



BLUFFTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 1, 2010 <http://www.bluffton.noacsc.org/>

SCHOOL DAY: School begins at 8:10 a.m. daily (M-F). Parents should drop off their students in front of the elementary school between 7:55 and 8:10 a.m. Students that ride buses will be dropped off in front of the middle school. Dismissal for students that walk or are picked up after school will be at 3:00 p.m. from the Elementary entrance. Students that ride buses will be dismissed at 3:05 p.m. from the Middle School parking lot.

THIRD GRADE OHIO READING ACHIEVEMENT TESTS: Third grade students will take the reading test at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 5th. Please make sure your student comes to school prepared to do his/her best.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PICTURES: Elementary picture day will be Thursday, October 14th. Students must have their picture envelope with money in hand prior to their picture being taken. All students will have their picture taken this day for student records. Picture information will be sent home with each child. Picture re-take day is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th.

DATE CHANGES IN STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK: Please note that Ohio Achievement Assessments will be given May 2-4. Please keep these days free of any appointments. Kindergarten Screening has been moved to May 25-27.

PTO NEWS: First collection date for Boxtops, Our Family UPC labels, Tyson Project A+ labels, and ink cartridges will be October 30th. They will be collecting at the end of the first three nine weeks (no collection at the end of the year this time). Classes collecting the most Boxtops will win classroom cash.

DELAYS OR CANCELLATIONS: When it is necessary to close or delay school due to bad weather, announcements will be made on the WLIO.com (School closings) website, radio stations: WIMA, T102, & WFIN, and on WLIO TV 35. Please do not call the school offices for delay/cancellation information.

PLAN B KINDERGARTEN: If school is delayed two hours, morning kindergarten will be extended until noon. Afternoon kindergarten will begin at 1:10 p.m. and will be dismissed at the normal time.

THREE HOUR DELAY POSSIBILITY: If needed, we may delay school for three hours. If school is delayed three hours, the elementary starting time will be 11:10 a.m. and will dismiss at 4:00 p.m. (walkers) and 4:05 p.m. (bus riders). Lunch will be served one hour later than the normal time. **Morning kindergarten** will be from 11:10 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. **Afternoon kindergarten** will be from 2:10 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. (walkers) and 4:05 (bus riders).

BLUFFTON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS ALERT SYSTEM: If you would like to be notified of the delays and/or cancellations via a text message on your cell phone, visit the school's website at www.bluffton.noacsc.org and sign up. On the website's home page under the "Parents/Community" heading click on "Parent Alert System" and follow the simple steps to subscribe to alerts. Contact the office if you have any questions.



LUNCH INFORMATION: A school lunch costs \$2.00 and extra milk is 50 cents. The lunch menu will be sent home with students but parents may also view it at our website. A computerized debit system is being utilized in the cafeteria. Students may deposit money in their accounts any day of the week before school. They need to drop their money, in a sealed envelope with name and ID number, in a locked box in the cafeteria. Students may buy extra items from the lunch menu. Parents may block this feature by calling the cafeteria. The food service is willing to help students who have lost or forgotten their lunch money on occasion but lunch charges are for emergencies only. If charging privileges are abused then it will no longer be an option for that student.

ABSENCES: Please call the elementary office at 419-358-7951 between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. to notify us if your child is sick. Notification must be given each day the student is absent. Students who are absent without an excuse are considered unexcused for the day.

WORKBOOK FEES: Workbook fees for the 2010-2011 school year are as follows: Kindergarten-\$28.00, First grade-\$31.00, Second grade-\$25.00, Third grade-\$33.00, Fourth grade-\$25.00, and Fifth grade-\$36.00. You may send one check for all your elementary students. Please note on the memo line your child and grade level. For security reasons, please send the check in a sealed envelope marked “Student Workbook Fees” with the student and teacher name. Please pay your child’s workbook fees by October 15th. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Reading Tutors are needed at all elementary grade levels. If you are interested, please contact Holly Bertka at 419-358-7951.



PARENT/VISITOR REGISTRATION: We invite you to visit your child’s classroom and get acquainted with the school. For the protection of your child, and to comply with state law, all parents and/or visitors must sign in at the office when entering the building. Visitor passes will be given to you to wear while in the building. We appreciate your cooperation with this policy as we attempt to provide a safe environment for all children at school.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES: Please remember that if your child is going home a different way than normal, he/she will be required to have a note from a parent. If your student does not have a note, then he/she will be sent home the normal way. A Bus Request form must be signed in the elementary office if a parent is changing a daily pick up or drop off.



TRANSPORTATION CHANGES BY 2:00 PM: No transportation changes will be made after 2:00 p.m. for that day. Written notes by parent/s must be turned into the office by 9:00 a.m. for same day changes.

October

Friday	1	Kindergarten-Suter’s Cider Press/Corn Maze @ 8:30-10:20 a.m. & 12:30-2:20 p.m.
Friday	1	Midterms go home with students
Monday	4	PTO Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. – Elementary Library
Monday	4	1 st Grade–Operation Band-Aid @ St. Ritas Ottawa (Dunlap & Steinmetz) 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Tuesday	5	Third Grade Reading Ohio Achievement Assessments
Wednesday	6	1 st Grade–Operation Band-Aid @ St. Ritas Ottawa (Gill & Huffman) 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	6	Mrs. Heffner’s class - Teddy Bear Park 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Monday	11	No School – Teacher Inservice
Thursday	14	School Picture Day
Monday	18	CATCH Fitness Program begins (4 th Grade) @ 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Monday	18	Market Day pick up in elementary gym @ 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	19	Third Grade -Allen County Museum/Kewpee @ 8:40 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Mon-Fri	25-29	Red Ribbon Week
Thursday	28	Bluffton trick-or-treat night 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Friday	29	4 th Grade – Imagination Station - Ft. Wayne, IN @ 8:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

November

Monday	1	PTO Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. – Elementary Library
Mon.-Fri.	1-5	Elementary Book Fair
Tuesday	2	Book Fair – Elementary Library 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	2	Election Day
Thursday	4	Third Grade – Floyd Dickman - Bluffton University
Friday	5	End of 1 st grading period
Friday	12	Grade Cards go home with students
Monday	15	Market Day pick up in elementary gym @ 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.
Thursday	19	Picture Retake Day
Monday	22	K-5 Parent Teacher Conf. 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	23	K-5 Parent Teacher Conf. 9:00-4:00 & 5-8 p.m.
Tues.-Wed.	23-24	No School (Elementary & M.S.)
Thurs.-Fri.	25-26	No School – Thanksgiving
Monday	29	Mrs. Heffner’s class - Allen County Museum- Christmas tree festival 12:45-2:30 p.m.