



**HYLEN SOUDERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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**Upcoming Important Dates**

- September 28:**  
PTO Fall Fundraiser Ends—Mum Sale
- October 1:**  
Parent—Teacher Conferences
- October 1:**  
Fall Picture Day
- October 5–9:**  
Elementary Spirit Week (See themes below)
- October 7:**  
Mums Delivered (to Harlem Road Church (3:30–6:30))
- October 13:**  
Parent—Teacher Conferences
- October 16:**  
No School
- October 21:**  
3rd Grade fall Ohio State Test begins
- October 30:**  
Fall Harvest Parties

**A Note from our District Nurse:**

It is that time of the year again—Flu season is just around the corner. With COVID-19 pandemic this, it is even more important to protect your child from viruses like influenza. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that all children age 6 months and older get their influenza vaccine by the end of October. Receiving the influenza vaccination before the flu is within the community is an important in helping protect your child and community in fighting influenza. The AAP recommends either flu shots or flu mist as options for children for the 2020–2021 influenza season.

- Children 9 years and older only need 1 dose, regardless of prior vaccination history.
- Children 6 months through 8 years of age:
  - Need 2 doses if they received fewer than 2 doses of any type of influenza vaccine prior to July 1, 2020. The time between doses should be at least 4 weeks. Two doses should be administered to children who receive their first dose before their ninth birthday, even when they turn nine years of age during the same season.
  - Require only 1 dose if they have previously received 2 or more doses of any influenza vaccine prior to July 1, 2020. The 2 doses do not need to have been received during the same influenza season.

Influenza vaccination this year is particularly important to reduce the burden of respiratory illnesses and hospitalizations of children and youth and to prevent overwhelming the capacity of the US healthcare system during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please contact your health care provider or the Delaware General Health District (740–368–1700) to schedule your appointment to receive your child’s vaccinations. Thank you for helping keep the Big Walnut students and staff safe and healthy.

– Megan Truax BSN, RN, LSN

**From ODE: Attendance Awareness Month: Supporting students to continue learning each day**

Now more than ever, attendance, be it in person, virtually or both is critical to student achievement. Recent research shows that students who are chronically absent in brick-and-mortar schools are significantly more likely to be chronically absent in remote education even when resources such as internet connectivity and digital devices are provided. This means the whole community is needed to support students and families and provide essential wraparound services that address barriers to attendance, provide guidance and mitigate negative experiences.

September is Attendance Awareness Month, which is a nationwide recognition of the link between school attendance and academic achievement. This month recognizes the importance of mobilizing schools, partners and communities to promote good and consistent attendance and developing concrete steps to reduce chronic absence. Being chronically absent negatively impacts a student’s academic performance, and far too many Ohio K–12 students are chronically absent. During the 2018–2019 school year, 16.7 percent (more than 277,000) of Ohio students were chronically absent. This is far too many students missing important opportunities to learn.

**JUNIOR CHEER CAMP:** Sign up at <https://www.locallevelvents.com/events/details/11171>

**Clinic—** Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm–3:00pm **How Much:** \$42

Tshirts and bow included in the cost. More info will be sent after sign up. [www.bywso.com](http://www.bywso.com)

Students will have the following lunch options daily:

- 1st Choice**—Rotates Daily
  - 2nd Choice**—PB&J Uncrustable
  - 3rd Choice**—Munchable w/ yogurt
  - 4th Choice**—Chicken Tenders
- Students will also have a fruit and vegetable choices daily.

From the Souders Kitchen:

We **NEED** substitute food service workers. If interested, please put food service on your application. [Food Service Application](#)

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade Parents: With so many students getting school lunch, can you please have your child practice entering their PIN numbers? Teachers sent home the PIN number and a practice PIN pad.

**School Expenses**

- \* School Fees \$55.00/year
  - \* Full Day Kindergarten Tuition: \$200/month
  - \* Preschool Tuition: \$180/month
- Please pay online at: [www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com)

**Elementary Spirit Week**  
**October 5–October 9:**

- Monday:** PJ Day (no slippers please)
- Tuesday:** Crazy Hat and Socks Day
- Wednesday:** Color Day
- K:** Red 1st—Orange 2nd—Yellow 3rd—Green 4th—Blue
- Thursday:** Superhero Day
- Friday:** Big Walnut Spirit Day