

Dear Wickliffe Families,

Wow, what a wonderful surprise with all of this snow! I hope you all had a chance to play and have fun on this beautiful snowy Sunday. Please make sure your child has all the necessary clothes and boots to wear for going outside. We plan to send the kids outside as long as the surfaces are safe and the temperature is 20 or higher.

Thank you to our students, staff and families who gathered together during the day and evening last Tuesday to share ideas, hopes and dreams for our new playground. We will be working closely with the designer these next few weeks to debrief all that was collected the day that she was here. There may be some follow up conversations with staff, parents and/or kids before she sits down to begin the design process. Michelle will be working on developing a draft concept the month of February.



As a reminder, we have an early release on Wednesday, January 25. Students will be dismissed at 1:00.

Have a great week!

With love,
Angela

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

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

- January 24: [Gifted Children Information Night](#)
- January 25: Early Dismissal **1:00**
- January 27: Town Meeting at 8:30
- January 30: Yearbook Sale Begins
- February 6: [PTO General membership meeting](#) @ 7pm (*all are welcome*)
- February 9: Kindergarten Information Night
- February 10: Town Meeting at 8:30

- **February 16:** Early release @ **11:05** am for parent teacher conferences
- **February 20:** Presidents Day - **No School**

Please also follow our Wickliffe Instagram page–*Wickwolves*.

NEW INFORMATION AND EVENTS HAPPENING NEXT WEEK

Golden Apple Awards – Upper Arlington Civic Association

- Nominations are open for ANY Faculty or Staff at the following schools:
 - Preschools (*1 total award for all of the Preschools*): BEARS, Burbank, Covenant Presbyterian, Kare-A-Lot, Kiwi's Clubhouse, Holy Trinity, Mountview Christian, Riverside United Methodist, St. Andrew, and UALC.
 - Elementary Schools (*1 award each*): Barrington, Greensview, Tremont, Wickliffe, and Windermere
 - Middle Schools (*1 award each*): Hastings and Jones
 - High Schools (*1 award each*): Upper Arlington High School
 - Private Schools (*1 award each*): St. Agatha, St. Andrew, and Wellington
- Click here to view the [Flyer](#)

Morning SACC at Wickliffe!

- We still have openings for our morning SACC program.
- If you are interested in finding out more information or enrolling your child(ren) in the morning SACC program at Wickliffe, please email Sarah Estepp, sestepp@uaschools.org.

Early Dismissal

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PTO UPDATES

PTO General Meeting

We hope you can join us in the Town Square on **Monday, February 6, at 7 p.m.** for our PTO General Meeting. It is a great time to come together, hear how the PTO supports the school, ask questions, and stay in the know about future events. The evening will include:

- A welcome from Mrs. Szabrak's class
- Committee updates
- Principal update
- Financial update (Where does the money go? Presentation)
- Volunteer opportunities (committee and officer positions)
- PTO officer positions for the 2023/2024 school year

PTO Field Trip Transportation Donations:

- The PTO provides money to cover the cost of field trips for all students and subsidizes the cost of field trip transportation. To help cover the remaining cost of transportation, the PTO is asking families to pay a one-time donation of \$15 to cover transportation for the year. Thank you to those who have already donated!
- Here is a link to our website where this donation can be made: [2022/2023 Field Trip Donation](#)

Help Stock the Staff Lounge

We will be doing a six-week rotation by grades to help stock the staff lounge. First up are our kindergarten and first grade families.

So, kindergarten and first grade families: Please sign up [here](#) to provide snacks, drinks, and fruit for our lovely staff at Wickliffe! Please drop it off by February 3 or, if you are at the school, please feel free to place it in the staff lounge (just indicate that in the sign-up comments).

Thank you!

Lunch Volunteers Sub List

Please [click here](#) to add yourself to the sub list, or to find a sub if you can't make it. Also, we will be adding some additional spots to the main volunteer list, so watch for that next week.

DISTRICT UPDATES

Title 1 Annual Meeting

We receive federal money through Title 1 and this money is used to provide reading supports at Wickliffe. We will be holding our annual meeting through Zoom on Monday, January 30th at 7 PM.

This meeting will explain what Title 1 is and how this money supports our students at Wickliffe. You are able to join this meeting by clicking [here](#).

