



TIGER TALES

SUMMER 2021

Cleaning, Painting, Paving and New Staff Among Changes for 2021-22 at Seneca East Schools

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Welcome back! I hope everyone had a restful summer and that you are re-energized for another year of learning and growing at Seneca East.

I know COVID-19 is still on the minds of many. Will we have a normal year? As of this writing, I'm happy to report that there are no COVID-19 mandates in place for Ohio's schools and masks are not required when we return. We will continue to work with our county health department and keep you updated at **se-tigers.com** and via email. As we know too well, public health situations can change rapidly, but if they do, we will adjust and be stronger for it.

Speaking of keeping you updated, it is more important than ever that we have correct contact information for all students. We are using Final Forms again this year to register students for the 2021-2022 school year. Visit **se-tigers.com** and click Final Forms under PARENTS or check your email for a message with a link to Final Forms as soon as possible. This information will be used to contact

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I can't thank our staff enough for all of their hard work to prepare our building and grounds for our arrival.

Dr. Laura Kagy,
Superintendent

Good Luck to the Class of 2021!



"Year of Challenges" *from Page 1*

you via voice, text, and email. It is used in the event of an emergency as well as for routine contact.

As students return later this month, they may notice some changes. The first is our newly paved parking lot. What they might not see at first glance is all the cleaning, scrubbing, painting, and maintenance work that happened behind the scenes. I can't thank our staff enough for all of their hard work to prepare our building and grounds for our arrival.

Students may also notice several new faces. We are still finalizing hiring as of this writing, but I hope you will give a warm, Seneca East welcome to the following. Keep an eye out for features of our new staff members on our social channels later this fall.

- Officer Austyn Walker, Student Resource Officer
- Erin Hayes, K-8 Guidance Counselor
- Morgan Looney, High School English
- Milan Pozderac, Agriculture Science and FFA
- Peyton Spiess, High School Health and Physical Education
- Lauren Turner, High School Science
- Esther Penas-Perez, Spanish
- Falyne Hoyda, Floating Substitute Teacher

Additionally, some of our returning staff members will be in new positions or are returning to positions they held prior to last year when changes were made to address COVID-19 restrictions.

- Becky Bozo, second grade
- Michelle Reiter, second grade
- Nikki Schiefer, third grade
- Kaleigh Krupp, Special Education
- Robbyne Sturgill, fifth grade
- Brittane Bordner, Middle School Math
- Sue Beidelschies, Gifted/Reading Intervention

I can't wait to see all of you at our Open Houses, which are slated for Aug. 18-19, or on the first day of school. Remember, students will return based on grade level Aug. 24-26. You can find the staggered start schedule on the back page of the newsletter and the 2021-2022 school calendar at se-tigers.com. Let's make it a great year!

Treasurer's Update

Good News For K-12 Schools: House Bill 110 Has Passed

House Bill 110, otherwise known as Ohio's two-year budget bill (covering Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023), was signed into law June 30. It comes with good news for the state's K-12 schools.

After years of pushing for the passage of the Fair School Funding Plan, which is expected to create a more equitable, stable, and predictable revenue stream for schools in Ohio, proponents finally accomplished their goal. The new plan determines state aid based on a formula of 60% local property valuation and 40% household income. In other words, the formula will take into consideration a district's wealth to tax ratio and community members' ability to pay. Local incomes and property values will now determine the financial burden a district should be able to cover on its own with the remainder of the cost being covered by the state.

Additionally, HB 110 calls for direct funding for private school vouchers and charter schools. Currently, the law requires schools pay for these programs through a deduction in the state foundation monies. This means that when Ohio's new budget goes into effect, the state will take on the financial burden of these programs and directly fund them. Similarly, this budget also creates direct funding for open enrollment dollars.

HB 110 will also benefit schools by maintaining Student Wellness and Success funding. This funding is designed to help meet the needs of the whole child – the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual aspects of a child's well-being. Additionally, the budget includes a \$50 million provision for a School Bus Purchase Fund which will grant awards to districts to purchase one or more buses to replace those that are eight or more years old.

The overall effect of HB 110 is expected to be a significant increase in K-12 funding in Ohio, and we are excited to see how we can better serve the students of Seneca East.

