



New Concord ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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Important October Dates:

- October 1st- PTO Meeting at 4:00
- October 13th-17th - National School Lunch Week
- October 17th- End of first grading period
- October 20th- Students will not be in session due to staff development.
- October 24th-Report Cards go home.
- October 30th- "Learning Under the Lights" Family Literacy Night at the Football Stadium for Grade Pre-K-3. (More information to follow)
- October 31st-Fall Parties



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Important Reminders:

*Parent pick up continues to go well. If parking along the yellow curb, please be sure that your vehicle is moved prior to bus arrivals at 3:30. If you arrive on the later end, please do not park along the yellow curb.

*The office must be notified by **2:00 PM** regarding changes in dismissal. This is especially important if the dismissal change involves a bus. The end of the day gets hectic and we want to ensure a safe dismissal for all of our students.

*If your child would like to eat breakfast at school, we kindly ask that they arrive by **8:45 a.m.**. This allows students plenty of time to enjoy their meal before the school day begins. Our teachers hit the ground running at **9:15 a.m.**, and it's most helpful if breakfast is finished before academic time starts.

Please know we would never turn away any student from eating breakfast—we just want to give them the best chance to start the day nourished and ready to learn!

Lifetouch-School Pictures

Hello ,

Thanks for a great Picture Day at New Concord Elementary School. Pictures are ready and available for purchase.

Please share the important information below with your parents on how to view and order their images.

(Please share the content below with your families.)

Dear parents,

School pictures are ready!

To order, log in to your account on mylifetouch.com or create an account using your student's student ID number.

All families can also log on and order a FREE Digital SmileSafe card.

More about the Smilesafe program [here](#).

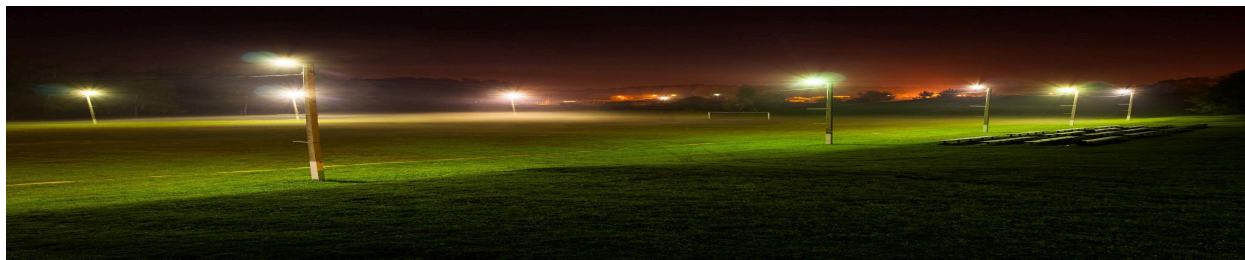
Thank you!

Student Spotlight Display

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new Student Spotlight display! This area will be dedicated to honoring the outstanding achievements of our students, both academically and in extracurricular activities.

The display may include team trophies, individual sports medals, 4-H/Cloverbud awards, or any other accomplishments your child is proud of. We invite you to share these special items with us for a designated period, allowing our school community to celebrate our students' successes together.

If your child wishes to contribute any items, please ensure that each one is labeled with their name for safe return. We eagerly anticipate showcasing the incredible talents and achievements of our students!



Learning Under the Lights

Join Us for the 3rd Annual "Learning Under the Lights"!

We are excited to announce that the 3rd Annual "Learning Under the Lights" event will take place on October 30th at the John Glenn High School football field! This year, we are proud to present "Little Muskies Night," an evening filled with engaging and educational activities for all students in preschool through third grade.

What to Expect:

- **Prizes and Entertainment:** Enjoy a night brimming with exciting surprises and entertainment for the entire family!

Mark your calendars for a wonderful evening of learning and community spirit under the stars. We look forward to seeing you there!

Additionally, "Trunk or Treat" will be held on campus that evening from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM, making it a perfect night of family fun!

When: October 30th, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Where: John Glenn High School Football Field

Who: All students in Preschool through 3rd grade

For more information, contact us at acalendine@eastmschools.org

Cafeteria News

East Muskingum Schools is once again pleased to announce our participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which provides no charge breakfast and lunch to all children for the 2025-2026 school year. This eliminates the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This approach reduces burdens for both families, school administrators, and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals at school. Families are encouraged to use this time to pay off any prior meal debt students have accumulated, as these must be paid prior to graduation. If you have any questions concerning please contact East Muskingum Food Service Director Anne Troendly at atroendly@eastmschools.org.

Join us the week of October 13th-17th when we shine the spotlight on the incredible women who keep our students fueled and ready to learn every single day—our cafeteria ladies! From greeting students with a smile to preparing healthy, delicious meals, they are the heart of our lunchroom and play such an important role in our school community.

