

# MCDOWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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The summer is quickly coming to an end and the start of school is just around the corner. This is an exciting time for Logan Elm. This will be the last year that middle school students will attend classes at McDowell. As we look to the future as one community on one campus, we must start that forward thinking this year. No longer will I make references to the past two years. Those days are behind us and we can no longer use COVID as an excuse. We must leave all of that behind and look towards to the future. We are looking forward to an amazing year of great attendance and great work ethic from students that are kind, caring and compassionate.

We are trying something different this year and will NOT have a "Back-to-School" night prior to the first day of school. Students will be able to access their schedules through Infinite Campus no later than August 12<sup>th</sup>.

On the first day of school (Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>) students will report directly to the gymnasium when they enter the building. We will greet and talk with students in the gym to begin the day. Paper schedules will be handed out at that time and students will be split up into their classes for building tours and other beginning of the year housekeeping activities.

On Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> we will have an Open House/Meet the Teachers event from 5-6pm. Students and families are encouraged to attend this event. We will begin in the gymnasium at 5:00. After a welcome from Mr. Smith, high school principal, and Mr. King, middle school principal, we will introduce all 7-12 staff. Students and families will then be able to tour their respective building and meet the teachers.

Housekeeping items:

There are no lockers at McDowell. Students will need a backpack to carry throughout the day.

Lockers are available in the locker rooms for students while they are in PE and for athletes during their season.

Water only may be carried throughout the day.

With the increased cost of school supplies this year, along with everything else, we are trying to ease that burden.

Each student will be supplied with the following, in addition to their Chrome Book;

- 1 personal dry erase board with eraser and marker
- 1 composition notebook
- 1 spiral notebook, college ruled
- 5 – 2 pocket folders
- 1 box of colored pencils, 12-count
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade will receive a 1.5" binder
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade will receive a 1" binder
- Students will also have access to loose-leaf notebook paper, glue sticks and scissors when needed.

Students may choose to purchase their own supplies and will be responsible for their own if they lose or use them up.

Students are responsible for supplying the following on their own;

- Pencils
- Earbuds/headphones for the Chrome Book
- Scientific calculator (Texas Instrument, TI-30x IIs)

There may be limited specific supplies needed based on different classes that students will find out when school starts.

School Fees: \$35

Sports Fees: \$60 (3<sup>rd</sup> sport in a year is free)

Breakfast and Lunch: Will no longer be free for all students due to change in USDA policy.

Prices for this year: Breakfast (\$2.00), Lunch (\$3.25); Reduced breakfast (\$0.30), Reduced Lunch (\$0.40)

Free and reduced forms must be filled out and submitted to qualify for free or reduced lunch and also to be able to waive school and sports fees.

All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students must have the following vaccinations prior to the start of the school year:

Whooping cough booster immunization (Tdap)

Meningococcal immunization (MCV4)

Fax vaccination records to 740-474-8539; attention School Nurse.

Annual Student Registration forms must be completed each year. Those are completed in the online parent portal through Infinite Campus.

If you have used IC in the past;

Log into the Parent Portal and look for the "More" link and then "Online Registration" to complete your student(s) annual registration.

If you cannot remember your password;

- send an email to [portalkey@loganelm.org](mailto:portalkey@loganelm.org)

- In the subject line, please type "parent password reset"

- In the body of the email, please indicate the name of the parent/guardian requesting the password reset.

If you have not used IC in the past;

1. Send an email to [portalkey@loganelm.org](mailto:portalkey@loganelm.org)
2. In the subject line, please type "parent portal request"
3. In the body of the email, please indicate the name of the parent/guardian requesting the activation key.
4. Once you obtain your activation key, go to [meta.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/logan\\_elm.jsp](http://meta.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/logan_elm.jsp)
  - a. Click on "Campus Parent"
  - b. Click on "New User"
  - c. Enter activation key
  - d. Once you have accessed the parent portal, look for the "More" link and then "Online Registration".

#### Important Dates to Remember:

August 18, 2022	First Day of School	January 12, 2023	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks
September 5, 2022	Labor Day – No School	January 13, 2023	Staff Professional Development – No School
September 14, 2022	Meet the Teachers/Open House 5-6pm	January 16, 2023	Martin Luther King Day – No School
September 23, 2022	Interims Distributed (D's and F's Only)	January 20, 2023	Grade Cards Distributed
October 18, 2022	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks	February 17, 2023	Interims Distributed (D's and F's Only)
October 19-21, 2022	Pumpkin Show Break – No School	February 20, 2023	President's Day – No School
October 28, 2022	Grade Cards Distributed	February 23, 2023	Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-6pm
November 2, 2022	Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-6pm	March 17, 2023	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks
November 23-28, 2022	Thanksgiving Break – No School	March 24, 2023	Grade Cards Distributed
December 2, 2022	Interims Distributed (D's and F's Only)	April 6-10, 2023	Spring Break – No School
December 21, 2022	Remote Learning Day	April 21, 2023	Interims Distributed (D's and F's Only)
December 22, 2022	Winter Holiday Break Begins	May (Date TBD)	Building/District Showcase (Time TBD)
January 3, 2023	School Resumes	May 24, 2023	End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks / Last Day of School

**Make Up Days:** After 5 calamity days, the District will utilize online learning for the remainder of the calamity days.

