

Dear Wickliffe Families,

We have had amazing weather this week. It has been nice to get outside for all of our recesses. Please continue to encourage your child to look for their lost items. We have a collection of hoodies in our lost and found that need to be returned.

Please take the time to scroll down and read all of the information in this update regarding the many events and happenings coming up. This time of year there is always an influx of emails with many reminders and updates of end-of-the-year events and such. Thank you in advance for reading and staying up to date on all the happenings.

The end of the year will be here before we know it, but in the meantime we have a lot of learning to do and fun events to participate in!

Have a wonderful week,

Angela

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

- April 18-19: 4/5 Math State Test
- April 19: Town Meeting @ 2:00 pm
- April 24-25: 3rd Math State Test
- April 25: [Wickliffe Wolves Around the World](#) 6-7:30 pm
- April 26-27: 5th Science State Test
- May 1 & 2: UPDATED CALENDAR CHANGE: NO SCHOOL
- May 8: PTO General Meeting - Town Square at Wickliffe - 7pm
- May 12: [Wickapalooza](#)
- May 16: Field Day
- May 17: Restaurant night: Ritas Italian Ice
- May 19: [5th-grade party](#)
- May 25: 5th grade Graduation Town Meeting @ 8:45 am
- May 25: Last day of school. Dismissal at 11:00

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

**Please click a link to be directed to the various sections of the Family Update:
Counseling Updates ~ District Updates ~ PTO Updates ~ Important Information**

NEW INFORMATION AND EVENTS HAPPENING NEXT WEEK

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Update:

- Last week, I shared with our staff and next year's kindergarten and first-grade families that we will be moving back to self-contained classrooms at those grade levels beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. Today, I wanted to officially share that information with our full school community and provide some additional background.
- If you'd like to read more about this decision, [please click here.](#)

Wickapalooza Outdoor Music Festival

- Please mark your calendars to join us for the second annual Wickapalooza Outdoor Music Festival. Come enjoy this family friendly evening at the school with a performance from Wickliffe's very own Golden Star Choir, food trucks, arts and crafts, bounce houses, the spring book fair, live music, and so much more!
 - Friday, May 12
 - 6-9 p.m.
 - Outside at Wickliffe
- Who had fun tie-dying at Wickapalooza last year? If so, now is your chance to pre-order this year's new Wickapalooza T-shirt to be tie-dyed at the festival. DEADLINE TO ORDER SHIRTS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO WEDNESDAY - we will not be selling this year's new shirt at the event. You have to pre-order.
- [Click here to order »](#)

SACC Registration Information

- Friday was the last day to register for SACC for the 23/24 school year. Registration for the 2023-2024 school year for ALL families — including current SACC families, wait list and new to SACC — will be open from Monday, April 3 through Friday, April 14 via a link at www.uaschools.org/SACC.
- For more information about the new registration process for current SACC families, wait list and new to SACC, please visit our [SACC Registration Process webpage](#).
- **REMINDER: SACC is offered for before and after school care at Wickliffe**

Ohio State Testing

- Below are the dates for upcoming testing:
- **4th/5th grade:**
 - Math
 - Tuesday, April 18 (B day) - Day 1
 - Wednesday, April 19 (C day) - Day 2
- **3rd grade:**
 - MATH
 - Monday, April 24 (A2 day) - Day 1
 - Tuesday, April 25 (B2 day) - Day 2
- **5th Science (5th only)**
 - Wednesday, April 26 (C2 day) - Day 1
 - Thursday, April 27 (D2 day) - Day 2

School year calendar updates

- The 2022-2023 school year calendar has been updated to reflect the early dismissal times for the last day of school — Thursday, May 25. Elementary dismissal will be at 11:05 a.m., and middle school dismissal will be at 11:35 a.m. High school will follow the exam schedule. You can view the updated school year calendar [here](#).
- Preorder grab and go lunches from the Nutritional Services Department will be available on May 25. More details to follow.

Spring Bookfair

- The spring bookfair dates this year are May 12-19. On May 12, we will "open" the fair during Wickapalooza and ask teachers to bring their classes through the fair the following week (May 15-19).

Important Information and Links

- As a reminder [this section](#) of the family update contains information related to frequently asked questions or documents you may need access to throughout the year.

Counseling Updates

Hello Families!

