

Dear Wickliffe Families,

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the summer! It's crazy to think that school will begin here in the next few weeks. June was a busy month at Wickliffe as we had summer academy the entire month! July has slowed down a little and our custodial staff has spent many hours cleaning and preparing the inside of the building. Our teaching staff is also starting to get their classrooms ready for your children to arrive in August. It's great to see things coming together.

Here is my family enjoying our time together this summer in California.



School supplies this year have been pre-ordered for all students through our PTO. We are working with a company to purchase school supplies as a bulk order to reduce the cost of back to school supplies for families. Please continue reading below to pay for your student(s) supplies.

I wish you all a relaxing rest of the summer! You will hear from me on a more weekly basis starting in August.

Take care,
Angela

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

Important Dates:

- **August 8 & 9:** Kindergarten Screening
- **August 11:** Teacher assignment available to all students K-5 on Powerschool (more information to come)
- **August 11:** K/1 Parent Information Night @ 6:00pm - 6:45pm
- **August 14:** K/1 Meet up sponsored by PTO ([see details below](#))
- **August 15:** Meet the teacher/Open House for all grades @ 3:00-3:45

- **August 16:** First day of school for Half K students and 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 18:** All students in session
 - **September 1:** 2/3 & 4/5 Parent Curriculum Night (more details coming soon)
 - **September 5:** Labor Day - **No School**
 - **September 21:** Early Dismissal ~ 1:00
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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 wickliffpto@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!

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K/1 Meet Up Sponsored by PTO:

- Welcome all K/1 families! This is an informal event sponsored by the PTO as a way to connect new and returning students and their families prior to the start of the school year. Let's meet up on the Wickliffe grounds (Eastcleft side, behind building), near Castle Playground. Check in at the registration table and grab a passport to help make new classroom connections!
- Kona Ice will be onsite for purchase, please bring your own water / snacks as needed. PTO will be on site for any questions, along with hosting a spirit wear sale.
- Click [here](#) to register.

22/23 New Staff:

- This summer has been filled with hiring new staff. Below are those who have been hired for the upcoming school year.
 - Colin Schriner-2/3
 - Laikyn Craycraft-2/3
 - Tricia Tasio-k/1
 - Ellen Schooley-4/5
 - Becky Olsen-Intervention
 - Emma Thomas-Intervention
 - Makayla Morgan -Speech Language Pathologist
 - Jessica Murdock-Educational Aide
 - Desiree Hickey-Paraprofessional
 - Keri A-Paraprofessional
 - Maggie Weeda-Paraprofessional
 - Grace Boerger-Paraprofessional
 - Coree Gifford-Permanent Building Sub

REMINDER - Back-to-School Updates

- Families of new and returning students (K-12) will receive information in early August in order to complete back-to-school forms and pay any instructional or technology fees for their students prior to the first day of the school year. **As a reminder, those wishing to purchase the 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. If the \$25 fee is not paid by the first day of school, the plan is void.

- **Have you moved recently?** Please complete our [change of address](#) form as soon as possible and return it to enrollment@uaschools.org along with a copy of your proof of residency. Please find the list of accepted proof of residency documentation on the form. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at 614-487-5220 extension 1105.
- The [Back to School section](#) of the district website is being updated as we move closer to the start of school. You will also find links for Transportation and School Supplies on this page.
 - Use this link to be directed to the [Wickliffe Website Page](#)

Placement Timeline

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

Transferring schools?

- **Please notify us as soon as possible if you are moving this summer.**
- Students who are withdrawing from Upper Arlington during the summer need to turn in their iPad, case, and charger to the main office or The Technology Department at The Graf Center.
- Also return any books or other items belonging to the school or your child's teacher.

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

Library Books

- Thank you for helping us get all library materials returned as soon as possible.
- You may leave books on the Drop-Off shelves in the vestibule.

Looking to get more involved with the PTO next year?

- We have some open committee positions and would love to get them filled over the summer. 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

Mabel's Labels

- Help prevent your student's clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc. from ending up buried in the Lost and Found Closet
 - 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 May 2 until Halloween.

Join our team in 2022-2023!

Upper Arlington Schools is looking for qualified individuals to join our amazing team for the upcoming school year. Available positions include:

- *Permanent Building Substitutes*
- *Building Educational Aides and School-Age Child Care program aides*
- *Bus drivers and Substitute Custodians*
- Interested applicants can email our [Human Resources](#) department or apply [online](#).
- If you are interested in applying to be a floating substitute or paraprofessional in our schools, please apply online through [the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio](#).