

Paul L. Dunbar School



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Message from Principal Sofia Piperis

Upcoming Events

- March 1st** Attendance Dance Party
- March 6th** Monthly Student Celebration for Positive Behavior
- March 7th** Student of the Month Celebration- 10:45 AM
PAC Meeting 4:15 PM
Nacho Day
Picture Day
*Yearbook Orders are due on this date.
- March 13th** Thunder vs. Warrior
- March 14th** Mighty vs. Extreme
- March 15th** NO SCHOOL for students
Staff Professional Development Day
- March 20th** Parent Teacher Conference Day
12:30pm -7:00pm
NO SCHOOL for students
- March 21th** 3rd Quarter Awards Assembly
- March 22th** Quarterly House Team Field Trip
- March 25th - 29th** Spring Break
- April 1** School Resumes

Dear Parents and Families,

As we are in the process of ending third quarter, we are now beginning to enter testing season. We will be administering the NWEA test during the weeks of March 1st -22nd. You play an important role in the academic success of your children. We have been preparing and reinforcing skills for students to demonstrate learning. We don't want your children to be tired and anxious during testing; therefore there are many ways you can help your child put his/her best foot forward. The following are tips that will help set our students up for success:

Weeks before Testing:

During the weeks leading up to the test, begin to talk with your child about doing his or her best. You know your child better than anyone. Emphasize the importance of the test, but remember to build confidence, not anxiety.

The night before the test:

- Make sure your child goes to bed on time so he or she is well-rested.
- Keep your routine as normal as possible. Upsetting natural routines may make children feel insecure.
- Be positive and confident in the fact that you know your child will do his/her best.
- Plan ahead to avoid conflicts on the morning of the test.

The morning of the test:

- Get up a few minutes early to avoid rushing and make sure your child arrives at school on time.
- Have your child eat a nutritious breakfast. There is a strong correlation between eating breakfast and memory and cognitive functioning.
- Be positive and communicate that this is your child's chance to show what he/she knows. The most important thing you can do right before the test is to build confidence about doing his/her very best.

After the test:

- Talk to your child about his/her feelings about the test.
- Discuss what was easy and hard; discuss what your child learned from the test.
- Explain that performance on a test does not define him or her as a person. It is just one opportunity to demonstrate learning.

**Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education.
Together we can make a difference!**



Attendance Matters at Paul Dunbar

We continue to work hard on our year round attendance campaign because we want our scholars to come to school every day. We offer our students support and incentives to help them make it to school. It is essential that your child continue coming to school, as we will be testing during the entire month of March. In addition, we have many activities, such as our Dragon competitions, attendance parties, and our Dragon Depot school store, among others that your scholars enjoy being a part of and do not want to miss. We thank you and ask you to continue doing everything possible to help our scholars get to school.

Dragon Team Quarterly Fieldtrip

As part of our positive behavior intervention and supports, one of our Dunbar Dragon teams gets the opportunity to go on a fun filled field trip at the end of each quarter. The winning team for the third quarter, which will be announced on March 11th, will get to go bowling at Fairview Lanes on Friday, March 22, and enjoy a “Moon Rock” bowling party with music and lights. Bowling, shoe rental, and lunch will be provided by the school. Students must wear socks. Fairview lanes has a concession stand and vending machines where students may purchase goodies. Good luck to all Dunbar Dragon teams!!!



February Highlights Say Yes to Family

Our Say Yes to Education/Say Yes to Game Night this past February was a success. Very important information about what Cleveland becoming a Say Yes to Education city means and our scholars being able to attend college for free was shared with our families. For more details about this initiative, visit sayyescleveland.org.

Paul Dunbar staff and students, along with their families were able to play a variety of board games while enjoying pizza. Thanks to all who attended!



Celebrate KINDNESS WEEK at Paul Dunbar March 18th -22nd

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>School-wide orange shirt for anti-bullying.</p> <p>All students will be permitted to wear orange today.</p> <p>Kindness Table at lunch where students will write messages of kindness.</p>	<p>Kindness Candy Gram Day</p> <p>Our school community will spread the message of kindness by sharing candy grams.</p> <p>Candy grams will be sold for \$1 during lunch. All proceeds will go to student activities</p>	<p>Kid President Day</p> <p>All students will be permitted to wear suits and look presidential.</p>	<p>Do the "Right Thing" Day</p> <p>Scholars will all receive bracelets and place them on their left arm.</p> <p>Scholars will move the bracelet to their right arm for doing the "right" thing.</p>