Welcome to New Staff Members at Seneca East Schools



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School Resource Officer



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Nikki Schiefer
Elementary School Teacher



Peyton Spiess
Health, Phys. Ed. Teacher

OPEN HOUSE

SENECA EAST
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL



Parents and elementary students are invited and encouraged to attend an **Open House at Seneca East Elementary School (Grades K-5)** on Thursday, August 19 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Teachers will be available to welcome and meet with parents and students in the classrooms throughout the evening. Note: Kindergarten teachers will hold formal meetings with parents from 5:30-6:00 PM in the classrooms. In addition to the classroom visits, our lunchroom cashiers will be on hand in the cafeteria hallway to accept deposits made into student lunch accounts that evening. The Open House event is also a nice opportunity for students to bring their school supplies and organize the items in their desks before the first day of school. Remember, Seneca East will utilize a staggered start for the 2021-2022 school year. The first day of school for Gr. 1, 3, 6, and 9 will be Tuesday, August 24. The first day of school for Gr. ½ K, 2, 4, 7 and 10 will be Wednesday, August 25. The first day of school for Gr. ½ K, 5, 8, 11 and 12 will be Thursday, August 26. All students will be in session starting Friday, August 27. If you have any questions and/or need information pertaining to the beginning of the school year, please contact Brad Powers (principal). Office Phone: (419) 426-1854. Email: bpowers@se-tigers.com. Note: Bus lists and route information may be found on the district website: www.se-tigers.com.

Middle School and High School Open House details will be shared via email, social media and the website.

2021-2022 SENECA EAST ELEM

Kindergarten - All Classes

- 1 Backpack/bookbag to carry to and from school each day
- 1 Pair of VELCRO Tennis Shoes for Gym Class (do not need to be new, just clean)
- 1 Folder with Pockets across the bottom
- 2 sets of **Crayola Brand** Classic Colors **Washable** Markers (label each marker please)
- 2 Regular size Soft Pencil Erasers (regular erasers, not pencil top),
- 1 Box of Baggies (your teacher will let you know if these are needed)
- Baby Wipes & Tissues (your teacher will let you know if these are needed)

Additional items/updated supply lists will be sent to you in early August from your child's teacher.

PLEASE CLEARLY LABEL EACH ITEM WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

First Grade - All Classes

- Headset in a baggie
- zippered pencil pouch with metal eyelets
- Crayola washable markers (8 or 10 pack)
- 4 (EXPO BRAND) dry erase markers,
- 1 dry erase eraser (or a clean old sock)
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 3 Yellow highlighters
- Regular sized school box (no oversized boxes please)

- 4 large glue sticks
- 2 boxes of crayons (no more than 24)
- 2 packages of yellow #2 pencils (sharpened please)
- 1 package of pencil top erasers
- Scissors (metal only), watercolor paint set
- 1 two-pocket folder
- 1 pair clean tennis shoes for phys. ed. class (do not need to be new)

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN PERMANENT BLACK MARKER

Also:

MRS. BRIDGFORD only:

- 2 boxes of tissues

MRS. KESSLER only:

- 2 box of tissues
- 1 box of gallon sized reclosable bags (no slider closure)

MRS. ROMBACH only:

- 2 boxes of tissues
- 1 box of gallon sized resealable baggies (no slider closure)

MRS. YOST only:

- 2 boxes of tissues
- Boys: Box of Quart sized baggies
- Girls: Box of gallon sized baggie (no slider closure)

Second Grade - All Classes

- #2 pencils (please sharpen)
- Pointed scissors
- 1 box of 24 crayons

- 2 large glue sticks
- 1 folder with pockets on the bottom
- 2 wide-ruled notebooks
- 1" binder
- Highlighter
- 1 package of thick tip markers
- 1 package thin tip markers
- 1 large eraser
- 2 dry erase markers
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 pair clean tennis shoes for gym
- 1 durable pair of headphones labeled with child's name (we use these daily)

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN PERMANENT BLACK MARKER.

