

Dear Wickliffe Families,

The weather finally appears to be looking like fall. I just love this time of year. I don't have to worry about the heat and definitely not the snow and cold.

As you peruse this newsletter, please take special note of the section regarding the arrival of students. A few changes have been made but for the most part, the drop-off time and procedures remain the same.

If I can be of service to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me. Enjoy the weather

Sincerely,

Tim

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

Important Dates:

- **September 22:** Early Dismissal - 1:00 pm - **Corrected Date**
 - **September 22:** [Dine and Donate - Cuco's](#)
 - **September 23:** [Last day to order Mums](#)
 - **September 30:** Picture Day (details coming soon)
 - **September 30:** Mum pick-up; 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 - **October 1:** [Wickliffe Fall Fest](#), 6-8:00 pm
 - **October 4:** PTO Meeting
 - **October 12:** Board of Education meeting
 - **October 15:** No School Students
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WICKLIFFE UPDATES

Student Arrival Update

- As I shared in August, students should arrive at our school property no earlier than 8:00 a.m. *To enhance the safety and supervision of our students as they enter the school, we are going to assign designated, supervised areas for students to gather from 8:00 a.m. until 8:10 a.m.,* at which time they will be released to their classrooms so learning can begin at 8:15 a.m. These designated areas may be outside or inside depending on weather conditions.
 - We will walk students through any changes to their morning routine prior to these updates which will begin on Monday, September 20.
- As a reminder, if you are dropping your student off in the carline on Eastcleft Drive please remain in line, and maintain a safe speed.
- If you are walking your children to school please drop them off at either the front door or at the entrance to the Castle Playground. For safety reasons, we

are trying to reduce the number of adults in the building. Of course, if you need something from the office or principal feel free to enter the building.

Transportation Reminders for Bus Riders:

- With the health predicament we are experiencing, the following rules apply:
 - No extra students on the buses
 - No trading buses for friends to go home with another student
- Bus Lane reminders:
 - Only buses should be in the bus lane during drop off and pick up
 - No Bikes, strollers, walkers, skateboarders etc, should be in that area due to safety reasons
 - Use the crosswalk to safely cross the bus lane. Do not cross between the buses.

WOLFCAST

Please click [this link](#) to view this week's Wolfcast. Thank you to our Librarian, Jeff Stevenson for creating this for us.

UPDATE FROM OUR NURSES

Health and COVID 19 Protocols

- Our district continues to follow Franklin County Public Health Department protocol related to COVID-19, which asks that students be kept home for fever (100.4°F or higher), new or worsened cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, diarrhea, or vomiting, and/or new onset of a severe headache. Should your student exhibit any of these symptoms, the quickest way to return to school (if fever-free) is through documentation of a negative COVID test, indicating these symptoms are not related to COVID-19.
 - A summary chart of this protocol can be found here: [When To Keep Your Student Home and What To Do](#).
- Free rapid home BinaxNOW testing kits are available at all of our schools. When possible, please email or call ahead to let us know you need a kit and how many.
 - The September expiration date listed on the testing kits supplied by the schools has been extended per Abbott Labs to 12/5/21.
- If you have questions related to exposure to COVID-19 or need to report a positive case, please reach out to us, and we can offer guidance.

Screenings

- The Ohio Department of Health requires vision and hearing screenings for children in kindergarten, first, third and fifth grade and all students new to the district each year. These screenings will be done this fall. Screenings can also be performed at various other times during the year at parent or teacher request. Should you wish to opt your student out of vision and hearing

screenings this year, please complete and return this form to us: [2021-2022 Vision and Hearing Screening Waiver](#).

- Students who have difficulty with the initial screening are re-screened. If there still appears to be a difficulty, parents are notified and follow-up by a health care provider is suggested.

Counselors' Corner

We would like to thank everyone for their enthusiastic response to our fall groups. Please be on the lookout for the list of new groups that will be starting in November.

Our classroom visits have begun. It is great to be back in the classroom with all of the children and see their *smiling* eyes.

In addition to groups and classroom visits, we also work with children individually. If we can support your child (or family) in any way, please reach out to Dr. Kassoy (fkassoy@uaschools.org)

Until next week,
Felice, Sarah P, Sarah M, and Megan



FAMILY TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

Information for families about your student's iPad

Click on [this document](#) for links to resources for students, and families.

Family tech updates

- Click [this link](#) to view

PTO UPDATES

Dine and Donate Fundraiser - Wednesday, September 22

- Head to Cuco's Taqueria for authentic Mexican Food and 20% of your check will be donated back to the PTO.
- Cuco's offers easy online ordering, curbside pick-up, or dine-in options. Just show them the flyer on your phone or mention Wickliffe when ordering.

Cuco's Taqueria

2162 W Henderson Rd
Columbus, OH 43220
Hours 10am - 9pm

www.cucostaqueria.com

Parent Coffee

- Please join us for the next parent coffee meet-up on Thursday, September 23, 7:45-8:30 a.m.
 - All are welcome to this informal gathering aimed at meeting and connecting parents. Weather permitting, we will gather in front of the school where the buses line up. We will continue to offer these morning coffee meet-ups on a monthly basis while the weather allows!

PTO Flower Sale Details

- Only a few more days (9/23) to order mums through our flower sale! Mums come September 30th and pickup will be at Wickliffe from 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm!
- Due to the safety of all students and staff no mum pickup will take place right after school nor will any student be sent home with their order.

Fall Fest

- Please join us for Fall Fest on Friday, October 1 from 6:00-8:00pm at Wickliffe. This is a FREE event for Wickliffe families sponsored by the PTO. Come and enjoy Bounce Houses, Farm Animals, a Photo Booth, Hair Painting, Dessert Shuffle, Chalk Art, UA First Responders and more. Food Trucks and other concessions will be on site for purchase. Please consider volunteering to work a station that evening through Sign Up Genius. [2021 Wickliffe PTO Fall Festival](#)



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DISTRICT UPDATES

COVID Information

- Keeping our staff and students healthy and safe is one of our top priorities. In an effort to protect our students and staff from unnecessary illness, we are asking all parents and guardians to perform a basic health assessment (temperature check and check for symptoms) each day on your child when preparing to send your child(ren) to school.
- Please do not send your child to school if you suspect your child may be ill, and has exhibited any of the following signs or symptoms of suspected illness:

temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher in the last 24 hours; new or worsened cough; loss of taste or smell; sore throat; diarrhea or vomiting; new onset severe headache; or shortness of breath.

- If your student has one or more of the above symptoms, please follow [the attached algorithm](#) on when your child can return to school.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND LINKS

Attendance Information

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

District Attendance Policy

District Website Link

Drop off/Pick up information

Lunch Menu

Planned Absence Form

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".