

Hamilton Maineville School

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Panther News



Calendar of Upcoming Events

September

4th No School Labor Day

5th Second Grade Curriculum Night

6th Interims

6th PTO Meeting at Maineville

7th First Grade Curriculum Night

18th Delayed Start for Teacher In-service (10:30 start time)

19th Great American Fundraiser Begins

21st Mad Potter Night Arts and Crafts Night 6:00-7:30

22nd PTO Assembly during school (Jim Basketball Jones)

26th Board of Education Meeting at the High School Library

October

4th PTO Meeting at Maineville

4th Papa John's Night

6th End of First Quarter

9th No School

12th - 20th Book Fair

12th Parent Teacher Conferences

13th Report Cards Go Home

13th PTO Totally Pawsome Family Fun Night

17th Parent Teacher Conferences

20th Fall Pictures - Retakes

24th Board of Education Meeting at the High School Library

30th Delayed Start

31st Halloween Classroom Parties

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

We are off to an awesome start! The students are excited to be here and are ready to learn. We have already begun our Accelerated Reading Program and have announced our first week of charm winners! We have also recognized students for mastering their addition facts! Way to go Maineville Students!

Our teachers are gearing up for Curriculum Nights. Our first and second grade teachers will be sharing their grade level curriculum with you that evening. They will also invite you into the classroom to go over their daily classroom procedures. Second grade Curriculum Night will be on September 5 and First Grade Curriculum Night will be on September 7. Both events are from 6:30 to 7:30. If you haven't returned your RSVP form, please do so as soon as possible. A reservation form is attached to this newsletter if you need one.

Please remember to join our awesome PTO. Our first meeting is Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00. There are many ways to get involved by volunteering at PTO events and in the classroom. We hope to see you there!

Teresa Reynolds
Principal

Please update your student contact information before September 17th.

Registration Gateway

Little Miami uses Registration Gateway to maintain student contact and emergency information.

Using the secure parent portal of Registration Gateway, parents and/or guardians will now be able to update key information regarding their student, including contact and emergency medical information. This will streamline our registration procedure and eliminate the manual entry of this data for quality assurance.

This process takes approximately 15 minutes to do. If you need access to a computer or have any questions, please contact Central Registration at (513) 899-5116 for assistance.

How to Update Your Student's Information

1. Go to: <https://update.littlemiamischools.com>
2. Log-in using your district provided user name and password. In most instances, this is your student's six-digit student identification number for both fields.
3. Complete and/or update all required fields.



School Hours

Maineville Primary
8:45 Car Rider Drop Off
9:00 School Begins
3:30 Car Riders are dismissed
3:40 Bus Riders are dismissed

If your child will be a car rider on a daily or regular basis, please fill out a car rider form. They are available at the school office. Car Riders can be dropped off at the end of the sidewalk on the right side of the building. A staff member will be there to guide the student up the sidewalk. Staff members will be at the front door to greet your student and guide them to their classrooms. If you will be escorting your child to the building, please drop them off at the front door to say your goodbyes.



Lunch Information

Lunch accounts can be paid online through EZPay at www.spseipay.com/LittleMiami

Lunch Prices
Breakfast \$1.35
Lunch \$2.40
Milk \$0.55



Help Us Grow Our Readers

Welcome back to school readers! Now that we are settling into our routines here at school, we hope you are at home as well. One of your nightly routines should be reading! Your student should be reading to you, and don't forget to read to your student as well!

Your student should be bringing home a book, or books, each night that are at a "good fit" level. This means that they should be able to read most of the book on their own, with just a little bit of help from you. Our readers will only grow as readers, if they practice reading on a consistent basis. While students have opportunities to read at school, there are tremendous benefits for students who engage in nightly reading with a parent, guardian, or more advanced reader. Research has shown that children who read each night will become better readers more quickly, become more fluent, become better writers, and have increased oral communication skills than children who do not read consistently.

Lastly, do not skip reading to your child! Children reap huge benefits, such as increased vocabulary and fluency, from listening to fluent readers read more challenging books, which they are not able to read quite yet. Consider having your student read their books during homework time, and then reading aloud to your student before bed. Children are also motivated to become better readers when they are exposed to new and exciting books! We thank you for your partnership in providing consistent time and space for nightly reading!

Lindsey Eckstein
Hamilton Maineville Primary
Academic Coach

20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

282,000 words



50th percentile

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)



Mrs. Carmack's Library News

I am so excited to be the library/media specialist for Grades One and Two, as reading and literacy are my passion! My goal is to inspire a love of reading that will last a lifetime! I truly believe that if a child doesn't like to read, they simply haven't found the right book yet.

We have been very busy in the library learning the routines, procedures, and rules for optimal learning. Ask your child to share our "Hug Your Books" line-up song we sing when leaving the library.