Also:

- Boys: 1 Roll Paper Towels
- Girls: 1 box Ziploc Sandwich Size Baggies

Third Grade - All Classes

- Several #2 pencils (preferably no mechanical)
- Pointed scissors
- Highlighter
- 2 large glue sticks
- Colored pencils
- Pencil pouch (3 hole punched to hang on side of desk)
- Large Eraser
- Elmer's Glue
- 2 folders with bottom pockets
- Box of 24 crayons

Free Meals Continue for 2021-22 School Year

The U.S. Department of Agriculture issued free breakfast and lunch to students during the 2020-2021 school year to help our nation recover from COVID-19. We have good news! Free meals will continue throughout the upcoming school year. You do not need to fill out any forms for your child to qualify for these meals.

Additionally, if you qualified for free or reduced lunch last year, you may still receive P-EBT (Pandemic - Electronic Benefits Transfer Program) benefits this school year. P-EBT provides additional money for families to buy food due to COVID-19. If you are new to the district or did not qualify for reduced lunch last year but think you might this year, complete the application form at lunchapplication.com.

Please contact Brenda Ruffing, food service supervisor, at bruffing@setigers.com with questions.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

- 1 small box for art supplies
- Headphones/earbuds
- 2 dry erase markers
- 3 one-subject spiral notebooks
- Clean tennis shoes for gym class
- 1 large box of Kleenex

Also:

- Boys: 1 roll of paper towels
- Girls: one small box of sandwich sized baggies

MRS. SCHIEFER only:

- 1 composition notebook
- Optional: markers & mouse for chromebook

PLEASE LABEL ALL SUPPLIES WITH THE STUDENT'S NAME.

MRS. FOOS & MRS. SAUBER only:

- 1 package of wide-ruled loose leaf paper
- Markers (optional)

Fourth Grade

MRS. RITZLER:

- 24 pack of #2 pencils
- 1 package wide ruled loose leaf paper
- 1 pink eraser
- scissors
- colored pencils
- crayons
- 1 box of tissues
- 2 black dry erase markers
- glue stick
- highlighter

- zip close three hole punch pencil pouch
- clean tennis shoes for gym class
- earphones/small headphones
- 5 pocket folders
- 1 spiral notebook
- Optional: mouse for chromebook.

MRS. STILLBERGER:

- 24 pack of #2 pencils (Please **NO** push or multi-point pencils)
- 1 pink eraser
- Scissors
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- 1 box of tissues
- 1-2 pocket folder
- 1 small box of quart sized baggies
- 2 black dry erase markers
- Glue stick
- Highlighter
- Clean tennis shoes for gym class
- Earphones/small headphones.
- Optional: mouse for chromebook

PLEASE NO TRAPPER KEEPERS!

MRS. ROBINSON:

- 24 pack of #2 pencils (Please **NO** push or multi-point pencils)
- 1 pink eraser
- scissors
- colored pencils
- crayons
- 1 box of tissues
- 2 black dry erase markers
- 1 pkg 3x5 white and lined index cards
- glue stick
- highlighter

- zip close three hole punch pencil pouch
- clean tennis shoes for gym class
- earphones/small headphones
- Optional: mouse for chromebook

PLEASE NO TRAPPER KEEPERS!

Fifth Grade - All Classes

- Pencils
- erasers
- hand-held pencil sharpener
- colored pencils
- scissors
- glue sticks (1 large or 2 small)
- 2 dry erase markers
- art BAG for classroom art supplies (please no hard plastic boxes)
- 3 folders - 1 green for ELA, 1 red for math, 1 blue for science/ss
- 2 one-subject spiral notebooks
- 1 green composition notebook
- 1 box of Kleenex
- clean pair of tennis shoes for gym class.

PLEASE LABEL ALL SUPPLIES WITH STUDENT'S NAME.

- OPTIONAL: Trapper Keeper (for organization due to switching classrooms)
- ** Please also send **headphones or earbuds** with your student! **

Also:

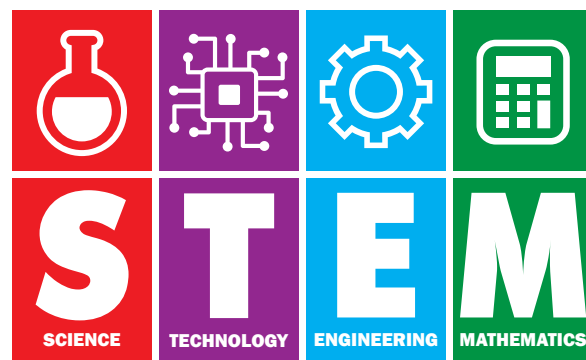
- Boys: Paper towels
- Girls: Gallon-sized ziploc bags