Throughout the district elementary schools in the month of April, students will be receiving lessons from their school counselors on the topic of "Personal Safety" with an emphasis on body boundaries. Here is a brief overview:

- *Kindergarten / First grade*: Intuition (uh-oh/yucky feeling), personal space bubble, private parts, telling a trusted adult if someone causes the "uh-oh/yucky" feeling
- *Second grade / Third grade*: Intuition (gut feeling), personal space bubble, saying "No!" to avoid uncomfortable/unwanted touches, trusted adults and how to tell a trusted adult, secrets vs. surprises
- *Fourth grade / Fifth grade*: Intuition (gut feeling), body boundaries, consent, trusted adults and how to tell a trusted adult

Please see our parent letter regarding these lessons [here](#).

- NEW: Middle School Transition Group, B Days, 11:50-12:30, Beginning 4/11: Is your 5th grade child feeling worried about the transition to middle school, socially or academically? Are they experiencing complicated grief/excitement about leaving Wickliffe? This will be a process group where students can bring forth any

transition-related topic they want to cover. We will then discuss and problem solve together. The power is in the universality!

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/2nykZZ1CM9TBAMee7>

Warmly,
Renee Shaffer - school counselor
rshaffer@uaschools.org

District Updates

UPDATES FROM SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE/COMMUNICATIONS

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Elementary Explorations Video

Now in its 2nd year, Elementary Explorations is a groundbreaking districtwide program that extends the learning of 3,000 K-5 students through hands-on, project-based opportunities involving STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics). In [this video](#), hear from our teachers about this unique program that is creating a lot of excitement for our students.

UPDATES FROM TECHNOLOGY

The ClassLink Family Portal - NEW and EXCITING

ClassLink is a single sign-on system Upper Arlington City Schools uses with students to provide a single location to access curricular resources. We now have a Family ClassLink environment. This single sign-on system will provide families one location to access all of the systems, sites and resources you need to manage the Upper Arlington student experience.

Custodial parents and guardians who have a current email address noted in PowerSchool, are automatically set up with accounts. If you are a custodial parent or guardian, and do not have an email address in PowerSchool, contact your school office to have your contact information updated. Once updated, it will take 24 hours for the account to be created.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to find instructions on how to access your custodial account. This resource will continue to grow and evolve with recommendations made by families, staff and students. Feedback or questions can be directed to FamilyTechHelp@uaschools.org

Can't Find your iPad?- Follow These Steps to help Locate It

The school district does not track Student or Staff iPads. iPads do not have GPS built in (unlike a smartphone) and cannot provide precise location data. So when an iPad is lost please consider the following actionable steps:

1. Start by thinking of when it was last used and where you were. Retrace your steps. Look at home, at school, ask teachers/coworkers, friends, and the media specialist.
2. If after 24 hours the iPad still is not located, please submit a Help Desk ticket with as much detail as possible (whose device it is, their username, when was the last time they used it). The technology department can determine when it last connected to our network and whether it was on school WiFi, what building it was in, or if it connected from another Wi-Fi network (like at the student's home).
3. As a last resort, the device can be put in "Lost Mode" to prevent an unauthorized user from gaining access. While in Lost Mode the device cannot be used and work not saved may be lost. When the iPad has been found, we will remove it from Lost Mode to restore functionality.

PTO Updates

It looks like Spring has finally arrived! **Please note some deadlines this week and ways to be involved/support the PTO.** We are in the homestretch now and appreciate everyone's help and support toward our PTO initiatives.

Wickapalooza T-Shirts - The deadline to order this year's Wickapalooza T-Shirt to tie dye at the festival is this Friday, April 14. For more information and to order your shirts, please visit our website. We will not be selling shirts at the festival so please order ahead of time.

Wolves Around the World Multicultural Night - Don't forget to mark your calendar for our next PTO-sponsored family event on April 25 at the school from 6-7:30pm. More details below.

Enjoy the weather and hope to see you soon!

Lindsay and Dawn

wickliffepto@gmail.com

Square 1 Art

Be on the lookout for your student's custom catalog for the Square 1 Art fundraiser coming home this week! **All orders are due by 4/25/2023.**

To get a head start without the catalog, start ordering keepsakes and gifts featuring your child's art online NOW, if you like! Simply search for your child's art using [Art Search](#), and enter state, school name, and your student's name. Your student's art and code will appear, and you may order!

DEI Discussions



Coming up! **Wickliffe Wolves Around the World, Tuesday, April 25, 6-7:30 p.m.** Share performances, artwork, facts, food, and fashion! [Sign up here](#) if you'd like to participate or help. We'll see you there - it's free and all are welcome.

April is [Arab American Heritage Month](#) and [Celebrate Diversity Month](#), and April 14 is [National Day of Silence](#)!

Staff Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation week is coming up on May 8. We have some exciting things planned and we need your help!

