculum Night (more details coming soon)
 - **September 5:** Labor Day - **No School**
 - **September 16:** UAHS Marching Band @ Wickliffe (evening activity before the football game) (more details later)
 - **September 21:** Early Dismissal ~ 1:00
 - **September 23:** Fall Festival
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WICKLIFFE UPDATES

Back To School-SCHOOL SUPPLIES & PTO Donation:

This year, the PTO is making your Back To School preparation easier! Please [click here](#) to access the PTO website to do the following:

- **School Supplies:**

- The PTO is excited to sponsor a 2022/2023 pilot program for bulk school supply ordering. Wickliffe teachers completed school supply lists for the 2022/2023 academic school year and the PTO submitted the supply order for all classrooms/students. By doing this, we can pass along the benefits of bulk pricing and the convenience of doing the shopping for you! This also ensures that all students start the school year with the same supplies. **Supplies for the 2022/2023 school year are \$35 per student. All supplies will be delivered to your student's classroom.**
- [Click here](#) to pay for your student(s) school supplies—you will be prompted to sign-in and verify that your contact details are still up to date.
 - If you are new to using the Wickliffe PTO website, please create an account with membership toolkit when you see the prompt. If you have questions, please contact Dawn Hofherr at wickliffeppto@gmail.com
- You do not need to purchase any supplies if you order through PTO.

- **Field Trip Transportation Donation:**

- One of the most important contributions that the PTO makes is providing funds for student field trips. Teachers will no longer ask parents during the school year for field trip money. To help cover the cost of bussing, we are asking families to give a donation of \$15 for the year. This fee can be paid anytime throughout the school year.

- **PTO membership:**

- All the money the PTO raises goes to pay for student events and activities over the year, field trips and grade level experiences for our students, and teacher grants for extras in the classroom. An easy way to support the work that we do is by donating \$25 per family to join, plus you will have access to the online student

directory via our website. Our hope is that every Wickliffe family will become members. Please join today!

When you click the [back to school](#) link you will be prompted to sign-in and verify that your contact details are still up to date. If you are new to using the Wickliffe PTO website, please create an account with membership toolkit when you see the prompt. If you have questions, please contact Dawn Hofherr at wickliffepto@gmail.com

Back-to-School Forms for Returning Students (Grades 1-12) ~ If you have not yet done so, please complete your forms ASAP

- Back-to-school forms are now available in the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) by clicking on the Forms link in the left navigation menu.
 - RETURNING STUDENTS: Parents/guardians for all returning students will need to access and complete the forms in PowerSchool to verify and update important student information before the first day of school. These forms involve parent/guardian contacts, emergency contacts, medical history and all technology forms associated with students' school-issued devices.
- **Please complete your student's forms before the first day of the school year (August 16, 2022).**
- For step-by-step instructions on how to access the forms in the Parent Portal, please visit our website, www.uaschools.org/backtoschool.aspx. If you have any questions about the back-to-school forms or difficulty accessing the PowerSchool Parent Portal, please contact backtoschool@uaschools.org.

Student Fees for New and Returning Students (Grades K-12)

- Families of new and returning students can log in to [SPS EZpay](#) to pay any fees associated with their students. At this time, the fees available for payment include:
 - Instructional fees for elementary and middle school students (K-8);
 - The optional Technology Protection Plan fee (\$25) for students in grades K-12.
- Families wishing to purchase the optional Technology Protection Plan must complete the technology forms in PowerSchool AND pay the \$25 fee in [SPS EZpay](#) before the first day of school for the 2022-2023 school year (August 16, 2022). **If the \$25 fee is not paid by the first day of school, the plan is void.**
- For instructions on how to create an SPS EZpay account or add a new student to an account, please visit www.uaschools.org/backtoschool.aspx. If you have any questions about student fees or accessing your EZpay account, please contact fees@uaschools.org.

Lunch Volunteers:

- Chef Mike could use some extra help at lunch time! It's a super fun way to contribute and see all the kids!
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4faaaf22a5f58-lunch>

Previous updates

Wickliffe School Hours:

- School Day: 8:15am-2:50pm (students can begin to arrive to the playground at 8am)
 - 8:10 students will start to enter the building
- Tardy bell: 8:15am
- Lunch Block: 11:00am-12:20pm
 - K/1 11:25-11:55
 - 2/3 11:00-11:25
 - 4/5 11:55-12:20
- Office Hours: 8:00am-4:00pm

Wickliffe Office:

- Our Wickliffe office is at the front of the building off of Wickliffe Road. When arriving at the building, you will always need to be buzzed into the main office when you arrive. Please don't forget to bring your driver's license or digital pass if you plan to pick up a child early for any reason.