Elementary Student Drop Off and Pick Up Information

Parents driving elementary children to school have two drop off options in the morning. You may drop your child/children off in front of the office entrance or in front of the gym entrance. We offer both locations to help traffic flow and reduce congestion of vehicles. If you need to walk your child/children to the door, please park your vehicle in a guest parking space and then walk your child/children to the building. Morning drop off times are between 7:30 - 7:45 AM. Note: Elementary students begin reporting to classrooms at 7:40 AM, and students arriving before that time will sit in the auditoria or line up in the hallway near the elementary wing. All elementary students need to be in school by 8:00 AM. For parents picking up their children in the afternoon, the pick up area is in front of the gym entrance. You should park your vehicle and then come to the gym sidewalk to wait for your child. School staff members will supervise the pick up procedures and assist children as they go to their parents. We do not allow elementary children to walk to parent cars in the parking lot without an adult with them. Please understand that we take great pride in doing everything we can to keep our children safe. Pick up time in the afternoon is 2:55 PM. Parents will report to the school office any time they need to pick children up from school prior to 2:55 PM.

District Testing Dates

MAPS testing grades 2-3 (teachers will set exact dates/times)	Fall: September 13-24, 2021 Winter: December 6-10, 2021 Spring: May 9-13, 2022
Ohio State Tests: Grade 3 English Language Arts	October 26, 2021 - part 1 October 28, 2021 - part 2
Ohio State Tests: High School End of Course (scheduled as needed)	November 29, 2021 - December 17, 2021
ACT for all Juniors:	March 15, 2022
Ohio State Tests: Grade 3 English Language Arts (teachers will set exact dates/times)	March 22, 2022 - April 11, 2022
Ohio State Tests: Grades 6-7-8-10 English Language Arts	April 5, 2022 - part 1 April 6, 2022 - part 2
Ohio State Tests: Grades 3-5 Mathematics (teachers will set exact dates/times)	April 12, 2022 - May 6, 2022
Ohio State Tests: Grades 6-7-8 Algebra 1, Geometry	April 27, 2022 - part 1 April 28, 2022 - part 2
Ohio State Tests: Grade 5 Science (teachers will set exact dates/times)	April 12, 2022 - May 6, 2022
Ohio State Tests: Grade 8 Science, American History, Biology, Government	May 3, 2022



Stories and STEM Add New Twist to Library Time

Library time just got a lot more exciting for elementary students at Seneca East. Thanks to the State Library of Ohio and Library Services and Technology Act grant funding, students will have the opportunity to participate in the Stories and STEM program this school year.

Students will hear stories with a STEM theme before exploring technologies associated with the stories. Additionally, at the upper elementary level, students will Zoom with experts in the STEM field they are studying. Topics will include aviation, engineering and robotics, coding, 3D printing, architecture, upcycling, circuits, digital storytelling and communication, virtual reality, and snacks with a side of science.

With help from the State Library of Ohio, Seneca East is purchasing a 3D printer, 3D pens, Ozobots, Lego WeDos, an Osmo coding starter kit, Harry Potter coding wand, K'Nex, KEVA Planks, and Legos to help students further understand STEM principles. This equipment will also be available to middle and high school students to use during regular class time or study hall.

Want to stay up to date on your students' grades? Don't forget to register for ProgressBook!

If you are new to ProgressBook, you will receive a registration key for your student(s) at Open House. Step by step instructions on how to sign up or reset your password are available on our website at se-tigers.com by clicking on For Parents at the top right of the homepage.

Contact Andrea Schimpf at aschimpf@se-tigers.com with questions.



