



Green Local Schools

*Smithville High School
Green Middle School
Green Elementary School*

2016-2017 Smithie Newsletter Issue #1

VISION

**“Preparing Students for Life
through
Excellence in Education”**

MISSION

Educate Everyone, Everyday

WE BELIEVE

- ◆ All students can and have the opportunity to learn
- ◆ All students matter and their best interest is the foundation of all decisions
- ◆ In continual improvement and the ongoing pursuit of excellence
- ◆ A quality education is the shared responsibility of family, schools and community
- ◆ Resources are finite, and we must use them responsibly
- ◆ Safe and healthy facilities promote positive learning experiences
- ◆ The values of the community are important to the learning process
- ◆ Good communication is open, honest, and timely
- ◆ Investing in and developing quality teachers and engaged staff is essential to high student achievement

From the Desk of the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We are ready to begin the new school year! I know that our teachers and staff are as excited as I am to welcome your children to a new experience at Green Local Schools! This school year marks a new beginning for the district. After more than a year of development of a strategic plan, the Board of Education is ready to roll out the next phase in Green Local's future. We've been sharing small "snippets" of the plan through the newsletter. Very soon, families and community members will be able to view the district's goals and strategies for meeting these goals on the district website, and through conversation. A priority focus is increased rigor and performance in student achievement. New textbooks aligned to the standards being taught and increased time for staff development will support our teachers' and students' work. This school year, we will again be challenged with state report cards that are based on changing data - new tests, higher performance measures and new reporting indicators. As we work through the fact that "change is the only constant", please know that our vision, mission and beliefs will guide our daily work for every single student's success academically, socially and emotionally.

As communication is vital to our success, I am again offering "Coffee and Chat" times to meet with parents and community members and will try to be flexible with the times and days. The first "chat" is scheduled prior to the board meeting on August 15 at 5:30pm in the Distance Learning Lab at the Berkey Fieldhouse. The district now uses the website, Facebook and Twitter to provide up to date information on what's happening in the district and I have a Twitter account too: @GreenSupt. Please follow me! A new voice/text/email alert system, One Call Now, will be in place for messages that are more immediate in nature. I hope you will take advantage of the opportunities to be active in your child's education here at Green.

Best wishes for a great school year!

Thanks to our families for sending your summer vacation photos to be posted on the district's Facebook page! It was a huge success and something we would like to make a tradition! As promised, the photos with the most "likes" are shared below!



The Marty family traveled to Orlando, Fla. and this picture had the most "likes" on Facebook with 24 as of July 31st! It looks like they had a great time cooling off by this water fall!



Coming in a close 2nd with 22 "likes", is the photo of the Stump girls who visited Williamsburg, VA., and "spent some time" discovering American history!

 **Renewal Levy – November 8, 2016**

The district will be asking voters to renew an emergency levy on the November 8 ballot. This is not a new tax. The levy is for 3.4 mills and brings in \$500,000 per year. The last renewal of this levy was in 2009. While the ballot language states the millage for homeowners, this levy is a fixed dollar levy and does not increase at all with inflation or property valuation. The term “emergency” is the description the state gives these fixed dollar levies. For Green Local Schools, this tax is used for annual general operating expenses such as textbooks, teacher supplies, utilities, and salaries. The renewal will be for 9 years and will allow the district to continue to meet the basic needs of our students’ education.



SCHOOL LUNCH/BREAKFAST PRICES:

Grades K - 5 \$2.20 lunch, \$1.00 breakfast

Grades 6 - 12 \$2.70 lunch, \$1.00 breakfast

Adults \$3.25, \$1.50 breakfast

Families qualifying for free or reduced lunches must re-apply. Forms are available at each school building and on-line.

STUFF THE SQUAD
At the Community Fair

The **Central Fire District** has offered to collect school supplies for students in need. Please bring one or more of the following items to contribute towards this worthwhile cause!

CLOTHING: NEW ONLY: Coats, jackets, gloves, hats, scarves, boots – any size *Gently used* “Smithie Wear” t-shirts, pants or hoodies (must be washed) – any size **BOOKBAGS** – **NEW** –any size or style, **GYM SHOES** – **NEW** –children’s sizes

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: NEW - Glue sticks, white liquid glue, Fiskar scissors, pointed scissors, dry erase markers, crayons (24), fabric pencil pouch, colored pencils, pink erasers, tissues, Clorox disinfecting wipes, highlighters, composition notebooks, 3 ring binders, colored markers, 3X5 white index cards, regular pencils, ear buds, standard loose leaf paper.

An actual EMS squad will be located at the community fair and donations will be accepted by the Central Fire District.

