

Poland Middle School McKinley Elementary School

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Dear McKinley Elementary and Poland Middle School Families,

It is an exciting time for the Poland Schools and we would like to share some exciting change with you! We believe that intentional and collaborative change provides tremendous opportunity for growth and success and are excited for what the 2018/2019 school year will bring!

First, we would like to briefly introduce ourselves as your McKinley Elementary School and Poland Middle School Principal Team. Together, we will serve as the administrators over the 3rd-8th grade complex:

David Purins, Head Principal, Mckinley Elementary & Poland Middle School

I have been serving families as an educator for 17 years. This spring, I completed my first wonderful school year serving the parents and students of Poland as the Building Principal at Poland Middle School. Previously, I spent four years as an Assistant Principal at Austintown Fitch High School, ten years teaching in the South Range Local Schools and two years teaching in the Streetsboro City Schools. My wife, Janae, and I live here in the Poland community with our two boys, Maddox (8) who will be a second grade student at Union in the fall, and Mason (4) who will be attending the transitional kindergarten program at Union this fall. Words cannot express the excitement and appreciation I have to serve as the Head Principal of Mckinley Elementary and Poland Middle School. The opportunity to invest in young people, cultivate growth, add value to their lives, and provide opportunities for kids to recognize their gifts is what makes education the most rewarding profession in the world. I am beyond blessed to be able to do so in the community in which I live and school system in which my own boys attend. I look forward to building relationships with you and your children and continuing the excellence of the Poland Local Schools! It's going to be a fulfilling, productive, and rewarding year!

Lisa Iberis, Associate Principal, Mckinley Elementary & Poland Middle School

I recently completed my first school year as the Associate Principal at Poland Middle School and previous to that, spent one semester filling the principal vacancy at Poland McKinley. I have been serving as an educator for 18 years. I have worked as an Instructional Supervisor at the Mahoning County Educational Service Center, an English Language Arts teacher at Lowellville Local Schools, and as an adjunct faculty member at Youngstown State University teaching English Composition. My husband, Joe, and I live in the Poland community with our three boys, Joey (14), Tyler (11), and Carter (8). I am beyond elated to serve as the Associate Principal of both Mckinley Elementary and Poland Middle School! I look forward to continue working with the staff, students, parents, and community to educate students with a high level of rigor, encourage students to take risks in the classroom to grow as learners, and model the idea that learning never ends. I am honored to be able to serve the students in the community I live in and love. I look forward to all the good things coming our way this year!

“Change is not a threat, it’s an opportunity. Survival is not the goal, transformative success is!”
- Seth Godin

Together, we are extremely excited to welcome all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students to McKinley Elementary and all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to Poland Middle School!

This restructuring, as part of the ongoing efforts to rightsize the district, has provided an incredible opportunity for collaboration, curricular alignment, and an aggregation of resources. Our dedicated teachers will have increased opportunities for cross curricular planning and grade level alignment. Our amazing counselors and support staff will have increased access to support *all* students. Additionally, the Head and Associate Principal structure of the 3-8 complex will allow for a very clear and collaborative planning and vision building process. These efforts will undoubtedly maximize the educational experience for your children. Included with this letter, you will find a list of exciting new opportunities for McKinley Elementary and Poland Middle School students in the 2018-2019 school year, which were made possible through this restructuring. Also included with this letter is a list of important dates for the start of school.

As part of this realignment, the main office will be located in the connector on Elm Street. All visitors will enter through this entrance as a consolidated office space will be located there. There will not be public access to the building from college street.

We recognize that these changes will initiate a multitude of questions and may create some level of anxiousness for you as parents. As your administrative team, we want to ensure you that our most important commitment and responsibility is that your children are safe, loved, supported, and encouraged in all aspects of their school experience. We are honored to serve you and your children and ensure you that each and every young person that enters our doors will receive the same level of commitment, respect, and love that we have for our own children. We both have children in our schools, live in our community, and stand beside you in the expectation of excellence.

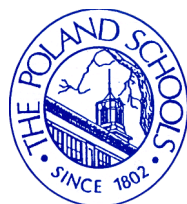
In closing, we are extremely honored and excited to be a part of your lives and the lives of your children. We are resoundingly confident in, and committed to, the continued success of the Poland Local Schools as well as the individual academic, social, and emotional success of your children. We do appreciate that there may be some challenges, but will work through them swiftly and collaboratively. The Poland Schools are a very special place that we are proud to be associated with and we look forward to working alongside you for the betterment of your children.

Please feel free to contact either of us with any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

David J. Purins
Head Principal

Lisa Iberis
Associate Principal





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IMPORTANT NOTE ON SCHOOL START & DROP OFF TIMES:

As part of this realignment, the main office will be located in the connector on Elm Street. All visitors will enter through this entrance as a consolidated office space will be located there. There will not be public access to the building from College Street. We also want to share the following building start and student drop off times with you so that you can coordinate your morning and afternoon family schedules.

