



9/11/23

Gerke Families,

We had another great week here at Gerke Elementary! We are continuing our beginning of year benchmark testing. Your child's teacher will be providing more information about when students are taking these initial assessments.

Please make sure you have completed your registration gateway so we have updated information in our office. This also ensures that students can attend field trips.

Mr. Pohl

Below you will find important dates and information for the future:

Upcoming Weekly Events:	
9/11/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Picture Day
9/12/23	
9/13/23	
9/14/23	
9/15/23	
Quick Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9/25 - School Smiles Dentistry• 9/25-9/29 - Homecoming Week Dress up themes

Gerke PTO

Please join us for our first PTO meeting - Monday, September 11th at 3:30 pm in the teachers lounge. Our PTO has been fantastic and is a major reason kids have lots of fun educational experiences. Help us make Gerke Elementary the best place to be for our students and staff! ALL are welcome!

School Smiles Dentist

The dentist is coming to our school! The School Smiles on-site dental program provides on-site dental care at our school for ALL students that sign up to participate. The dental team will set up inside our school and they accept Medicaid, private insurance, offer self-pay rates and grants through their foundation. Registration is now open online at: www.schoolsmiles.com/student-signup with over 100 languages to choose from when completing the online form. See the attached [flyer](#) for additional ways to register, don't miss out!

Suicide Prevention Parent Session

Calling all Wildcat staff and Wildcat parents! Ms. Valerie Walch with Franklin Junior High School and Talbert House Prevention Services is providing a FREE two-hour suicide prevention training for the Franklin community to kick off September as National Suicide Prevention Month. She would LOVE to see you there! This training is called QPR, and it is like "CPR" for mental health. It equips parents, teachers, friends, siblings, safety personnel, etc. with the knowledge to recognize suicide warning signs, persuade someone to get help, and refer them to resources. QPR is NOT treatment. Rather, it gives you the skills needed to help a suicidal person get to mental health professionals. Anyone can be QPR trained, and it is proven to help people in crisis get the help that they need! See the flyer below for more details, and [click here to RSVP!](#)



Prevention
Services

QPR: Question, Persuade, Refer

Suicide Prevention Program for Adults

QPR Gatekeeper Training is an evidence-based universal prevention strategy to reduce deaths by suicide. Presented by certified instructors, each QPR training aims to increase awareness of the risk factors and warning signs of suicide and help a person know how to respond.

Calling all Wildcat Staff & Parents!
Upcoming Community Training!



Wednesday, September 27th
6:00-8:00PM

New Vine Community Church
4900 OH-123, Franklin, OH 45005



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Supply List

[Grades K-6](#)

Registration Gateway

Registration Gateway is mandatory and an important part of your child's safety while at school. We no longer send home paper copies of emergency medical forms, so it is important that you complete this online update annually. Further instructions can be found below and will be available in paper form once school starts.

[Registration Gateway Instructions](#)

Title Tidbit

Gerke Elementary is a Title I building. Title I is a federally funded program that enables schools to hire experienced teachers. These teachers provide additional lessons in reading to help students be successful at school.

You can help our school qualify for these funds. Title I funds are based on the number of students that have applied and qualify for free or reduced lunch. This information is kept strictly confidential, so please consider helping Gerke Elementary by applying for free or reduced lunch.

Jobs Available!

Please see the attached message about educational aide jobs available with Franklin City Schools. We would love for you to come and work with us!

[Aide Jobs Available](#)

School Lunch

It's More Than a Meal Application

Our meal applications affect many areas.

Franklin City Schools asks that **ALL** families complete our meal application to ensure continued funding to support all the students in our district.

You can pick up an application at your child's school or download a copy from www.franklincityschools.com website. To find the application, select Departments and the application is under the Food Service heading. You can also apply online at **Family.TitanK12.com**.



School Fees

If your application is approved with a free status and a waiver is returned, your child's school fees will be waived.



College Application Fees

If your application is approved with a free or reduced status, you may receive discounts on your applications.



SAT, ACT and AP Fees

If your application is approved with a free or reduced status, you may receive discounts on tests.



School Funding

Increases funding to ensure students receive the support they need.



School Meals

Free or reduced prices on delicious and nutritious school meals.

Lunch will no longer be free to all students this year. This was a grant from the Federal Government provided to all schools due to financial hardship among many families during the pandemic. Our district lunch prices are below. If you think your family would qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch, a link to that application is attached below as well. If you do not have access to a computer, a hard copy of this application can be provided upon request.

[Lunch Prices](#)

Free and Reduced Lunch Application Link - Family.TitanK12.com

Community Resources

Community Meals Calendar for September 2023: [Meals Calendar](#)

[YMCA Before and After Care](#)

Parent Resources

[Ohio Department of Health COVID Dashboard](#)
[Mobile Wellness Opportunity](#)