All donations will be distributed as needed by the Central Fire District in conjunction with Smithville Brethren Church, Pastor Art Carr, and other Green Local churches.

THANK YOU
CENTRAL FIRE DISTRICT and
GREEN LOCAL FAMILIES!



We are excited to announce that we’ve subscribed to a new school notification system! The new service, called One Call Now, will allow the district to deliver information and provide timely alerts to students, staff members, and parents via phone call, text message, and/or email. Teachers will be able to phone, text or email message to parents/guardians of students in their specific classes. One Call Now will replace the district alerts system on the website. One Call Now will make sure everyone is kept in the loop in a timely and effective way.

During the first few weeks of school, you will have the opportunity to change or add to your family’s contact information that currently exists in our student database. This is the same information we will use for One Call Now. All family information is kept confidential and secure. Please watch for more information about One Call Now! Until this system is fully activated, you can continue to monitor the district Facebook account, website (www.green-local.org), WQKT, Channel 10 or Fox 8 news to find out about school cancellations or delays You can also follow the district on Twitter @200SmithieDrive !



Do you tweet? Well, so do we!
The district has a Twitter account!

Follow the Smithies @200SmithieDrive for updates! Our “tweets” will be posted by staff members from all three buildings about great things happening in Green Local Schools!

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Rolling Into the New School Year!

Two new Blue Bird buses are being added to the Green Local Schools bus fleet.

These buses will replace the district’s two oldest buses. The buses were purchased with general funds and permanent improvement funds. The average age of the district’s fleet was greater than 10 years old. The new buses will bring that average age down to 8 years.



Green Local Schools’ bus drivers have updated lists of all bus riders for morning and afternoon routes. This information will be available at open houses. If the driver does not see you at open house and your child’s bus number, or pickup/drop off time is changing by more than 10 minutes, a driver will call you prior to the start of the school year . **For emergencies, your school office should be the first contact or transportation Secretary, Lysa Boothe Ph: 330-669-3921 ext. 5006 during “non bus-run” hours.**

Dates To Remember

August

August 15—Board of Education Mtg. 7:00pm
 August 15—Chat w/Superintendent Berkey FH 5:30pm
 August 16—GMS Open House 6:00—8:00pm
 August 16—Gr. 6 Orientation
 August 17—Sophomore, Juniors, and Seniors students pick-up schedules, pictures, pay fees, self-guided/guided tours, club sign-ups in the cafeteria 8:00am-2:30pm
 August 17—Freshman Orientation 6:00—7:30pm
 August 18—Green Elementary Open House 4:00-6:00pm
 August 18—OHSAA Parent Meeting—MS Gym 5:00pm
 August 18—Community Fair 5:45-8:45pm
 August 23—1st Day of School

September

September 5—Labor Day—No School
 September 12—Fair Day—No School
 September 13—Staff Professional Development—No School
 September 17—Field of Faith 7:00-9:00pm
 September 21—Peach Fuzz Volleyball 6:00-8:00pm
 September 28—Powder Puff Football Game 6:00-9:00pm
 September 28—Board of Education Meeting 7:00am

Check out the Interactive Calendar on the District webpage for all district activities. www.green-local.k12.oh.us

Student day start/end times

Smithville High/Green Middle School 7:30am-2:27pm
 Green Elementary 8:35am—3:17pm*
 *Times subject to change

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COMMUNITY FAIR!
Thursday, August 18th
 Immediately following the Elementary open house!
 5:45pm to 8:45pm at the stadium
 The Berkey Fieldhouse and locker rooms will be open for the public to view renovations from 5:00pm to 6:30pm
 (Food will be available at 5:30pm)
 Games & Activities until 7:30pm
 "Meet the Teams" to follow

One "hotdog meal" will be provided. Additional snack items may be for sale by Green Local Schools Booster Groups. Also, Smithie "wear" may be available for purchase. It is each family's choice whether to purchase additional items during the fair. Some of our corporate sponsors also provide free food items.

New Staff for the 2016-17 School Year

Ellen Hartman—Kindergarten
 Kristina Beichler—1st Grade
 Amy Shollenberger—3rd Grade
 Erik Dravenstott—GMS Integrated Science
 Katelyn Thut—SHS Intervention Specialist
 Tara Dayton—School Psychologist/Instructional Improvement Specialist
 Melissa Ordogh—GES Intervention Specialist/Title I Tutor
 Aaron Miller—GMS/SHS Construction Trades
 Julie Keener—SHS Entrepreneurship

Assignment Changes (new position is listed):
 Kirstie Mahas—GMS Intervention Specialist
 Julia Lightfoot—SHS Science



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