



Artemus Ward

Every Scholar, Every Moment, Every Day: Attend, Believe, Achieve!

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Upcoming Events

- 8/14 **First Day of School!**
- 8/17 **Pre-K Parent Meetings**
First full day of Kindergarten
- 8/24 **Garden Project Meeting**
4-5pm
- 9/13 **PAC Meeting 9:15-10:15**
Open House 6-8 pm



Message from Principal Myslenski

Greetings Families and Caregivers!!!

Welcome to the 2017/18 school year. Artemus Ward is fast on the track to becoming a school of excellence. I am proud to say we have seen significant gains in reading this past school year and we are positioned to continue this progress in the upcoming. There are many great things happening at our school and I am excited to share them with you in the upcoming weeks.

One of our top priorities this past year and moving forward is to improve our lines of communications with you, as a way to engage and include you in the education process. This summer we have been working hard to develop our webpage as our main line of communication. Please visit www.clevelandmetroschools.org/ward to access the parent pages and our up to date calendar. This year our Parent Advisory Committee will be meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:15am in the media center. I strongly encourage you to attend these meetings as we work together to ensure that our scholars become the best they can be. As always I thank you for entrusting us with the care of your children. I am honored to lead Artemus Ward as we move forward to becoming a school of excellence, and I look forward to working with you in the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

Did you know?

Artemus Ward is a nationally-recognized Healthy School. We believe that healthy bodies help develop healthy minds! (see page 2 for details)



Stay Connected to Artemus Ward!

We are excited to roll out our enhanced school website as a resource to find the tools you'll need for a successful year @ www.clevelandmetroschools.org/ward!

As school and home become more connected through technology, we are proud to announce our improved website for the 2017-18 year. Designed with parents and students in mind, we hope that the Artemus Ward homepage serves as a user-friendly way to enhance your child's learning.

Technology Links

The most exciting updates to our website involve direct links to our two main academic support programs: **MobyMax** and **Study Island**. These programs allow your child to supplement what they are learning in the classroom with electronic lessons and assessments that provide extra support for

greater achievement. We will be working with families early in the year to get you and your child signed up and ready to go!

Also on our website:

Families can find useful information on:

- School calendar
- Dress code
- Supply lists
- Bell schedule
- PAC updates.

Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child.

Healthy School=Healthy Kids.

We have made a commitment to lead Artemus Ward as a Healthy School. That means we will promote a culture that supports healthy habits inside and outside the classroom.

As part of this program, we are encouraging families to work with your children in choosing **healthy snacks and drinks** to bring to school. For the 2017-18 school year, we are adopting a policy that prohibits bringing bottles larger than 1 liter to school. Glass bottles will also be prohibited.



If you have questions about healthy options for food and drink to send to school, we would love for you to ask us! You can also find useful info at www.healthiergeneration.org

2017-18 Parent Goals

Connecting School and Home for Higher Achievement

2017-18 Academic Focus

- **Sight Words (via MobyMax)**
 - Dolch Sight Words Checklist
- **Math Facts (via MobyMax)**
 - Grades K-1 Addition
 - Grades 1-2 Subtraction
 - Grade 3 Multiplication
 - Grade 4 Division

2017-18 Cultural Focus

- **S.O.A.R. (Scholarly, Organized, Accountable, Respectful)**

Dear Artemus Ward Families,
Our students excel most when they have support at home for their academic goals.

This year, our goal is **100% mastery of sight words** and **100% mastery of foundational math skills**.

The best way to ensure your child is meeting their goals is to **register at MobyMax** and **track their progress** frequently. If you need help, please contact Ms. Chiariello at (216) 838-6200.



From our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will represent the voice of our Artemus Ward parents/ caregivers and scholars. We are a resource for our school's initiative to build and maintain family-school partnerships in alignment with *The Cleveland Plan*.

ROLE OF THE PAC

- Provide input into development of educational priorities
- Promote parent and community participation in the schools
- Provide volunteers and fund-raising activities to enhance the school experience for student
- Identify concerns of students, parents, and community members and assist in developing solutions.

State superintendent applauds Cleveland Plan progress

Ohio's state schools Superintendent Paulo DeMaria calls himself a "cheerleader" for CMSD.

DeMaria, whose role in the Ohio Department of Education is to support the state's 3,600 public schools and more than 1.6 million students, visited the City Club of Cleveland on July 14 to lay out some of the successes and challenges in Ohio's educational system. In Cleveland, he said, things are looking up.

"There's so much energy around education and supporting the children of Cleveland," DeMaria said to a packed audience. "The partnerships you have are so powerful, and the collaboration is so inspiring. You're setting a great example for all of us."

DeMaria said he had visited at least three CMSD schools -- most recently, Ginn Academy.

DeMaria called the District a national leader in social and emotional learning, efforts to teach children how to manage their emotions and build healthy relationships. CMSD has been recognized as a trailblazer in that area by the prestigious Aspen Institute's National Commission on Social, Emotional and Academic Development, which visited in May to study CMSD's SEL practices.

"My first exposure to effective practices in social and emotional learning was right here in Cleveland," DeMaria said.

"The more I see what you're doing, the more impressed I am."

The state superintendent commended CMSD's practice of surveying students about whether they feel safe, supported, respected and challenged in their schools. These surveys, called conditions for learning surveys, are administered twice each year and help administrators make informed decisions about school climate and culture.

In the area of academics, DeMaria said he was impressed with CMSD's variety of high school choices that give students the opportunity to gain skills that prepare them for college and careers. He singled out opening of the Lincoln-West School of Science and Health, which has its own wing of classrooms and labs at MetroHealth hospital, as an excellent way for students to explore jobs in the hospital and healthcare industries.

DeMaria's support for CMSD comes from his familiarity with *The Cleveland Plan* for school reform and his past experiences working with CEO Eric Gordon.

"I attribute to Eric's leadership my understanding of the idea that we need to focus on ensuring every school is an excellent school," he said.

DeMaria also listed some indicators of the District's improvements since *The Cleveland Plan* was set in motion in 2012, including reduced chronic absenteeism,

fewer graduates who need math or English remediation in college and improved National Assessment of Educational Progress test scores.

DeMaria said community support and collaboration is what seems to be making *The Cleveland Plan* work.

"The most promising thing is it brought together a lot of different people," he said. "So many times, somebody comes up with a plan, but it's in isolation. The fact that the community embraced it and now partially owns the implementation of it -- that's its greatest strength."

Lastly, he expressed excitement about the possibility of CMSD becoming a chapter of Say Yes to Education, a national nonprofit that works with communities to prepare their students for college and careers and help them cover shortfalls in tuition costs. The District is in the midst of the screening process as Cleveland seeks to become the site of the fourth chapter.

"It's a testament to what you've already accomplished and your continued vision and passion for what education in Cleveland can become," DeMaria said.



Community Partners Spotlight: Artemus Ward Garden Project

We are proud to be working with our valued community partners—the Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation, Whole Vision LLC, and Blessed Trinity Catholic Parish to develop our own Community Garden. The benefits of a garden include

- Social & Emotional Skills
- Teambuilding
- Community Solidarity
- Fun!

Stay tuned for updates and opportunities to get involved in this amazing project!

Monitor your child's bus travel online

Parents and caregivers who sign up for CMSD's new 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