<p>Poland Middle School (6 - 8)</p>	<p>Instructional hours: 7:45am - 2:39pm Connector doors open @ 7:15am for parent drop off</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● We are asking, and strongly encourage parents, to have students ride the bus in order to assist with congestion and traffic flow. Also, all parent drop off and pick up should follow a ONE WAY loop from college street onto Lee st. to ensure student safety. We do not want students walking across the road through car and bus traffic.● Dismissal procedures will be communicated at schedule pick up.
<p>McKinley Elementary School (3 - 5)</p>	<p>Instructional hours: 8:30am - 3:24pm Connector doors open @ 8:00am for parent drop off</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● McKinley Elementary siblings of middle school students can be dropped off with the middle school sibling. McKinley siblings will be supervised until the start of school at 8:30am.● McKinley Elementary siblings of middle school students can ride the <u>morning</u> bus with the older middle school sibling or ride the bus at the designated elementary time (TBD). McKinley siblings will be supervised until the start of school at 8:30am.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Although McKinley Elementary siblings will be supervised when dropped off early, if possible, we ask parents to follow the McKinley Elementary bus and drop off schedules due to the extended amount of time children will be waiting until the 8:30am start time.● We are asking, and strongly encourage parents, to have students ride the bus in order to assist with congestion and traffic flow. Also, all parent drop off and pick up should follow a ONE WAY loop from college street onto Lee Street to ensure student safety. We do not want students walking across the road through car and bus traffic.● We will provide information on dismissal procedures at orientation.



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Important Dates

IMPORTANT NOTE ON SCHOOL FORMS:

Grades 6-8: All required yearly forms must be turned in at schedule pick up in order to receive a student schedule, on the dates listed below. All required forms can be found on the Middle School website under “Start of School Year Forms” in the left hand column under Quick Links.

Grades 3-5: We are asking that parents turn in all forms to the classroom teacher at orientation. All required forms can be found on the Middle School website under “Start of School Year Forms” in the left hand column under Quick Links.

- We appreciate your cooperation with the required forms. This system allows for a much more efficient process of record keeping. We will also have paperwork packets available at the school that can be picked up August 6 or after, if needed.

3rd Grade	<p><u>Orientation</u> - August 16 9:00 - 10:30am (McKinley Gymnasium) ➤ students should bring supplies to orientation</p> <p><u>Class Lists</u> - 3rd grade class lists will be posted on the doors of the connector @ 4:00pm on August 15</p>
4th Grade	<p><u>Orientation</u> - August 16 11:30 - 1:00pm (McKinley Gymnasium) ➤ students should bring supplies to orientation</p> <p><u>Class Lists</u> - 4th grade class lists will be posted on the doors of the connector @ 4:00pm on August 15</p>
5th Grade	<p><u>Orientation</u> - August 16 2:00 - 3:30pm (McKinley Gymnasium) ➤ students should bring supplies to orientation</p> <p><u>Schedule Pick-up & Locker Set-up (1st floor of McKinley)</u> - August 16 3:30 - 4:30pm</p>
6th Grade	<p><u>WEB Orientation</u> - August 14 8:00am - 12:00pm - students only ➤ More information to come!</p> <p><u>Schedule Pick-up</u> - parents can come to pick up schedules @ 11:30am in the connector, followed by a short parent mtg @ 12:00 to wrap up orientation</p> <p><u>Locker Set-up</u> - 12:30 - 1:30pm</p>
7th Grade	<p><u>Schedule Pick-up</u> - August 14 2:30 - 3:30pm (Connector)</p> <p><u>Locker Set-up</u> - August 14 2:30 - 3:30pm</p>
8th Grade	<p><u>Schedule Pick-up</u> - August 13 1:30 - 2:30pm (Connector)</p> <p><u>Locker Set-up</u> - August 13 1:30 - 2:30pm</p>



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New to McKinley Elementary & Poland Middle School
2018 - 2019

McKinley Elementary School

Bridges Math Curriculum:

Grade 3
Grade 4
Grade 5

Striving Readers Grant:

Grades 3 - 5

Art:

3rd Grade Art
4th Grade Art
5th Grade (will continue to have Art)

STEM:

5th Grade STEM

Family/Consumer Science:

5th Grade Career Explorations

Poland Middle School

College Prep Math Curriculum:

Grade 6
Grade 7
Grade 8

Striving Readers Grant:

Grades 6 - 8

STEM:

6th Grade STEM

Technology:

6th Grade Technology
7th Grade Technology
8th Grade Technology

Family/Consumer Science:

6th Grade Family/Consumer Science

New 8th grade course electives:

Spanish 1 - for High School Credit
Intro to Art - for High School Credit
Robotics / Coding
STEM
Intro to Broadcasting
Careers & Your Future
Culinary Arts / Cooking
Fashion Textiles & Interior Design
Personal Fitness / Healthy Living
Team Sports