Parent Night: Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted Children

From underachievement, overexcitabilities, and perfectionism to imposter syndrome, gifted children navigate through a slew of social and emotional challenges throughout their development. Please join us for a presentation and discussion as we explore these issues and go over some possible ways parents can assist their children to navigate successfully through these challenges on January 24th at 7:00pm at Upper Arlington High School.

Inclement Weather / Emergency Notifications from UA Schools

As we prepare for winter, please note that there are multiple ways you can receive notifications from Upper Arlington Schools regarding inclement weather. Please note that the Upper Arlington Schools all-call phone number for emergencies or inclement weather is **(614) 363-2262**. This will display on your caller ID as originating from Hilliard, OH. We recommend that families add this phone number to their contact list to avoid any confusion in the event of an emergency or weather-related delay or closing.

You may also look for any notifications regarding inclement weather via email or on our social media accounts:

- [@UA_Schools](#) on Twitter
- [@UpperArlingtonSchools](#) on Facebook
- [@ua_schools](#) on Instagram

For more information about delay and closing procedures for inclement weather, please visit [our website](#).

UPDATES FROM TECHNOLOGY

Google Storage Limits Deadline Approaching

On January 23, 2023, Google will begin requiring **storage limits** on all of our Google Drive accounts. Staff members will be limited to 200GB, and students will be limited to 100GB Total Storage. Students and staff who were close to the limit or over those limits were individually notified before the winter break. If you were notified it is imperative that you **reduce your storage footprint prior to January 23, 2023**. If you do not, Google will lock your account and we will not be able to adjust any settings to grant you access. To monitor your storage, open Google Drive (<https://drive.google.com>). Click on *Storage* at the lower left to see how much storage you're using, including in Gmail, Google Drive, and Google Photos. Please be mindful of the pending deadline and put in a help desk ticket if you need advice on storage reduction.

New Look for UA Mobile Learning Resources Course

In an effort to support students, staff and families locate self help information quickly, the Technology Department has restructured the [UAMLR Home page](#) and subsequent pages. There is also a revised and upgraded Canvas Observer help page for families. This page will help to define Canvas access for parents or guardians as an observer. Please check out all this course can offer our community. We always welcome feedback and suggestions.

Information From Last Week's Parent Update

Winter Conferences:

- Your child's teacher will be reaching out to specific families in the upcoming weeks to schedule conferences that happen during our early release day on February 16th.
- If you have questions regarding this, please connect with your child's teacher.

2023-2024 Kindergarten Registration

- Upper Arlington Schools is excited to welcome the Golden Bears Class of 2036 in August 2023! The 2023-2024 kindergarten registration window will open on Monday, February 13, 2023. We are proud to offer an all-day kindergarten program to the families of Upper Arlington, which supports our mission to challenge and support every student, every step of the way, from day one of their journey in our K-12 academic program.
- Wickliffe's kindergarten information night will be held on Thursday, February 7 from 6:30 - 7:30
 - This is a parent-only event where we will share more information about our kindergarten program and the registration process.
- You can find information at www.uaschools.org/kindergarten.aspx.

Recycling Program

- Recently our District partnered with SWACO to develop a consistent recycling program across the entire district that can be the model used by other districts in Central Ohio. SWACO committed significant funds to purchase all new recycling containers for each classroom and common spaces within our building. Our school is committed to recycling more and wasting less! Our goal is to improve the sorting, collection, education, and awareness among staff and students.
- Please help support this effort at home by talking with your student about how to prevent these valuable recyclable commodities from going to the landfill! Please remember: It is very important to recycle the items accepted for recycling in our school and residential programs and to not "wish cycle" or place items in recycling containers that you think should be accepted.
- The materials pictured in the "Recycle" labels are accepted in most school and residential programs in central Ohio. Giving these valuable commodities another life will help to conserve our natural resources and save precious landfill space. We are excited to pilot this program in our district and look to helping our students better understand the importance of recycling.



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

- [2022-2023 School Year Calendar](#)
- [A-E Calendar](#)

Drop off/Pick up information

Lunch Menu

Students Rights and Responsibilities Handbook for Families 2022-2023

Technology Family Support

- [Check out this resource for K-5 families.](#)
- [WOSU Digital Wellness](#)
- [CommonSense Media Activities](#)

Transportation Services

UA Flyer Connection

Wickliffe PTO

Links to Previous Updates:

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