Seneca East Sports Schedules for Fall 2021

Varsity Football

8/13	Monroeville (Preview)	A	7:00 pm
8/20	Northmor (Senior Night)	H	7:00 pm
8/27	Fostoria	H	7:00 pm
9/3	Willard	A	7:00 pm
9/10	Buckeye Central	H	7:00 pm
9/17	Bucyrus (Homecoming)	H	7:00 pm
9/24	Mohawk	A	7:00 pm
10/1	Wynford	A	7:00 pm
10/8	Carey	H	7:00 pm
10/15	Upper Sandusky	A	7:00 pm
10/22	Colonel Crawford	A	7:00 pm

Junior Varsity Football

8/21	Northmor	A	10:00 am
8/28	Fostoria	A	10:00 am
9/4	Colonel Crawford	H	10:00 am
9/11	Buckeye Central	A	10:00 am
9/18	Bucyrus	A	10:00 am
9/25	Mohawk	H	10:00 am
10/2	Wynford	H	10:00 am
10/9	Carey	A	10:00 am
10/16	Upper Sandusky	H	10:00 am

Freshman Football

No contests scheduled at this time.

Junior High Football

8/24	Buckeye Central (8th)	H	5:00 pm
8/24	Hopewell-Loudon (7th)	H	6:30 pm
8/31	Bucyrus	H	5:00 pm
9/7	Mohawk	A	5:00 pm
9/14	Wynford	A	5:00 pm
9/21	Carey	H	5:00 pm
9/28	Upper Sandusky	A	5:00 pm
10/5	Colonel Crawford	A	5:00 pm

Girls Golf

8/5	Buckeye Central Invite	A	2:00 pm
8/6	Mohawk / Upper Sandusky	H	10:00 am
8/9	Buckeye Central / Norwalk St. Paul	H	10:00 am
8/11	Colonel Crawford	H	10:00 am
8/13	Columbian Invite	A	8:00 am
8/16	Carey	H	10:00 am
8/18	Buckeye Central	A	4:00 pm
8/20	Wynford	H	10:00 am
8/30	Wynford	A	4:15 pm
8/31	Mohawk	A	4:15 pm
9/1	Norwalk St. Paul	A	4:00 pm
9/9	Upper Sandusky	A	4:15 pm
9/13	Carey	A	3:30 pm
9/15	Colonel Crawford	A	4:15 pm
9/20	N10 Tournament	A	9:00 am

Boys Golf

8/5	Buckeye Central Invite	A	8:30 am
8/9	Bucyrus Invite	A	9:00 pm
8/10	Buckeye Central	H	10:00 am
8/12	Seneca East Invite	H	8:30 am
8/13	Lakota Invite	A	8:30 am
8/16	Carey	H	10:00 am
8/19	Bucyrus	H	10:00 am
8/26	Wynford	A	4:15 pm
8/28	Norwalk Invite	A	12:00 pm
9/4	Bellevue Invite	A	8:00 am
9/7	Colonel Crawford	A	4:15 pm
9/8	Upper Sandusky	A	4:15 pm
9/13	Mohawk	A	4:15 pm
9/21	N10 Tournament	A	10:00am

Cross Country JH and HS

8/28	The Tiger Classic	H	8:30 am
9/4	MAL Reunion	A	8:30 am
9/11	Stars, Stripes, & Lights	H	4:00 pm
9/18	Lakota Invitational	A	9:00 am
9/25	Fremont St. Joe Invite	A	9:00 am
10/2	Old Fort Invitational	A	9:00 am
10/9	New London Invite (JH)	A	10:00 am
10/9	Nashville, TN (HS)	A	TBA
10/16	N10 Championships	H	10:00 am

Varsity Volleyball

8/21	Hopewell-Loudon / Columbian	A	11:00 am
8/23	Fremont St. Joe	A	5:00 pm
8/30	Monroeville	H	5:30 pm
8/31	Carey	H	5:30 pm
9/2	Upper Sandusky	H	5:30 pm
9/7	Buckeye Central	H	5:30 pm
9/9	Colonel Crawford	A	5:30 pm
9/11	Old Fort	H	11:00 am
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Child Find Statement

In accordance with federal law, Seneca East Local Schools assumes responsibility for the location, identification, and evaluation of all children birth through age 21 who reside within the Seneca East Local School District and who require special education and related services. The Special Education Department of Seneca East Local Schools coordinates this child identification process. If you know of or suspect that a child may have a disability, you may contact the Seneca East

Local Schools Special Education Department at 419-426-3344 or contact the building principal to discuss these concerns and determine a course of action. Title VI-B funds are Federal allocations for the exclusive benefit of children with disabilities. Input as to how best to utilize these funds for Seneca East Local Schools is welcome. For more information or to share ideas, please call 419-426-3344.



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