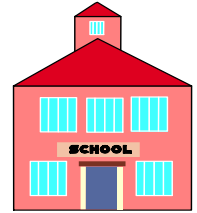


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## **BOWLING / PIZZA PARTY WINNERS**

One of the prizes offered to students during the PTO magazine sale was the opportunity to win an "afternoon of bowling and pizza". Congratulations to the following students for reaching this level: Grace Engel, Emma McKibben, Jarod Noble, Justin Rhoads, Brady Hodson, Jessica Dickey, Haden Karshner, Bryce Pugh, Jacob Smith, Cord Ebert, Madelyn Young, Jayna Dayal, Thane Forup, Evan Huffman, Madalynn Karshner, Rachel Noble, Morgan Tomlinson, Felicity Taylor, Shelby Ward, Maria McKibben, Colin Clark, Jenna Pugh, Andrew Wood, Hazi Barnes, Austin Gatwood, Aaron Kness, Jeff Clydesdale, McKenzie Jones, Annie Karshner, Calla Ebert, Alicen Davis, and Jill Congrove. This will be scheduled sometime in January. The students will be pictured on the school website under "Student Achievement"

### **Upcoming Events:**

- ✓ Dec. 21—Jan. 1  
Christmas /New Year's  
Break—No School
- ✓ Jan. 4 School Resumes
- ✓ Jan. 15 Waiver Day- No  
School
- ✓ Jan. 18 Martin Luther King  
Day - No School
- ✓ Jan. 22 End of 2nd Nine  
Weeks
- ✓ Jan. 29 Grade Cards Sent  
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**PLEASE NOTE: NO ONE HOUR DELAYED START IN JANUARY**

### **MOVIE SPONSORED BY PICKAWAY PTO**

**The Pickaway PTO will be sponsoring the movie "Alvin and the Chipmunks 2: The Squeakquel" on Monday, December 28 at 1PM. The activity will be at the Movie House on Pickney Street. Cost will be \$5 and includes admission, drink, and popcorn.**

### **WINTER WEATHER**

A reminder to parents that all students go outside at least twenty minutes each day throughout the winter months. Exceptions are made only when it is raining, the "wind chill" is below 15 degrees, or ground conditions make it unsafe for students to be outside. Please make sure that your child has plenty of warm clothing for outside recess each day, including a warm coat, hat that covers the ears, and gloves / mittens. Twenty minutes can seem like an eternity if you don't have enough warm clothes.



### **RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES**

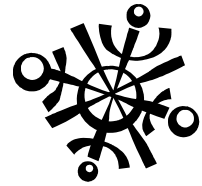
Pickaway Elementary is asking for your support and participation in our fundraising/recycling program. It is estimated that over 1,000,000 empty ink-jet cartridges end up in our landfills every single day. The plastic used in a typical cartridge is industrial-grade and takes at least 10 centuries to decompose. The money that can be raised from these wasted materials is in the millions and could generate funds for materials and programs to help improve the quality of education. If you use an inkjet printer at home or at work, please remember to place your empty inkjet cartridge in a zip lock bag to be turned in at school. Pickaway Elementary receives an average of \$1.50 per cartridge. Please encourage family, friends and neighbors to participate in the Pickaway Elementary school recycling program.

*"Together we can make a difference"*

**Pickaway Elementary Mission Statement: Nurture Excellence In All Students**

## Attendance Reminder

By Board of Education policy, students missing more than 10 days of school are required to have a doctor's excuse upon their return to school after **each absence**. Schools are required to report student attendance to the State of Ohio and this is a portion of information used to determine effective schools.



Students are not to enter the building before 8:40AM unless they have permission from a staff member. This is due to unavailable adult supervision. Students will be counted tardy from 8:45AM until 9:45AM. After 9:45AM, a student is recorded as 1/2 day absent. Students who are signed out before 2:15PM are recorded as 1/2 day absent. Any absence over three hours will be counted as a full day absent. When a student is absent, parents are asked to notify the office by telephone or note. Upon their return to school, the child should bring the excuse form provided by the school or a note explaining the reason for the absence. **A phone call is not a substitute for a note.** A note citing the reason for the absence must be sent to school when the student returns.

If your student arrives late or leaves early, parents/guardians must sign them "in or out" in the main office. We are accountable for all students and need to know where they are during the school day.

**If your student is tardy to school, parents/guardians must escort the student(s) to the office and sign them in. Please do not just drop them off and leave if it is after 8:45AM.**

## Reminder to Parents

School starts at 8:45AM and ends at 3:15 PM. Supervision is not available prior to 8:45AM or after 3:15 PM. Do not drop students off at school prior to 8:45 AM.



Normal dismissal time is 3:15 PM. If your child is not to ride a bus home, please write a note to the teacher. If your child needs to ride a different bus, please write a note detailing the reason and the intended destination. Please include the bus number or the bus driver's name if you would happen to know it. Students will not be permitted to ride a different bus without a note from the legal parent/guardian. Also, if parents are picking up their students who normally ride a bus, a note is necessary. Occasionally students tell us that their parents are picking them up. Without a note, these students will be put on the bus as usual.

Parents who arrive prior to 3:15 PM must come to the office first. Mrs. Davis will then call for your student(s). Do not go to your child's classroom. Teachers have been instructed not to release a student without authorization from the office.

If you arrive prior to 3:15 PM just to pick up your student from school, please come to the office first to let Mrs. Davis know. Please note instruction is still taking place until 3:15PM. Parents are then asked to report to the auditorium to wait until dismissal time. Please do not wait outside your child's classroom or on the landing outside the office. Thank you for your help.

### YEARBOOK SALES

Pickaway Elementary will once again have a separate yearbook sale. Instead of including the price of the book in the picture package, you will have an opportunity to purchase yearbooks separately for \$11. Look for information after the Christmas break. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school.



### PICKAWAY ELEMENTARY DAYTIME TRAFFIC PATTERN



Have you noticed the signs at the back of the building during the school day? During the hours of 9:00 AM— 3:00 PM vehicles will not be permitted to travel behind the building. School busses will still be permitted however. This is a safety precaution to protect students on the playground. Thank you

### FOLLOW PICKAWAY ELEMENTARY ON TWITTER

Want to receive notice of upcoming events? Want to know when school is on a delay, closed, or being dismissed early? Sign up to follow Pickaway Elementary on Twitter at:

<http://twitter.com/Pickawayelem>