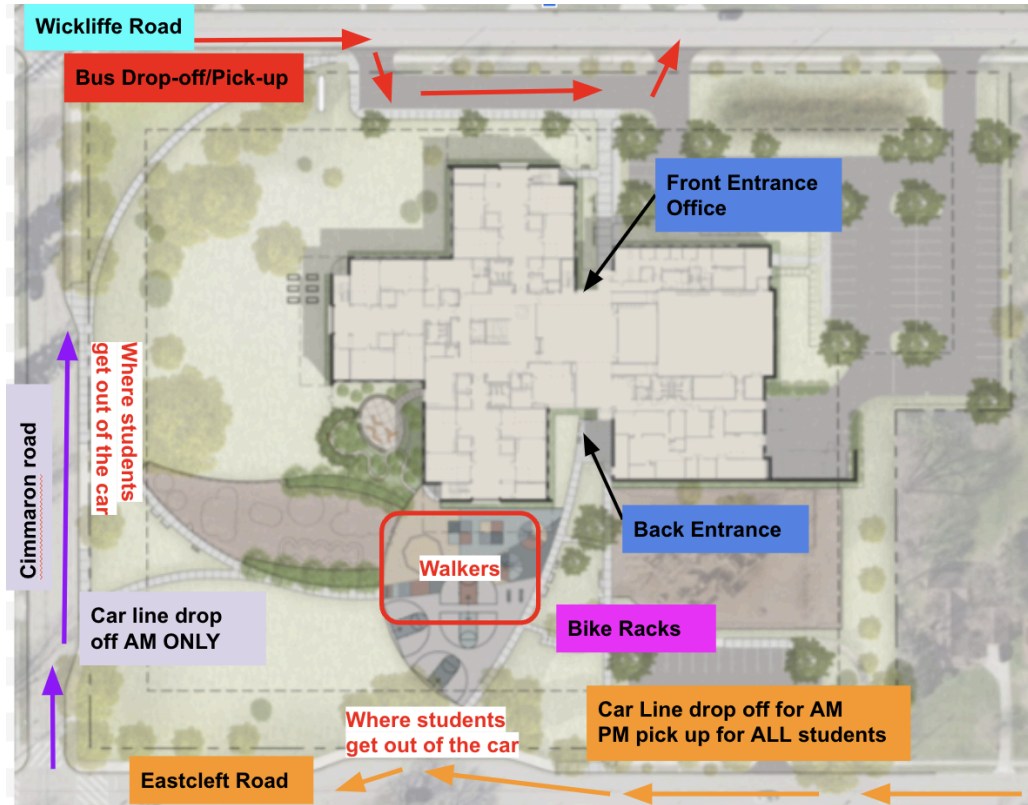
Drop off/Pick up information

Routes To and From School During Arrival and Dismissal:

- There are many ways to travel to and from Wickliffe! If your child is walking or biking, please remind them to cross at the designated marked crosswalks. When on school property – which includes crosswalks and sidewalks – students must walk their bicycles.
 - **Walkers:**
 - In the AM walkers can enter at the front or back part of the building.
 - In the PM walkers will exit the building out back near the black top/castle playground. Siblings/parents will meet out back. Walkers will NOT be dismissed out front near the bus lane. Only bussers/daycare vans will come out front.
 - As students walk home, they will need to follow the same safety precautions of walking on the sidewalks around the building.
 - If you plan to meet your child at dismissal, please determine the spot that your child is supposed to meet you. This will help your child know where to find you at the end of the day. Please plan for this spot to be out back and not in the front part of the building.
 - If you are driving and plan to park your car and then pick up your child by foot, please follow the suggested street parking signs. There should be no parking along Cimmaron and Eastleft during morning drop-off. There should be no parking along Eastleft during dismissal. We will have a number of students moving around in those areas and, for safety, it's best if students and families are not crossing in areas where our car drop off/pick up occurs.
 - Cimmaron road is available for parking on both sides at the end of the day for parents who want to pick their children up on the playground by foot.
 - **Bussers:**
 - Will arrive at school and stay on the bus until 8:10 when the morning bell rings. Students will then enter the building and go directly to their classrooms.
 - Students will get picked up by the bus at the end of the day in the bus lane at the front of the building (Wickliffe Road)
 - **Bikers:**
 - Please use the bike racks that are at the back of the building near the blacktop.

