



The Berkley Beat

WELCOME, A+ ARTS ACADEMY FAMILIES!

We are SO happy to have the children with us this year, and we are very appreciative that you have made A+ Arts Academy your school of choice. This year promises to be one of excitement, learning, and growth, and we anticipate that our parents will be a big part of ensuring that your child is successful!

Please look for a monthly newsletter from my office at the beginning of every month. Each newsletter is filled with current as well as upcoming events that you need to be made aware of. We will send copies home with the students, but extras will always be available in the office. Please see the district website for current and previous editions of newsletters.

***FREE BREAKFAST and LUNCH
ARE SERVED DAILY!***

Please make sure that your student arrives to school on time so that he or she will have access to breakfast. If students are late, they must get a tardy slip from the attendance office. Just a reminder that your child is offered a free breakfast and lunch, every day! Breakfast is served from 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and lunch is served from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Your child may bring a lunch if they prefer.



ACADEMICS

During the first week of school, teachers will be concentrating on establishing classroom procedures and routines. It is important for the students to understand obey the rules of the classroom, and we need your help by stressing that when they are at home. Students will be tested within the next few weeks, to determine their academic strengths and weaknesses. Teachers use these results to provide the best instruction to their students. Look for homework, announcements and reminders from your teacher via newsletter or Class Dojo. Please sign up for Class Dojo, if you haven't already.

Also, 5th and 6th grade teachers will be using Google Classroom this year as a way for students and parents to engage with classroom materials and videos from home. This is tremendous way to communicate with teachers as well. Teachers will be sending out instructions on how to access this valuable feature.

UNIFORM POLICY

Students are required to be in uniform every day unless notified by the school or the classroom teacher. The dress code is included in the student handbook, but here is a brief refresher. Students who attend the Berkley campus are to wear BLACK polo shirts with the A+ logo and NAVY or TAN pants/bottoms/jumpers. Shoes are to be closed toed. **Shirts are to be tucked in**, boys are to wear belts, and "sagging" is not permitted. Hair color of all students must be modest: bright colors such as orange, green, purple, etc. are not acceptable. More detailed information concerning the dress code is in the handbook. ***Students who violate the dress code will have consequences as outlined in the handbook.*** Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

**PLEASE ALERT THE OFFICE OF ANY
ALLERGIES YOUR CHILD HAS!**

Keep in mind that we will not heat up food in the microwave for students to avoid any possible accidental burn injuries.

LATCHKEY

If your child needs before-school care (7:00 am - 8:15 am) or after-school care (3:45 pm- 6:00 pm), latchkey services are available. Applications are available in the main office.

CELL PHONE POLICY

The student handbook contains the cell phone policy for students, but I wanted to make sure that parents and students were aware of it as soon as possible. Cell phones should be turned off and put away until school is dismissed; this includes lunchtime. Students who violate the cell phone policy will have the following consequences:

1. Warning
2. Confiscation of phone; given back at the end of the day
3. Confiscation of phone; parent must pick up.
4. Confiscation of phone; parent must pick up, and In-School or Out of School suspension, depending on the number of violations.

Transportation Update

URGENT! Parents, if you would like your child to ride the bus to and from school, please visit the Columbus City Schools website at ccsoh.us and refer to the charter and non-publictransportation link. You will need your email address and password to begin the process. If you have questions, please call transportation at 614-365-5074 between the hours of 10am-2pm Monday-Friday. You may also call Ms. Irma (A+ Arts Berkley Campus at 614-725-1305 during school hours.

Important Dates

September 3rd - Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)
September 8th - National Literacy Day
September 12th - Teacher Professional Development (NO SCHOOL)

Important News!

Students are not to be picked up early between the time of 2:30 and 3:15. This causes disruptions to our classrooms and learning environment as a whole. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Please use the east entrance only this year when entering the building (by the gym). Upon entrance, you must sign in with our resource officer or the office to obtain a visitor's pass.

It is a pleasure to be an educational partner with you. I look forward to a positive and successful school year. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns, or stop by the office in person.

- Principal Harrison

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