

# DOWDS SCHOOL

## BACK TO SCHOOL 2010-11 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the 2010-11 Dowds School year! We are off to a great start for a wonderful year ahead. Dowds Elementary received an "Excellent" rating on the 2009-2010 State Report Card. Congratulations to our students, staff, and families for all of their hard work. Our students met all of the indicators and we challenge this year's students to surpass those benchmarks. Together, we must continue to raise the bar to ensure that every child achieves proficiency and is prepared to be a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner.

Dowds Elementary will begin the school year with three new faces. We would like to welcome Breanne Mathias as our new music teacher, Jami Thompson will be teaching third grade, and Lindsey Grove will be teaching second grade. We have been very fortunate to find some excellent teachers to fill these positions. Together, we are committed to making this year filled with positive learning experiences for our Dowds students!

Our PTO kicks off their annual Fall Fundraiser drive on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. This fundraiser provides many of the extras like field trips, family events, field day etc. We need everyone to help support this. Once again, every student that sells at least 10 items will have a chance to ride the Hummer limo and have lunch with the principal!!! Last year 100 students sold ten or more items and went on a limo/lunch ride!!! The goal for this year is to have 150 students to sell ten or more items!!!

Finally, I want to extend an invitation to our families to join us at our annual open house on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Starting at 5:30 p.m. we will have a cookout and then from 6:00-7:00 p.m. you will have a chance to visit your child's classroom. Kindergarten Orientation will be on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., and fourth grade will have a special open house on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

See you soon,  
Mr. Walker

### Open House Schedule:

August 18 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 Cookout	6:00-7:00 Open House	Grades 1-3
August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00-7:00 Special	Open House	Grade 4
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:00-7:00 Kindergarten	Orientation	

**PTO Fundraiser Kickoff**  
**September 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 2:00**

### *School Fees*

Grades K-4      \$30.00

Fees can be paid on  
August 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-7:00

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**DOWDS PTO MEETING**

**September 14th at 6:30 in the  
music/art room**

Childcare provided

## **News from the cafeteria!**

Breakfast: \$1.25  
(reduced \$.30)

Lunch: \$2.50  
(reduced \$.40)

Milk: \$.50

Prepay is highly encouraged

## **Attendance**

Parents must call the school office at (419) 342-4641 to report an absence. If a phone call is not received the student should return to school with a written note concerning the absence.

Breakfast 8:30-8:45

Tardy Bell: 8:45

Dismissal 3:15 (please do not pick your child up early unless they have an appointment or family emergency)

## **We need your help!!!!**

The old saying it takes a village to raise a child seems to be more prevalent than ever. With both parents having to work and ever changing schedules it seems we have to rely on a relative, grandparent, neighbor, or friend to help with our children. Shelby has a proud tradition of lending a hand to one another. Once again this school year we are asking for any volunteers who could spare a half hour a week to help our students and school. If you can volunteer please contact the school office at 419-342-4641 during the month of September.

## **ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL SAFETY REMINDER**

Our children's safety is certainly one of our highest priorities. One area at school where sometimes there are safety concerns is our parking lot--especially during arrival and dismissal times. To help keep our children as safe as possible, we ask that the following procedure be followed. In the morning, students who are car riders may be dropped off by the sidewalk that leads to our flagpole in the front of the building where students will line up with their class. Students enter the building at 8:30, unless inclement weather occurs and then we come in and line up in the gym until 8:30. After 8:30 students may be dropped off by the sidewalk that leads into the hall by our office. At our 3:15 dismissal time, we ask our families to park their cars after entering the lot. Be sure to enter the parking lot on the west side to park and leave using the east side of the lot. Students need to be met by older siblings (high school) or an adult family member at the sidewalk area by the office exit. And, as I am sure you are doing already--use extreme caution at all times during our arrival and dismissal.

## **Recycling**

Dowds School is involved in two recycling projects. We ask our families to send in their empty computer ink cartridges from home or work to recycle. Also, on the last Tuesday of each month the "SCRAPMOBILE" recycling trailer is at Dowds School from 2:30 - 4:30 to pick up any #1 or #2 plastic bottles, aluminum cans, metal cans, and newspapers.

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

**Picture Day  
September 7<sup>th</sup>**