



THE DRAGON'S VOICE

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023



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DILIGENCE
RESPONSIBILITY
ATTITUDE
GRIT
OPEN-MINDEDNESS
NO OPPORTUNITY
WASTED

Welcome to the 2023-24 School Year

Welcome back students, staff, and parents to the start of another year full of potential. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer! Where did the summer go? We look forward to seeing our new and returning students, as well as our new and returning educators.

Arrival and Dismissal Times

Arrival: Doors open for breakfast at 9:15am

Dismissal: Scholars will be dismissed at 4:05pm



- 8/21/2023 – First Day of School for 1st-8th grades
- 8/25/2023 – First Day of School for Kindergarten



- Attendance Awareness Month...9/1- 9/30
- Open House/Early Dismissal...9/14/2023
- Fathers' Walk...9/21/2023

Important Upcoming Dates



August 21: First Day of School for 1st-8th graders

August 25th: First Day of School for Kindergarten

September 4th: NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Holiday

September 14th: Open House - Early Dismissal for students 12:55pm

September 21st: Fathers' Walk

Get 2 School! You can make it

September is National Attendance Awareness Month

We will be tracking attendance for the month of September. The top 3 homerooms with the highest attendance for the month of September will be treated with a reward in October!



Open House

Thursday, September 14th 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Early Dismissal at 12:55pm

Come meet your child's teachers and find out what Dunbar Has to offer this school year!

**Encore Clubs! Say Yes Cleveland! Horizon afterschool program!*

Bake Sale

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Father's Walk

Thursday, September 21st 8:45am

Join us outside in the front of the school to celebrate fathers, father figures, and male role models.

**Bring your child to school, take a photo!*

**Get a goodie bag with activities!*



Meet The New Dragons

Let's all give a roaring welcome to our new staff members, and staff returning in new roles!

New Staff:

Megan Masuga - 1st Gr. Teacher

Luke Wagner - 6th-8th MD/AUT

Whitney Dodson - Planning Center

New Staff Roles:

Missy Zawadzki - ELL Teacher

Erica Mullins - 3rd-5th MD/AUT

Cassandra Simon - 2nd Gr. Teacher

Constance Stevens - Cross Categorical Intervention Specialist

Water Bottles

Families, please remember to send a water bottle to school with your student(s) each day, to use to get water from one of our dispensers.



**If you can dream it,
you can do it.**

Walt Disney



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Technology Update

Attention Paul L. Dunbar families: CMSD provides a digital device for every district student. The device is district property and students should follow the guidelines and CMSD Acceptable Use and Internet Safety policy for students. Please send ALL broken and damaged devices back to school, regardless of the condition.

WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ISSUE A NEW DEVICE UNTIL THE OLD ONE IS RETURNED

Student Device Replacement Guidelines:

- First Incident: A second device will be provided by the district without requiring a fee.
- Second Incident: the district will require the student and guardian to attend a device care webinar or pay a \$50 fee for the device.
- Third Incident: the District will require intervention for a fourth device replacement from a School Support Team.

**Exception: If a device is damaged, and it is determined by the school building administration that the device was intentionally damaged, the student will be responsible for the full cost of the device.*

Please see the "Family Digital Device Guidelines" bulletin for more information!

DRESS CODE EXPECTATIONS

Please make sure to read over the "Educationally Appropriate Dress and Appearance/Dress Expectations" bulletin for information on the dress code policy, and you can find it on the CMSD website.

<https://www.clevelandmetroschools.org/Page/54>

DON'T FORGET to keep your Emergency Contact information updated!

Please update your emergency contact information. A form was sent home with your child to update your emergency contact information to ensure we have the most accurate phone numbers and email address on file in our system. If you do not have the form but need to make an update, please call the office to do so. Thank you for your attention to this request and for helping us to guarantee we can reach families whenever necessary.

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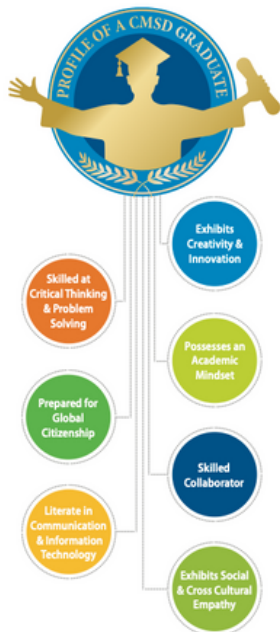


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WORK, STUDY, SERVE, LEAD!

Profile of a Graduate

PROFILE OF A
CMSD GRADUATE



This year, as a part of our school's Academic Achievement Plan, we have chosen the two focus areas of: **Academic Mindset**

and **Critical Thinking and Problem Solving**

These are words that your student is hearing in school daily. You can also use them at home as you speak to them about their academics!

Students Should:

- Be prepared and on time with assignments
- Have a growth mindset
- Learn from your mistakes
- Seek academic challenges
- Set and monitor goals
- Give and receive feedback



Stay Connected!

Please make sure you are using the LiveSchool app to stay up to date with student behavior. Also, log into Schoology to follow assignment completion. Don't forget to use the free educational applications in Clever, such as Waterford Reading for K-3, Think Central SSO Login for 4-8 Science, IXL for 6-8 Math, Study Island, Edmentum, and Seesaw. If you need help with technology or logging in please contact Ms. Sunny (Ms. Sanisha Grigsby) by calling the school or by email at sanisha.grigsby@clevelandmetroschools.org.



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Resource for Families!

CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

FREE TUTORING

Live, online tutoring is now available to all CMSD students in grades K-12:

- Reading & English Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies

Grades K-12	Grades 6-12
Monday - Thursday 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm Provided by CMSD teachers	Tutoring for grades 6-12 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

To schedule your free live online tutoring session, go to ClevelandMetroSchools.org/Tutor