

Dear Lee Eaton Families,

Welcome back to school! I hope your summer was relaxing and memorable. This past week and a half kicked off our year with students and we are so happy to see so many smiles and so much potential. Thank you so much for the opportunity to work with such a fine group of students!! Our staff is working hard to meet the needs of your children and things have already started off on a great note...

Our school has been once again rated **Excellent with Distinction** by the state of Ohio and this year our report card shows an improvement in value-added data. Also, our performance index came in at 100.7 and we have met all of the state indicators. We are very proud of our students and staff! Please take a look at Lee Eaton's 2010-11 state report card at <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/reportcardfiles/2010-2011/BUILD/009787.pdf>

On Monday August 22nd, 5th graders visited the building for Open House and it was a pleasure to meet so many smiling faces! August 29th marked our Open House for 6th grade parents, and again, it was wonderful to see the large turnout! The PTA kiosk received much attention and we want to get as many folks involved with happenings at Lee Eaton through this group. Please take the opportunity to check out the PTA website and get involved wherever possible. For more information, go to: <http://www.teacherweb.com/OH/LeeEaton/LeeEatonPTA/apt13.aspx> It was great to see how many families turned out for our "fun" raising event at Rosita's this past Thursday to raise money for the PTA. Be on the lookout for other such fun events throughout the year sponsored by the Lee Eaton PTA!!

You may also check the Nordonia website (www.nordoniaschools.org) for information on school fees and bus information as well as fill out online forms. Please remember that we are not accepting paper copies of certain forms, as they are now available to fill out online. Online forms include: emergency medical, field trip, school health record, technology use, bullying, and academic fees. Optional forms available online are: permission to medicate, free and reduced lunch application, and transportation stop change. If you need help with this process, please contact us in the front office. A majority of our families have completed this process, but if you have not, please do so as soon as possible. We use this information for critical communication in case of emergencies and it is vital for us to have it available at school.

School newsletters and other important information will be posted on the LE website and sent electronically, including the coming addition of the Lee Eaton Facebook page!! Contact the school office to request hard copies of our newsletter if you do not have access to our website. Information specific to our bus and car pick up will be posted on the website within the next few days to help with efficiency and flow during arrival and dismissal. Traffic during our arrival and dismissal times is very heavy. We do have carpool forms available, and would recommend coordinating rides with other families if at all possible. The more we use the carpool feature, the less traffic we must negotiate during arrival/dismissal, and thus safer environment for pedestrian traffic. Please do not hesitate to reference these forms and/or call our front office for any questions you may have. Also, please remember that the building does not officially open for students until 7:05am. For the purposes of supervision and safety, do not drop off students at the school before this time.

The focus of our district improvement plan is *Building Trusting Relationships with the Community*. As part of our plan, we will extend school communication to our alumnus and families who attend private schools. We are actively recruiting volunteers from local churches, senior centers and businesses. Renee Foerster, third grade teacher at Ledgeview elementary, is helping to plan a K-6 volunteer training program with additional information will follow. The "Ambassadors for Learning" program is a rich opportunity to get involved as a volunteer at Lee Eaton Elementary.

We are a *Race to the Top (RttT)* district and I am a member of our district *RttT Team*. Rigorous principal and teacher evaluations are requirements of the program and are paired with our Ohio Improvement Process to ensure a quality education for all students. For additional information, go to: <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODELanding.aspx?page=830>

Thank you for helping our transition into this school year go so smoothly! We look forward to working with everyone in the Lee Eaton family to continue a tradition of excellence!!

Sincerely,

Josh Hayes

Tips for a Great School Year!

1. Give your child a hug before he/she ventures out the door and you head to work. Share a positive attitude about school with your child!
2. Provide time for your child to tell you about his day at school.
3. Fill your child's lunchbox with healthy food and tuck a "love note" into your child's lunch.
4. Create a homework time and space. Teach your child to take responsibility for quality work.
5. Be a role model for reading at home and expect your child to read at home at least 20 minutes per day.
6. Partner with your child's teacher. Please do not criticize the teacher in front of your child.
7. Establish a routine when preparing for school each day.
8. Plan a routine for bedtime and stick to it!

Additional Resources: http://www.nordoniaschools.org/Lee_ParRes.aspx

http://www.nordoniaschools.org/Lee_StuRes.aspx

Coming Attractions

September Events

- 9/5 **Labor Day No School**
- 9/6 PTA Meeting 7:00PM Library
- 9/8 Picture Day
- 9/19 Board of Education Meeting
7:00 pm @ Northfield Elementary
- 9/28 Volunteer Ambassador Training
6:30 pm @ Lee Eaton
- 9/30 Deadline for early PTA membership raffle