

## Nashville Elementary School

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### A Word from the Principal

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### FEBRUARY

Feb. 3	Kindergarten Registration begins for 2025-2026
Feb. 5	Primary Parents 4:00
Feb. 10	P/T Conferences
Feb. 12	P/T Conferences
Feb. 14	Non-Student Day Teacher Inservice
Feb. 17	No School/ President's Day Board Mtg./Killbuck

#### LOOKING AHEAD

March 20	Spring Pictures
March 21	Non-Student Day
March 24-28	Spring Break
April 18	No School/ Comp Day
April 21	No School/Easter
May 8	Zoo Trip

The PAX Good Behavior Game is a behavior program that all elementaries are now using in West Holmes. PAX stands for peace, productivity, and happiness. The program is integrated into the daily routine and encourages students to self-regulate their behavior and emotions, as well as encourages them to be responsible for their own actions.

Here are three kernels that are a part of the PAX GBG that you can use at home and that the kids are familiar with.

**PAX Vision** - Take a few minutes to talk with your kids about what they would like to see more of at home. You as parents also share what you would like to see more of at home. For example, your child may say they would like more family time. You as parents may say that you would like your child to help keep their room clean. This would be a great conversation to have. More family time could be achieved as your children take more responsibility on keeping their room clean, because it frees up more time for you as a parent. Get a piece of paper and write these things down that each of you want to see more of. After you talk about what you want to see more of, talk about and write down things that you both would like to see less of. Keep an open mind and allow this to be good discussion together as a family.

**Beat the Timer** - Use your phone or a simple kitchen timer to have your children try to complete a task in a set amount of time. If they are able to beat the timer, then spend a few minutes doing something fun together.

**Tootles** - Tootles are notes that teachers write to students for doing something good. So, at home, say your child helps you get ready for supper, or clean their room, etc. cooperatively, or without being asked. Write a short note to them letting him or her know that you noticed what they did and appreciate it. Even a child sharing a toy with a sibling is something that you could write a tootle for.

I encourage you to try some of these things at home. Hopefully students will respond positively with the connection between home and school.

Mr. Zimmerly, Principal



## WINTER RECESS

Recess will be outside when the temperature is 20 degrees or above, including the wind chill. On the days of outside recess, those wearing snow pants and boots will be permitted to play off the blacktop in the snow. Please be sure your child comes prepared with the necessary items for outside recess, such as winter coat, snow pants, hat, boots and gloves.

### Lunch Chargers

If your child has school lunch charges we ask that you pay these as soon as possible. If your income has changed you could qualify for free/reduced lunches. Please contact the office for a free/reduced lunch application.

## Kindergarten Registration

### **West Holmes Kindergarten Screening**

Parents with children who will be five or six years old on or before August 1, 2025, are asked to register their child at the West Holmes elementary school that the child will most likely be attending.

### **February 3, 2025 – April 25, 2025**

Call the building secretary where your child will attend school. The building secretary will ask you for basic registration information about your child and sign your child up for a kindergarten screening appointment.

Once you have called and signed your child up for a screening appointment, you will receive an email explaining how to log onto the district website at [www.westholmes.org](http://www.westholmes.org) and click on the Final Forms link. From there you can complete the necessary forms to register your child. Please complete this process by Monday, May 5th.

**So, we have all the necessary paperwork on file, prior to screening please upload the following documents to Final Forms:**

- your child's birth certificate
- immunizations
- proof of residency
- proof of custody (if applicable)
- your photo ID

### **Kindergarten screening dates are:**

May 28 - Nashville 330-378-2111  
May 29- Killbuck 330-276-2891  
May 30 & June 2 Millersburg 330-674-5681

## Zoo Trip

Mark your calendar!!!

May 8, 2025 is the date planned for Nashville Elementary tri-annual zoo trip.

Parent and siblings are invited to attend their cost will be \$8.00 each.

More information will be coming home soon!!



### Update Your Information

If you have a new phone number or have recently moved, please log onto [www.westholmes.org](http://www.westholmes.org), click on Parents, then Final Forms/Instructions. Here you will be able to update your information.

### GOODWILL FUNDRAISER

Coming in March Nashville will be collecting items as a fundraiser sponsored by Goodwill. Keep this in mind as you are doing spring cleaning. More information to follow.

**LIVE LAUGH  
LOVE**