For updated information throughout the school year, please visit [www.loganelm.org](http://www.loganelm.org) and go to McDowell.

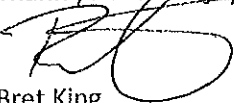
**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ASSESSMENTS** – Please avoid absences/vacations during these important testing dates.

English/Language Arts: April 18-19, 2023

Math & Algebra: April 25-26, 2023

Science (8<sup>th</sup> Grade): May 2-3, 2023

Thank you and enjoy the remainder of your summer.



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Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year at Logan Elm Middle School! We are excited to be back and are looking forward to a great year. This year we are going to put a focus on school wide attendance throughout our building. Students will be actively engaged and involved in this process throughout the year.

The attendance program is new to Logan Elm Middle School so we wanted to take this opportunity to provide each family with information about the program. We feel that by putting a focus on attendance this school year we can accomplish so many things inside the classroom and outside of the classroom. We want this program to be a partnership between the students, the faculty and the families.

### **3 Key Components**

- 1) **Communication** between the students, families and school faculty.
- 2) **Providing Positive Reinforcements** for Outstanding Attendance
- 3) **Providing Targeted Interventions** to encourage school wide attendance

We feel that if we can excel at these three components this program will be successful. We can use this program to improve students' overall academic performance, continue to improve the positive school environment as well as create a culture of learners that supports each other and their community.

Throughout the school year each family will be receiving information regarding attendance. You will receive strategies and information that may help your child want to be in school if they are struggling with attendance, you will receive information on how the program is affecting overall attendance in relation to previous years, information on how attendance has affected overall academic performance at the building level as well as updates on any events or rewards that students have earned for their attendance.

At any time throughout the year if you have any questions regarding this program or school wide attendance, please contact the school and we can provide you with as much information as possible.

We are looking forward to kicking this program off within the first week. Be sure to check out our school website for more information and updates.

Go Braves!!!!

## Attendance Policies and Notes

This letter serves to inform Logan Elm Middle School students and their adults at home about the policies and laws regarding school attendance. Attendance policies are spelled out in detail in the Student Code of Conduct on pages 5 to 6 of the 2022-2023 Student Handbook given to all students at the beginning of the school year. It is also available on the middle school web page under Student Resources, Student Handbook. There is too much in the Attendance section of the Student Code of Conduct to list here in detail but I am providing some insight into the more commonly addressed issues with student attendance.

1. Parents are encouraged to call the school when a student is not going to be attending school that day.
2. Upon returning to school, **a student should present the middle school office with a note written by their adult at home or by a doctor** if the student was seen that day by a doctor.
  - a. Notes must be submitted within 5 school days or the absence will be classified as unexcused.
  - b. Work missed for unexcused days will result in no credit.
3. Students may accrue 5 absences in a semester or 10 in a school year. Absences beyond those limits will be unexcused unless excused by a doctor.
  - a. In essence, there will be no more parent excused absences after the student reaches 10 absences (parent or unexcused).
  - b. See pg. 6 of the Student Code of Conduct for the list of legally acceptable reasons for absence from school. **If your student misses school for one of these reasons, send in a note.**
4. To minimize the loss of instructional time, schedule appointments for after school. Under normal circumstances, a ½ day will be excused for appointments.
5. House Bill 410 (HB410) addresses excessive absences from school. Students are Habitually Truant if they miss school without a legitimate excuse:
  - a. 30 hours or more consecutively (5 regular school days)
  - b. 42 hours or more in a calendar month (7 school days)
  - c. 72 hours or more in a school year (<12 school days)
  - d. Students reaching these thresholds and an adult at home will meet with the attendance officer as part of the Absence Intervention Team.
  - e. Continued unacceptable unexcused absences may result in the district filing a complaint in juvenile court.
6. **Planned absences:**
  - a. For preplanned absences a note should be provided at least 5 school days prior to the absence.
  - b. Failure to make arrangements prior to the absence will result in the absence being unexcused.
7. Students **tardy to school** or any class 3 times in a 9-week grade period will earn a Wednesday School (ADP). Each additional tardy will earn an additional ADP.