- Please remind your child that when riding their bike, they need to start walking once they are on school sidewalks.

❖ **Please do not drop children off prior to 8:00am as school doors are locked.**



Car Line:

- ❖ **AM Drop Off:**
 - The car line involves driving along Eastcleft and Cimmarron Road and dropping your child off at the designated areas just before the indent in the sidewalk. (When in doubt, look for the signs for car drop off.) In the drop off area, there are aides and teachers on duty from 8:00am through 8:15am and 2:50pm through 3:05pm. To use the car line, please pull all the way forward in your car, as far as you can, and then you can let your child(ren) out of the car once you are in the drop off zone. All students K-5 can use the two car lines (Eastcleft and Cimmarron).
- ❖ **PM Pick Up:**
 - **ALL** students will get picked up on Eastcleft Road at the end of the day. There will not be a car line on Cimmarron road. That is only for AM drop off.
 - Please place a sign in your window with your child's name and grade on the passenger side of the car.
- ❖ **Car Line Drop off/Pick up reminders:**
 - Pull all the way up to the front of the drop off lane.
 - Do NOT allow your child to exit the car outside of the drop off and pick up zone as it slows the car line.
 - Children need to exit/enter on the **right side** of the car.
 - Students need to be ready to get out of the car as you pull forward (backpacks and lunch

boxes in hand).

- **DO NOT** pull around cars after you drop your child off. Please stay with the flow of the line. While we know people are in a hurry in the morning, our priority is the safety of everyone.
- Parents need to stay in the car during drop off/pick up. The teachers on duty will help assist with getting students out of the car.
- Please keep your child in the car until you see an adult on duty at 8:00 am.
- If your child arrives past 8:15, and there is not a teacher out on duty, please bring them to the front office to check in.
- DO NOT drop your child off in the parking lot during the 8:00-8:15 time frame. You will need to use the car line.

- ❖ **Please do not drop children off prior to 8:00am as school doors are locked.**
- ❖ **All daycare and school busses will pick up and drop off students on the Wickliffe Road entrance to the school.**

Before School Procedure:

- ❖ Students will be directed to the Castle playground at 8:00, weather permitting. They will be supervised by our staff until 8:10 when they will line up and head to their classrooms.
- ❖ In the event of inclement weather, students will enter the school and go to the gym or the town square, as directed by our staff members.
- ❖ Students should be in their classrooms and ready to learn by 8:15.

Late Arrival or Early Sign-out:

- ❖ If your child is arriving late to school (after 8:15am) or is getting picked up before the end of the school day, they must be signed in/out by a parent or caregiver in the Main Office on Wickliffe Rd. **Please remember to bring your drivers license or digital pass to sign out your child.**

Dismissal:

- ❖ We will be using a staggered dismissal plan and will begin dismissing the following groups starting at 2:45 pm.
 1. All busses and SACC will be dismissed at 2:45
 2. All walkers/bikers/car riders will be dismissed shortly after the first group.

Parking:

- ❖ We have a few visitor parking spots at the front of the building. These are for visitors who are going to be in the building for a short period of time. There will also be street parking available all around the building now that the roads are two way. Please follow the street signs that indicate where you are able to park.

Placement Timeline

- Placement information will be available through PowerSchool for all families on August 11.

Things to help your children learn before school starts:

- As you prepare your child for the coming school year, please work on the following:
 - Parent phone numbers
 - Leaving a voicemail

Transportation

- Any questions regarding transportation should be directed to schoolbusquestions@uaschools.org
- Please include your students' name, address and which building they attend.

Federal program providing free meals for all students ending

- Due to the pandemic, the federal government has been providing universal free school meals for students. This program has allowed Upper Arlington Schools and other school districts to provide free lunches to all students since the spring of 2020.
- This federal waiver program expired on June 30, 2022. This means that for the coming school year, free or reduced-price meals will be available only to the families that qualify based upon financial need. All other students will be charged for meals and snacks purchased through the school cafeteria.
- Please watch your email this summer for more information from the district on:
 - Need-based applications for the free and reduced-price lunch program;
 - Prices for meals, snacks and drinks in Upper Arlington school cafeterias;
 - Instructions for adding money to your student's lunch account via SPS EZPay
 - Check the [Nutritional Services webpage](#) for updates

Counselor's Corner

Hello, families!

