

# Charles Dickens PreK-8

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Act Responsibly.  
Work Hard.  
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## Principal's Pen April 2024



Charles Dickens Families,

How is it already April? The school year has been flying by. We have completed the third quarter and we are in the home stretch. Encourage your scholars to continue working and finish out the year strong!

March is also our time to prepare students for the high stakes testing that will take place from April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 through May, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. As we approach this time of year, we ask that you work with your scholar at home to help prepare them for success. Here are a few ideas to try at home that will help your scholar prepare:

- Schedule time to practice and prepare daily.
- Review math facts.
- Encourage reading, ask your scholar about what they read.
- Encourage students to spend time on IXL or Lexia at home.

As we begin the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, take time to emphasize the importance of giving your best effort in everything you do with your Scholar(s).

- Continue to place a focus on your scholar(s) attendance and grades.
  - Be aware of the following important dates:
    - March PAWS Incentive April 5<sup>th</sup>
    - March Student of the Month- April
    - April Incentive- Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.
    - April Student of the Month- Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024
    - Ohio State Testing- April 8<sup>th</sup> -May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024
    - Third Quarter Awards Assembly, Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024
    - No School PreK and K on April 19, 2024 due to teacher in-service
    - Parent Teacher Conferences- 1:00pm Early Release April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Parent Teacher Conferences April 24, 2024 1:40-6:05pm

### Upcoming Events

**School Resumes**  
**April 1st, 2024**

**Solar Eclipse**  
**No School**  
**April 8th, 2024**

**OST Testing- April 8th- April 30th,**  
**2024**

**April 19th, 2024**  
**PreK and K**  
**No School**

**April 24th, 2024**  
**Early Release 1:00pm**  
**Parent Conferences**  
**1:40pm-6:05pm**

**May 3rd, 2024**  
**PAWS incentive**

**May 10, 2024**  
**April Student of the Month**

## OST Assessments

Charles Dickens Scholars OST Testing will be taking place April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024- May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. During this time our scholars in grades 3-8 will be being assessed in reading and math. Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade scholars will also take a science assessment. Reference the monthly calendar to ensure you are aware of the dates your scholars are testing.

## No School April 8<sup>th</sup> Solar Eclipse

Charles Dickens and all CMSD facilities will be Closed Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, due to the solar eclipse. We encourage our students and staff alike to take part in eclipse activities. It is important that we do not look directly at the eclipse with our naked eyes or with sunglasses. The light emitted can cause permanent damage to our eyes. Make sure that you use appropriate viewing lenses to view this event. Be cautious of taking photographs of the eclipse as well using a cell phone as this can permanently damage your camera.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/article/best-places-to-see-the-solar-eclipse-in-2024>

## CMSD Family Engagement Link

Our district has created a family engagement page with useful tools and resources available. Use the address below to view the districts family engagement website.

<https://linktr.ee/CMSD.FamilyEngagement>

## Charles Dickens Awards Assembly

Third quarter report cards will be sent home Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Encourage students to put forth extra efforts in their studies to finish up the quarter strong. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly will take place on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. During this assembly we will recognize students for the academic achievement as well as for PAWS.

## PAWS Incentive

We will hold our April PAWS Incentive on Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Five students in each grade will be chosen and will attend a fun at school activity.

## April Student of the Month Breakfast

We will celebrate our Students of the Month for February on Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Parents of our Students of the Month will be notified by Mr. Gurski on Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> and invited to attend a breakfast celebrating our scholars.



Mrs. Smith-Foster, Principal  
Mr. Rick Gurski, Assistant Principal  
Ms. Robin Lewis, Secretary