We began the year with many visual props to help the students relate to the types of books in the library (clown nose = funny, joke books; magic wand = fantasy/fiction, and "Al" the alligator hand-puppet to demonstrate non-fiction/animal books).

"Dr. Evil" visited to teach us about what NOT to do with our books (including spilling fruit punch and performing a surgery on a book bought by Mrs. Carmack used for demonstration purposes only), as we delved into proper book care in preparation for library check-out which will begin as soon as we have all of our Type to Learn accounts set-up. Let's encourage our young readers to be responsible by caring for their books and returning them on time.

Another aspect of my job is teaching keyboarding. I will use a program called Type to Learn Cloud.

Why teach keyboarding? Computing is a way of life today. Not only in school or in the workforce, but also as a means for communicating with others, sharing ideas, and expressing thoughts. The keyboard is the primary means of interfacing with a computer. Keyboarding is therefore an essential, 21st Century skill that students must develop in order to use computers effectively and efficiently.

Even very young children are actively involved with using technology and computers on a regular basis. Research shows that keyboarding is and should be taught to students at an earlier age, before bad habits form. This early introduction reduces bad habit development and provides additional benefits that include improvements in spelling, writing, and reading comprehension. Student writing develops faster through word processing because it facilitates the review and revision process. Efficient keyboarding skills allow students to emphasize concept development instead of focusing on key location. Students who become efficient keyboarders "compose better, are prouder of their work, produce documents with a neater appearance, and have better motivation," (Nieman, 1996). Language arts skills are further developed by the lessons and activities in Type to Learn, which reinforce phonics, grammar, vocabulary, proper usage of punctuation, sight words, frequently misspelled words, and other elements of written language. Cross-curricular activity payoffs provide grade-appropriate incidental learning in science, literature, social studies, and other general knowledge topics. Mastering keyboarding involves learning technique (physical positioning and movement), ergonomics (safe and comfortable keyboard interaction), and key location.

With Type to Learn, using the keyboard will become as natural to your students as writing with pen and paper. Its research-based, interactive learning environment will engage all K-12 keyboarding learners.

After your child's Type to Learn accounts have been created, I will be sending home instructions on how to log in to this program at home so they can further advance their skills at home, as well as at school.

I truly believe that reading gives our brains superpowers! I can't wait to watch all our young superheroes grow this year!



Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps teachers and librarians manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at his own level and reads it at his own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer.

Students at Maineville are earning charms for every 5 points they earn. Students earn points by reading books at their level and taking a computerized test about that book. At the end of each week, students who have earned 5 points are recognized for their reading success. Their names are announced over the intercom each week. Charms are in 5 point increments up to 100. After 100, charms are in 25 point increments.

In addition, classrooms earn points for rewards too. We have a school-wide contest each quarter. The class that earns the most points each quarter will get a pizza party! The next time you are at school, check out the Lego Board. Classes are putting up Legos as they earn points. We are truly building better readers!

The student's are very excited about this reading program! Ask your student about Accelerated Reader!

A Note from the Nurse



Dear Parents,

My name is Amy McReynolds, and I am the nurse at Hamilton-Maineville Primary. I am available every day, during school hours, to assist your child with any health needs.

We are off to a Great Start!

As we enter the cold & flu season, it's important to work together to decrease the spread of illness. The following suggestions will help you determine when your child should **not** attend school:

***If your child has a fever of 100 degrees or above the previous evening or that morning. Your child must be fever free (without medication) for 24 hours before returning to school.**

***If your child has experienced vomiting or diarrhea during the night or that morning.**

Prevention is the best intervention!

Please remind your child of the importance of good hand washing, getting enough rest and adequate fluid intake. Feel free to contact me with questions/concerns, or any special healthcare needs that your child may have. I am looking forward to caring for this wonderful group of 1st and 2nd graders!

Amy McReynolds, RN, BSN
513-899-4760 ext. 40428



My name is Brittany Stultz and I am your child's school counselor! School counselors work with all students to help support them with academic development, career exploration and social/emotional development.

There are three main ways that I work with students:

- **Classroom Guidance Lessons:** I spend time with your child's class, teaching them a specific skill or focusing on a certain topic.
- **Small Group Counseling:** I work with students in groups of 6-8 to focus on a common topic/skill. (A small group sign up form was sent home on August 25. If you have any interest in your child joining a small group, please complete the form and return it to school.)
- **Individual Counseling:** One-on-one meetings that are short term to help support them with their needs. Outside referrals are made if further services are needed.

During the last two weeks of August, I went into each first and second grade classroom to introduce myself by reading the book "Mrs. Joyce Gives the Best High Fives" and had a "minute meeting" with each student. During these meetings, I had the wonderful opportunity of meeting each student individually in our school.

Please feel free to contact me at any time during the school year. I look forward to working with you and your child this year!

