

September 2010

Ohio Elementary School Newsletter

Construction Updates

Over the summer there have been many improvements being made at Ohio Elementary School.

New windows and brick:

The intermediate wing received a makeover with new windows and brick which can be seen from the outside, I can't wait to see what the school will look like when the remaining areas are completed next summer.

Classrooms:

The intermediate classrooms and the library wing have been redone with new heating systems, paint, and flooring. SmartBoards will be coming soon to these rooms. The primary wing has been abated and will receive its makeover next year.

The third grade classrooms have been relocated for the start of the school year to 136,138,140, & 141. Classroom numbers and teachers are attached.

Hallways:

In the hallways, you will notice that the ceiling panels will not be in place. These will remain open until the summer of 2011. Our students will see what is behind those panels and how everything works.

Entrances:

The Main Entrance remains open to students. During the months of September and October we will not be using the Intermediate entrance on Ohio Road. Students can either enter thru the Main Entrance or thru the Deerfield Road intermediate entrance.

It is a very exciting time at Ohio Elementary and we are glad that you will be sharing in it with us.

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We would like to welcome the new teachers and staff to Ohio Elementary School

Teachers who are joining Ohio:

<i>Mrs. Wass</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>	<i>Room 106</i>
<i>Mrs. Byrne</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>	<i>Room 104</i>
<i>Mrs. DiPasquale</i>	<i>Sixth Grade</i>	<i>Room 125</i>
<i>Mrs. Scully</i>	<i>Reading Specialist</i>	<i>Room TBD</i>
<i>Mrs. Leith</i>	<i>Speech Therapist</i>	<i>Room 129B</i>
<i>Ms. Litz</i>	<i>Special Education</i>	<i>Room 129A</i>

Classroom Aides who are joining Ohio:

Attention Families: Expectations for this year!

This year we will continue to focus on the development of respect and responsibility among the members of our school community. We know that these are important character traits that are critical to our success, as students and as adults. I encourage our students to begin thinking and talking about how we can model these traits in our daily lives!

B.A.S.E. (Before and After School Enrichment)

The BASE program is offered at Ohio Elementary School from 7:00 to 8:50 a.m. and from dismissal until 6:00 p.m. Applications are available in the school office.

Children who are registered for BASE must bring a note to school, stating which days they will be attending. If there is a change in days, or your child is not attending BASE on a particular day, a note must be sent to school to advise of us any changes. If we do not receive a note, we will assume your child should report to the BASE program each day. For more information, please call the BASE office at 807-3784. BASE services begin on the first day of school!

The BASE program in the North Tonawanda City Schools is governed by New York State regulations. As such, each site is audited a number of times throughout the year. Our regulations clearly state that all participants must be registered with the program in order to attend. Therefore, we are not able to accommodate any child who is not enrolled by application and registration for attendance at BASE. This includes students who miss the bus and/or late parent pick-ups.

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Open House

Open House for Ohio Elementary School will take place on Wednesday, September 22nd, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Open house presents a great opportunity for you to get to know your child's teacher, visit the classroom, and come to understand both the curriculum and expectations that will become a part of your lives for the coming year. During this event, Fall Parent-Teacher conferences will be scheduled to discuss your child's academic progress.

Additionally, O.H.I.O will be sponsoring a **pizza sale** starting at 5:30 p.m. *(Plan on joining us for dinner and an exciting evening!)*

School Pictures: Student pictures will be taken on Friday, October 8th. Information will be sent home with students describing the variety of package options available.
Mark this date on your calendar!

SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION

The North Tonawanda Police Department has informed the school district that we will no longer be receiving written notification of level 2 and 3 sex offenders through the mail as we have in the past. The Niagara County Sheriff's Department created a web site listing all the level 2 and 3 sex offenders in their jurisdiction and the NT Police Department has teamed up with them. Level 2 and 3 sex offenders residing in North Tonawanda are now on that web site.

Additionally, the web site will allow users to sign up for a notification service that will automatically notify you via e-mail every time a level 2 or 3 sex offender moves into or from place to place within Niagara County.

The Niagara County Sheriff's Department web site is www.ncsd.com/SOR/. Please also remember that the New York State web site is www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us/sor/. The state web site allows you to search by name, county, or zip code throughout New York. The state's toll free number is 1-800-262-3257.

The District will continue with notifications using the District newsletter and District web site www.ntcityschools.wnyric.org.

Global Connect Program

The North Tonawanda City School District has recently implemented the Global Connect program within our district. This program is designed to enable us to complete "mass" phone calling under emergency conditions or to share district-wide information with parents. This venue for communication proved critical during recent district events and our efforts to succeed in timely communication with all parents.

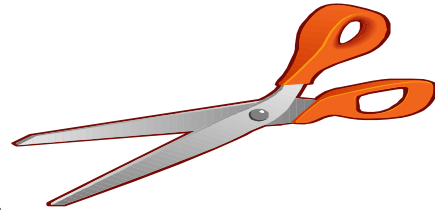
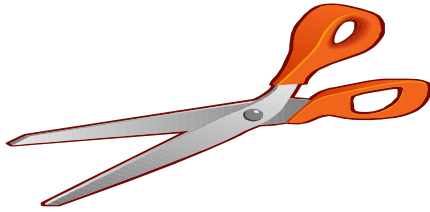
In order for this program to work most effectively, we ask you to maintain current contact information with us. If any of your contact information changes, please be certain to complete and submit your emergency contact form to Ohio's main office. We will then forward the information to our district offices so that the Global Connect system can be well maintained.

It is important that you keep us informed of any changes in your contact information throughout the year...so that we can better keep you informed!

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Attention Families: Has your contact information changed?

Please notify the school immediately if there is ever a change in your contact information – including cell, home, or work telephone numbers and/or your home address. For your convenience, if there has been a change, you may fill out the bottom portion of this sheet and submit to your child’s teacher. Thank you!



Emergency Contact Information

Attention Ohio Elementary School - Please note these changes in our contact information:

Student Name(s) and Grade levels _____

Our new home phone number _____

Our new cell number: _____

Our new address: _____

Additional persons with permission to pick my child(ren) up from school:

Other contact information changes: (i.e.: Grandparent phone number changes if they are listed as emergency con-
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Parent Signature

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