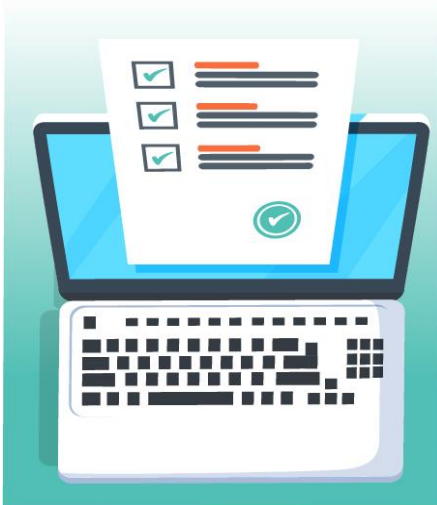
Give us feedback on our engagement policy

CMSD is seeking feedback on a proposed update to the District’s parent and family engagement policy.

To receive federal Title I funds, school districts must develop and periodically update such policies. Title I funds assist educational agencies that serve large numbers of disadvantaged students.

The district also must solicit feedback on the policies from parents and family members of students who participate in activities funded by Title I.

To review the policy and provide feedback, go to ClevelandMetroSchools.org/Page/13089



Parent-teacher conferences set for March

Mark your calendars for parent-teacher conferences that will be held in March.

PreK-8 schools will hold conferences from 12:30-7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21. There will be no classes for PreK-8 students that day.

High schools will hold conferences from 12:30-7 p.m. on Thursday, March 22. There will be no classes for high school students on that date.

The state law that cleared the way for *The Cleveland Plan*, a blueprint for education reform in the city, requires that parents or caregivers have at least one meaningful conference with their children’s teachers each year.



Last school year, more than 90 percent of CMSD parents and caregivers met with a teacher.



FACE offers free classes for parents

The CMSD Family and Community Engagement Department is offering a series of free classes for parents and caregivers of children who attend CMSD or District-sponsored charter schools.

Course titles include “Raising Highly Capable Kids,” “Helping Your Child to be Bully-Free: Anti-Bullying Program,” “Link Education Parent Book Club” and “Getting Our Babies to College 101.”

The classes are held monthly or weekly. Times and locations vary. For more information or to register, visit ClevelandMetroSchools.org/Page/13054.

ClevelandMetroSchools.org/FACE

App allows anonymous security reports

CMSD students and others can use an app to report bullying and other concerns to school security without giving their names.

Students, parents, staff and community members who download the Anonymous Alerts app can send reports, attach photos and videos and have encrypted one- or two-way communication with District security. They do not have to reveal their identities unless they choose to do so.

The app creates a record that allows security to identify trouble spots and documents whether concerns have been resolved.

Chief Lester Fultz said kids who are reluctant to confide in adults might feel more comfortable reporting from behind the confidentiality the software provides.

“We know they are telling someone,” he said. “This allows them to tell us.”

Anonymous Alerts, launched five years ago, is used by 5,000 schools across the country, according to the company’s website. Customers include the Newtown, Ct., schools, where tragedy struck Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012.

The website promotes the app as a way for students and adults to make school officials aware of concerns such as bullying, student depression, drug and alcohol issues and family problems. Fultz said problems that occur in neighborhoods or homes will be referred to the appropriate agencies.

While reports can help security head off problems, urgent calls should still go to 9-1-1.

Students and others can download the app through the Apple, Google Play or Chrome stores. To use the app, they will enter clevelandmetro as both the login name and password.

Reports also can be filed on the District website by going to anonymoualerts.com/clevelandmetro

REPORT STUDENT CONCERNS QUICKLY
ALL REPORTS WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS

- report bullying or cyberbullying
- help your friends
- report depression
- be proactive
- report weapons in school
- report drug or alcohol use
- report suspicious behavior

Monitor your child’s bus travel online

Parents and caregivers who sign up for CMSD’s Bus Tracker system will be able to tell whether their child’s bus is on time and how far the bus is from its destination.



Registered users will be able to monitor CMSD yellow buses – the service does not apply to vans or RTA buses – at clevelandmetroschools.org/buslink.

To register, go to clevelandmetroschools.org/buslinkregister. Have the child’s student identification number ready.

A user’s guide is available at clevelandmetroschools.org/bustracker.

School Name

- Address
- Principal Name
- Contact Phone Number
- Principal email address