National School Lunch Week is the perfect time to say **thank you** for their hard work, creativity, and dedication. Whether it's making sure every child has a nutritious meal, accommodating special dietary needs, or simply offering a kind word in the lunch line, our cafeteria team goes above and beyond to care for our students.

Please join us in celebrating and appreciating these unsung heroes who make a difference in the lives of our children every day. Kudos this week and every day to Alora Moore, Debra Tom and Jacque Lowry. We are blessed with a few of the best at NCE!

Fall Class Parties

We are excited to celebrate the season with our Fall class parties on Friday, October 31st! To help keep this event fun and enjoyable for all of our students, we kindly ask that costumes:

- Are not scary in nature
- Do not include face makeup or masks
- Are not worn to school in the morning as we want to maintain our normal schedule with minimal disruptions for learning for the majority of the day.

Additional information about your child's class party will be sent home soon. We are so grateful for your donations and support in making these celebrations a success. If you are a classroom parent that comes in to help with the Fall party, we do ask that siblings do not attend. We truly could not do it without our families—thank you for helping create special memories for our students!

Music News

I hope that your kiddos are coming home from school singing songs from music class. Each year, I ask that all students make good choices and involve themselves in all activities and to be a great PAX leader. The boys and girls need to participate in class and try their hardest in whatever activity that I have planned to teach them that day. I explain to the students that there is a special list of musical activities that I must teach them, just like the classroom teachers, and it is important that we all participate as much as possible. Music time is very important and only having it once every four days, we need to make the most of our limited amount of time that we have together. That is why I ask that they at least try everything that we do. Another thing that I ask the students to keep in mind, is the care of the instruments. Many of the instruments are pretty old, and I ask that the students treat them well if they are old or new. If students have a

difficult time jiving to the flow of music class, they may be asked to move seats, they may receive a letter to go home to be signed by you and returned, and they may need to speak one-on-one with me.

In class, we have been working very hard learning all about the foundations of music. Second grade has been reviewing a lot of information that we covered last year and have been studying the names of the notes in the treble clef. They will be starting to work on their winter concert material at the end of the month. First grade will be studying the instrument families and the characteristics of each family and also has been working on more difficult rhythms. Kindergarten has been learning several songs and exploring their four different voices and all about the heartbeat of music. They have also been learning about the percussion instruments that we will play later in the year. I hope that you all have a wonderful October!



Physical Education News

What an exciting time to be a Muskie as we are off and running in Physical Education. Please make note as we continue the year that in PE your child is asked to move around the room, bend at the knees or waist, kick, throw, jump, or even walk like a bear or crab. The proper clothing for my class is important so that your young one feels free to move. On your child's PE rotation day please make sure they are wearing comfortable clothes that they can run and exercise in. This includes the most important part which is their feet. Athletic/Running shoes are the best thing for your child and a solid double knot from home makes sure they stay in place. I want your child to be safe while participating and boots, sandals, flip-flops, or slides are hard to move and change directions on the gym floor. I would also like your help in reminding your child that in PE I base a large portion of my grade on observation so with that said I need to see each student try each skill. This is a development stage and I consider that when grading students but I need to see them try each skill asked of them. As always if you have any questions please contact me via email (kfondale@eastmschools.org) as it is the best way to reach me due to my traveling rotation schedule.

Art News

Hello everyone! What a wonderful, crazy October we have had in the art room this month. The projects have been a lot and are turning out great! Kindergarten will move on to a pattern project. For this activity, they will design their own pumpkins and decorate them with different patterns then start their "Mondrian Spider Webs" and after the spiders are done, they will stay with the autumn theme, as they create some very colorful trees using construction paper. First graders started a new project about being different and how it is important. They created an animal that represents who they are and made themselves different from the other animals. They used a new material called oil pastels. They are also staying with the autumn theme for their next project...which is a painting! They will be painting a fall landscape. Second graders are learning about space. They are very excited about working on different watercolor techniques to create each planet. We will continue to learn about illusions in our next project, when students will be getting into optical illusions.

Fall Conferences

Please plan to attend this year's parent-teacher conferences. The conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 4th from 11:00-7:00 and Monday, November 10th from 4-7 p.m, students will not be in session on the 10th. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress and ways to help them continue to be successful in school.

Pax News

The PAX Good Behavior Game provides all students and teachers with strategies that improve both behavioral and academic outcomes. The PAX strategies specifically target outcome deficits that are a result of historical disparities in access to programming to support cultural, emotional, and academic needs. We continue to utilize PAX at NCE and students are always proud to turn in their PAX tickets in the office when they are recognized for displaying positive behavior. Please feel free to visit the following website if you would like to learn more about PAX. <https://www.paxis.org/>