1. Please sign up to bring in your famous dishes for a **Potluck Lunch** for our teachers on Wednesday, May 10 - [Here](#) is the Sign Up Genius. All food and drinks will need to be dropped off by 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10. If bringing in a crockpot, etc., please make sure to pick up after school.
2. Please have your children write **Thank You** cards to bring in that week to their teachers. Don't forget our Art, Music, and Gym teachers and all of our other teachers and staff.
3. PTO will provide breakfast that week and a few other items. Most of our budget went to decorating the teacher's lounge this year.

Help us stock the Teacher's Lounge



We love our teachers and want to stock their lounge! We are doing a 6-week rotation. **Now it is time for all 4th and 5th grade families to contribute.**

Please sign up below and let everyone know what you are bringing, so we make sure to provide everything they want. Please leave on the front steps of Katie McShane Peluso (Jack & Giulia's mom) 2705 Kent Road or drop off in the teacher's lounge by May 12 - just make a note of where you're dropping off. Thanks!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d48aca723a7fb6-stock2#/>

Birthday Bag Donations

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Oberlin's classes are collecting donations for birthday bags. These bags will be donated to Heart to Heart Food Pantry and given to people who can't afford a cake to celebrate their special day.

We are collecting cake mixes, candles, icing, and disposable cake pans. Thank you in advance for your donations. There will be a collection box in the school lobby during the month of April.

Spring Flower Sale

Plant Sale pick up is Friday, 5/5/23 from 4:30-7pm in the Wickliffe parking lot.

Follow the signs into the Wickliffe Road parking lot and pickup the plants that were ordered from your student.

Thanks for supporting the plant sale fundraiser!

Have extra time that day? **We would love extra hands to help with the pick up event!**

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAAAF22A5F58-flower3>

Yard Games Needed!

The 5th grade experience committee is looking to borrow yard games (think Giant Jenga, Connect Four, Cornhole, etc.) for the 5th grade graduation party on May 25. If you have any of these items that you'd be willing to loan, please contact Sarah Ackman at sackman19@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed!

Lunch volunteers - new dates available

Our fabulous Chef could use two volunteers every day for lunch. It is a super fun way to contribute and see all the students at lunch time. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4faaaf22a5f58-lunch1#/>

Chef Mike would love to have a list of subs who are available certain days of the week and can be called or contacted in case the person who signed up needs to cancel. This way if you can't make your shift you can look at the sub list and work on finding a replacement. Please [click here](#) to add yourself to the sub list.

Walking Club

We are looking for Walking Club volunteers! There are many spots available. Please review the [available slots](#) and click on the button to sign up. It's lots of fun! Thank you!

After School Discovery dismissal

Wickliffe PTO's After School Discovery spring session started yesterday, and we **still need parent volunteers to help with dismissal** to make sure that our kids get from the exit door to their adult picking them up. This is a very short 20-30-minute volunteer session, and it is so important to help keep everyone safe! Please sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0549a9a72ca2fc1-dismissal1#. Thank you!

Classroom helpers

The Wickliffe PTO is looking for some helpers. Our teachers have so much on their plates and we are looking to lighten their load by starting a room parent program. We have gathered teacher requests and are now looking to fill these spots. Do you have a few minutes a week to devote to this and want to learn more? Just fill out [this form](#)!

Thanks!
Desiree Hickey, Family Connect Chair

Open PTO Positions

The PTO is looking for more volunteers. Below are open committee roles and executive positions we are currently trying to fill.

Wickapalooza Music Festival Committee - a couple more committee members to support the planning of this event happening Friday, May 12.

PTO President-Elects - two people to start their elect roles now and then transition to the president roles for this coming 2023-2024 school year.

PTO Fundraising Chair-Elects - one or two fundraising chair-elects who would start in their elect roles now and then transition to the fundraising chair roles for the coming school year.

If you have interest in these committees or executive positions or would like to learn more about the responsibilities and time commitment, please email us at wickliffepto@gmail.com.

Information From Last Week's Parent Update

April is Autism Acceptance Month

- We have also created a folder of resources about Autism. Included in the resources are facts about Autism presented in varying levels of detail based upon your students' ages. There are also links to read aloud books that include characters with Autism.
 - [Autism Resources](#)
- Thank you for growing Wickliffe's acceptance and understanding of Autism!

Flyer Connection

- The Upper Arlington City School District recognizes the value in notifying families and students about unique educational, intellectual, physical, and social opportunities that happen within our community. Therefore, the District has created a Flyer Connection on its website to offer this service.
- You can access these opportunities using [this link](#) or the link at the bottom of every principal update.

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** - Forms to be completed 10 school days in advance of the first date of the planned absence. Otherwise, the absence may be unexcused.

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".