I am so looking forward to meeting all of you and your children this year. I will be spending the first few weeks of school with students, families, and staff as much as possible in hopes to build strong relationships with the Wickliffe community. I will be visiting classrooms in August to introduce myself to students and share with them the role of a school counselor and learn how I can best support them this year. Be on the lookout for a survey in the first couple weeks of school as I continue to learn what lessons, activities, and other offerings are most helpful for our students.

This is going to be a fantastic year!

All the best,
Renee Shaffer - your new school counselor!

PTO Updates

Welcome Back!

On behalf of the Wickliffe Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), let me welcome you to the start of the school year and a new year of PTO. My name is Lindsay James and I will be serving as the PTO President for the 2022-2023 school year. I have a daughter who will be a 5th grader this year and my son will be in 2nd grade. I am really looking forward to working together with our families, teachers, and staff to support the overall well-being of our students and school community. If this is your first year at Wickliffe, I would like to extend a big welcome to you!

My hope for this year is to continue to strengthen our community, and we can't do this without you and your continued support. Please show your support by joining our PTO and participating in the events and activities planned throughout the year. Your participation may mean becoming a PTO member, joining a committee, volunteering, or attending an event. Whatever level of participation you select, your time and involvement are always appreciated!!

Please visit the [Wickliffe PTO Website](#) to join the PTO and learn more about what we do! You will find a calendar with important dates, a spirit wear store (that will have new inventory in the upcoming weeks), a school and class directory, updates on what's happening from a PTO perspective, access to important links, and much more!

Again, I am grateful for this opportunity and look forward to seeing so many familiar faces and meeting new ones in the coming weeks.

Lindsay James
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K/1 Family Meet Up

Join us for this PTO Sponsored Event on Sunday, August 14th from 3pm - 5pm on the Castle Playground at Wickliffe. K/1 Families will have a chance to mix and mingle, meet new classmates and enjoy time together before the first day of school. Please see the [Evite](#) for more details. Kona Ice will be onsite for purchase along with Wickliffe Spirit Wear.

Open House

Stop by Wickliffe on Monday, August 15th from 3pm - 3:45pm to meet your child's teacher and see their classroom. The PTO will have a table at the event to answer any questions and we will be selling Spirit Wear on site that night as well.

Parent Coffees

It has become a PTO Tradition to host a Parent Coffee after drop off on the first day of school. Join us outside in front of the school around 8:15am for Crimson Cup coffee. Ms Evans will provide a welcome message and PTO officers will be onsite to answer any questions. This is an informal event to connect, chat and kick off the year together. *We will offer another smaller Parent Coffee on Wednesday, August 17 for Parent's of 1st day of Kindergarten Students.

First Fundraiser

The flower sales have become one of our biggest fundraisers! The profits from the flower sales provide teachers/staff members with classroom grants, field trips for students, school wide events, and more. The Fall Mum sale starts on August 23rd - More details coming soon.



Mabel's Labels

Help kids keep track of their stuff while also preventing the overflow of the lost & found! Labeling easily lost items like coats and sweatshirts is easy with Mabel's Labels!. The PTO has partnered with Mabel's Labels to help all lost items find their way back home with the extra benefit of raising money for the Wickliffe PTO!

Visit https://mabelslabels.com/en_US/, go to Menu, then Support a Fundraiser. From there, you'll type in Wickliffe. Then begin shopping! Every order gets the PTO a percentage of the price. This fundraiser is available from now until Halloween.

Looking to get more involved with the PTO this year?

We still have some open committee positions. Please check out this google form to see where we need help/support. For more information about the open positions and their time commitment, see the attached PDF. Thank you!

- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeC5Xoeadxuf2Gat0mdNGF8BGacb_h0MWNFFumpYdg1QmaHvQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND LINKS

Attendance Information - Click link for full details

- If your child will be absent from school, please email wickliffeattendance@uaschools.org. **Please state a reason for your child's absence.** *If you are emailing your child's teacher regarding attendance, simply copy the attendance email - no need to send separate emails.*

District Attendance Policy

- [Planned Absence Form](#)

District Website Link

- [A-E Calendar](#)

Drop off/Pick up information

Lunch Menu

Technology Family Support

[Transportation Services](#)

[UA Flyer Connection](#)

[Wickliffe PTO](#)

[Links to Previous Updates:](#)

- All of our previous updates can be found on the [Wickliffe website](#) under “school news”.