-Mrs. Stultz

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Hello Parents,

We were happy to meet so many of you at Open House and our coffee meetup. Thank you for stopping by. We also want to give a BIG thank you to everyone who have already joined the PTO and to the volunteers that helped out during the first two weeks of school with morning drop off and lunchtime! We appreciate all of your support!

We would like to invite every Maineville parent to attend our first PTO meeting on Wednesday, September 6th from 7:00-8:00p.m in the cafeteria. This meeting is packed full with information about the school year so mark this meeting down on your calendar. We have several guest speakers including Scott Hill from Hill's after school program and Cindy Marshall, a Little Miami PTO parent. Rustin Tucker from Papa Johns is also stopping by and is bringing pizza for everyone! We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Your PTO board,

Jenny, Elizabeth, Jen, Susan, Liz, and Beverly



Gumball Contest Update-Thank you to everyone participating in our membership drive. You can still earn a gumball for your child's class by joining the PTO or by sending in the bottom portion of your Kroger receipt with your teacher's name written on it showing Hamilton Maineville PTO as your community rewards recipient (organization #84881). There are many classrooms that are very close to reaching their class goal! **Mrs. Walker's 1st grade** and **Mrs. Dicks' 2nd grade** class reached their class goal and will receive the bubblegum charm . Both classes are also in first place for the gumball machine prize board too! Contest ends **September 22, 2017!** You can print off a membership form at www.hmpto.com



September Box Tops Challenge

Help us reach our \$1,500 goal! So far, we have collected \$60 so we need you to send in lots of Box Tops this month! Send in your Box Tops now, either in a baggie or on a Box Top collection sheet. Make sure to write your teacher's name on it for a chance to win a class prize! PTO will be doing several drawings during **National Box Top Week (Sept. 25th-29th)**. The top 1st and 2nd grade class with the most Box Tops **submitted by October 2nd** will receive the top prize!

Jim "Basketball" Jones is coming to Maineville on September 22 for the first assembly of the year!

There's just a few spots left for Drama Kids. Register online at <http://dramakids.com/sharonville-mason-oh/little-miami-schools/>

Need a form to sign up for Hill's after school program or Mad Potter Night?
Print off a form at www.hmpto.com

Contact Info

We have a website!

www.hmpto.com

Email: info@hmpto.com

Facebook: [@HMEParents](https://www.facebook.com/HMEParents)

September Events

9/6 PTO Meeting 7pm & Papa Johns Pizza Night

9/7 Hill's After School Starts 3:45-4:25

9/12 Drama Kids After School Starts 3:45-4:45

9/19 Fall Fundraiser Kicks Off

9/21 Mad Potter Night 6:30-8:00

9/22 Jim Basketball-Jones Student Assembly

Charms are coming this week!



What are Charms? You might be wondering what your child is talking about with getting charms. This week, PTO is giving every student at Hamilton Maineville a necklace with their first charm, a panther paw, to keep at school for the year. The teachers, principal, staff, and PTO give out additional charms to add to the necklaces all year long for various incentives such as reaching academic milestones, modeling good behavior, teamwork, and to mark fun events that the school participates in such as field day and contests. The students wear the necklaces during school and by the end of the year, each student has their own unique collection of charms that they take home to keep. This is a great program that the students and teachers love!



Wednesday, September 6th is Papa Johns Night!

Sit back, relax and let Papa Johns do the cooking for your family! The first Wednesday of every month is Papa Johns night all school year. \$2 of every pizza sold goes to the PTO. Look for the flyer with the pizza promos to come home with your child.

Thank you for participating and supporting the PTO!

Contact Info

We have a website!
www.hmpto.com

Email: info@hmpto.com

Facebook: @HMEParents



Would you like to get more involved in the PTO? We're looking to fill a few more committee positions. Come to our first meeting on Sept. 6th. We'll find a spot for you!

We also have some volunteer opportunities coming up in October. We'll send out an email with the link to sign up.

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The first District Skate Night at Castle Skateland is
Monday, October 9th 2-4pm

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Second Grade Families,

Maineville Primary School invites you to attend Second Grade Curriculum Night on **September 5th from 6:30 to 7:30**. Join us for an informational evening. Come learn about curriculum and expectations for the year.

The first half of the evening will be dedicated to learning more about the current second grade curriculum. The second half of the evening teachers will share specific classroom expectations and address any questions.

Please RSVP by **Monday, August 28th**.

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First Grade Families,

Maineville Primary School invites you to attend First Grade Curriculum Night on **September 7th from 6:30 to 7:30**. Join us for an informational evening. Come learn about curriculum and expectations for the year.

The first half of the evening will be dedicated to learning more about the current first grade curriculum. The second half of the evening teachers will share specific classroom expectations and address any questions.

Please RSVP by **Monday, August 28th**.

Student name: _____ Grade _____

Your name: _____ Teacher: _____

_____ Will be attending

_____ Please indicate how many adults will be attending.

*** We request students not attend. ***

_____ Will not be attending