



OLD FORT

ELEMENTARY

BUILDING NEWSLETTER – August/September 2019

Important Dates to Remember...

- 8/26- First Day of School for Gr. PS, 1-12
- 8/30- First Day of School for Kdg.
- 9/2- Labor Day- No School
- 9/9- Board Meeting 6:00 (Board Room)
- 9/10- PTO Meeting 6:30 (Library)
- 9/19- K-6 Fun Run
- 9/20- 4th Grade Field Trip



Look for Building Newsletters each month this year to ensure better communication!

Building Goals

- 1. Increase overall student achievement**
- 2. Close the achievement gap between student subgroups**
- 3. Create a positive climate and culture for all stakeholders**



Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

I am excited to welcome you back to another amazing school year. Your child will grow both academically and socially over these next nine months, and we count it a privilege to guide them through this journey. We know you are trusting us with the most precious thing you have, and we take that responsibility very seriously.

NEW ADDITION: Mrs. Krissy Smith will be joining our administrative team at Old Fort this year as a PK-12 Assistant Principal. She will be at the High School in the mornings and at the Elementary in the afternoons. Mrs. Smith was a teacher at Bettsville for 13 years and is joining us, most recently, from Ashland City Schools, where she taught 4th grade. We are excited to welcome Mrs. Smith to Old Fort and trust that she will enable our building principals to more effectively thrive in their roles. See page 3 for an introduction to all new Elementary staff.

SAFETY: Safety is a top concern at Old Fort Elementary. You will note that our main doors are open from 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. each morning. If you come to the school outside of these hours, you will have to be buzzed in through the front doors. If you are not easily recognizable on our security monitor, you will be asked your name and purpose for visiting. Please do not be offended. We must take these steps to ensure the utmost caution about who we are allowing to enter the building for the safety of everyone. At arrival and dismissal, please do not allow or ask your child to run across the street to get to and from the car. You may drop off on the east side of Washington in the morning by going around the building and turning north on Washington. If you choose to park in the parking lot at either arrival or dismissal, please escort your child safely across the street.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT: I'd like to invite you to our first PTO meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, September 10th in the Library. PTO meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. Childcare is provided. We'd love to have your input and involvement.

Lastly, I'd like to give you my contact information. I can be reached during school hours at (419) 986-5166 or by e-mail at lbryant@oldfortschools.org. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is ever anything I can do for you. It is a pleasure serving your family, and I look forward to another terrific year!

With Children at Heart,

Mrs. Laura F. Bryant

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Important Opening Information:



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- Student arrival is from 7:30 – 8:00 each morning. Students should report directly to the gym upon arrival. Students arriving after 8:00 will be counted tardy.
- Lunch prices have not changed this year. Full priced lunches are \$2.50, and reduced lunches cost \$0.40. Breakfast costs are \$1.50 for full priced meals and \$0.30 for reduced priced meals. We encourage parents to pay for lunches on a weekly or monthly basis. Lunch money will be sent to the office each morning, and parents will be notified when their child's lunch account is empty. Checks can be made out to Old Fort Local Schools.
- The breakfast line will be open from 7:40 – 7:55 each day, with breakfast ending at 8:00. Please note that students will not be allowed to enter the breakfast line after 7:55.
- Parents are welcome to walk their child into school each day. We ask that you refrain from visiting classrooms, but instead, go directly to the gym. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please stop in the office where Ms. Magers can see if your child's teacher is available at that time or take a message to have him/her contact you later.
- Students being picked up by a parent will be dismissed from the front door by the office. We ask that you park in the parking lot across from the school and walk across the street to the sidewalk to get your child. We will not send students across the street or into the parking lot unaccompanied by an adult.
- Parents may fill out a bus pass in order to make a bussing change for dismissal for the day. Bus passes should be sent to the office first thing in the morning so they can be scanned to Mr. Miller early in the day.
- School fees are \$36.00 per student. Third graders have an additional \$5.00 recorder fee. These can be paid in the office or you can send a check made out to Old Fort Local Schools. These fees may be waived for families qualifying for free lunches.
- Please be sure to download the Old Fort app, available in the app store. Also, like "Old Fort Schools" on Facebook to keep up with photos, timely updates and important information.
- Please complete all of your updates in Final Forms as soon as possible. If you have a returning child, last year's information has been carried over, so the updating process is quite simple this year. It's vitally important that we have up-to-date information in our system in the event we need to contact you, so please prioritize Final Forms this week.
- If your phone numbers change throughout the year, please keep this information updated in Final Forms so we always have an efficient way to contact you in the event of an emergency.
- Staff email addresses are as follows: [firstinitiallastname@oldfortschools.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@oldfortschools.org) For example, Laura Bryant's email is lbryant@oldfortschools.org Teachers and office staff are great at responding via email if you ever have any concerns.
- We invite you to become part of PTO. Meetings are always held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. 2019-2020 PTO dates are September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 10, April 14, and May 12.



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New Faces at Old Fort Elementary...



Krissy Smith- Mrs. Smith will be joining our administrative team at Old Fort this year as a PK-12 Assistant Principal. She will be at the High School in the mornings and at the Elementary in the afternoons. Mrs. Smith was a teacher at Bettsville for 13 years and is joining us, most recently, from Ashland City Schools, where she taught 4th grade. We are thrilled to welcome Mrs. Smith back, and look forward to a fantastic year with her on board.



Cindy Moore- Mrs. Moore will be with us 2 days a week this year serving as our Special Education Coordinator. Cindy is a graduate of both Heidelberg and BG. She began her career as a special education and general education teacher with Fostoria City Schools, and she has been working for the past 18 years in the field of Special Education at North Central Ohio ESC. We are happy to be working with Mrs. Moore this year, and are confident that her experience and expertise will serve the district well.



Heather Speck- Ms. Speck will be serving as a student aide in Mrs. Adelsperger's first grade classroom. Ms. Speck is a New Reigel and Heidelberg grad, earning her Bachelor's of Education Degree this spring. Heather is happy to be with us, and we are thrilled to have a second certified teacher in the classroom!



Rhonda Horne- Mrs. Horne will serve as a student aide in fifth grade this year. Mrs. Horne is a graduate of Clyde High School and comes to us, most recently, from the Sandusky County Board of DD, where she served as a vocational habilitation trainer for 18 years. Prior to that, she served on the Resident Training Staff at Elmwood Care Center for 9 years. Mrs. Horne brings lots of positive energy, and will be a great addition to our staff.



Kasey Wagner- Mrs. Wagner will be serving as an aide in our preschool classroom. She is a graduate of St. Joe in Fremont. From there, she went on to obtain her associates degree in Business Management from Davis College. Mrs. Wagner worked in the business sector for many years prior to her transition into education. She comes to us from the ESC where she has been serving as an aide in an MD unit in Fremont. Mrs. Wagner has a joy and sweetness to her personality that will fit beautifully in a preschool classroom, and we are happy to have her.



Quinn Kantner- Miss Kantner is a graduate of Calvert High School and Heidelberg University. She will be teaching pre-school for us this year, replacing Mrs. Kleinhenz. Miss Kantner is a Spring 2019 graduate, and brings lots of first day energy. We are thrilled to have her, and I know the kids will have a great year with her!



Marcia Kleinhenz- Mrs. Kleinhenz has been our pre-school teacher for the past two years, but is now graduating to Kindergarten. She is also a Calvert grad and spent the majority of her career at Calvert prior to working for the ESC. Mrs. Kleinhenz is already well-loved by both our community and our staff. We are overjoyed to have Mrs. Kleinhenz joining our school-aged teaching team!



Katie Quaintance- They say, "Good things come to those who wait," and that's certainly true for Katie (Berlekamp) Quaintance, who has waited 18 years to return to her Alma Mater. We welcome Katie from Vermillion City Schools, where she has been her entire career. Katie will be teaching Elementary General Music and 6th Grade Band for us. She's very vested in the Old Fort community, and will be a familiar face to many of our kids and families. We're very lucky to have Mrs. Quaintance with us, and we know she will do an outstanding job for kids!

