

**WELCOME TO
ELLSWORTH HILL!**



**GROWING LEADERS
ONE CHILD AT A TIME!**

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Important Phone Numbers

Main Office

(330) 653-1236

Fax Line

(330) 653-1235

Attendance Line

(330) 653-1300

Clinic

(330) 653-1237

School Counselor

(330) 653-1233

Media Center

(330) 653-1232

Food Service

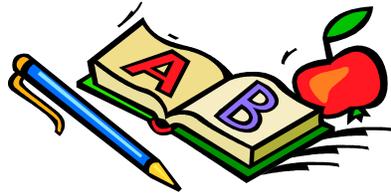
(330) 653-1203

Bus Garage

(330) 653-3355

Safe Schools Helpline

(800) 418-6423 X397



Fast Facts about Ellsworth Hill Elementary

- Ellsworth Hill houses 13 classrooms of 2nd grade and an integrated preschool program. All 2nd grade classrooms have heterogeneous groupings in terms of ability levels. Some groups of students are clustered together based on specific needs.
- The building is broken into four pods. Three to four teachers make up each 2nd grade pod and also a Professional Learning Community (PLC). PLCs meet weekly to collaborate, network, and engage in professional development opportunities.
- Your child will be assigned to a classroom where he/she will participate in all subject areas including language arts, math, science and social studies. Your child may work with another teacher on the pod (ex: intervention specialist, classroom aide, supplemental reading teacher, etc.)
- Your child's daily schedule entails approximately 120 minutes of reading/writing/spelling, 75 minutes of math, and 40 minutes of either science or social studies. In addition, your child will participate in music, gym and art twice per week and library once per week along with a computer lab/research time weekly with his/her classroom teacher.
- Your child will have about 27 minutes for lunch each day and about 25 minutes for lunch recess. Your child may also have a short morning or afternoon recess of 15 minutes as students of this age level often need a sensory break or time to move to stimulate his/her brain.
- In addition to high academic expectations, we also support your child's social and emotional needs. Along with experienced classroom teachers, we have a school counselor and school psychologist.
- We subscribe to the *Leader in Me* philosophy and use Covey's *7 Habits of Happy Kids*.
- School and family communication is important. We send e-subscribe messages every week.
- The most important thing to know is that Ellsworth Hill is a great place to be and your child will be in good hands!!!



Students' School Day

8:45AM	Students begin entering the building & report to classrooms*
9:00AM	School begins for all students - Tardy bell rings
11:35AM	AM Preschool ends*
1:10 PM	PM Preschool begins*
3:45PM	School ends for all students
3:45PM	Dismissal for walkers/bike riders/parent pick-up*
3:47PM	Dismissal for busses; called over PA in order of arrival*

*=high traffic times! Please proceed through the parking lot and front circle with great care!

Tardy: Students who arrive tardy must walk into the Main Office with an adult to be signed in. Second graders who arrive after 11:00AM are considered absent for a half-day.

AM Drop-off: Parents may drop off their child at the front entrance (Stow Road side; Door A), no earlier than 8:45AM. For safety reasons, please have your child exit the car through the door nearest to the sidewalk.

PM Pick-up: Beginning at 3:45PM, children will be dismissed to the front entrance and will be released to cars in an orderly fashion.

Bus Loading: Students are dismissed through Doors H & I and board the buses on the Middleton Road side of the building.

Absences: All absences must be called in to the Attendance Line (330) 653-1300. This line is open 24 hours every day. You may call at any time.

Leaving Early: If your child needs to leave during the school day, please write a note to the teacher indicating what time the student will be picked up and who will be picking up the student.

Explorer Zone: For more information on before- and after-school care through HCER, please call (330) 653-1210.



Ellsworth Hill
School Counseling Services

Mrs. Suzanne Albano	(3 days a week- EH)	(330) 653-1233 AlbanoS@hudson.edu
Mrs. Kristen Gilliland	(1 day a week- EH) (4 days a week- McD)	(330) 653-1246 GillilaK@hudson.edu

As school counselors, we are here to help with the social, emotional, academic and behavioral well-being of all students. This “whole child” approach to looking at this is achieved by providing monthly guidance lessons, small group counseling, and individual counseling services that are both proactive and reactive in nature.

Classroom Guidance Lessons provide developmental and preventative approaches to topics such as feelings, social skills, empathy, conflict resolution, goal setting, bullying, personal safety, career exploration, test taking strategies, and personal safety. We use Sean Covey’s book **The Seven Habits of Happy Kids** and **The Leader in Me** philosophy to guide these lessons.

Small Group Counseling groups address issues including friendship, worry, self-esteem, anger, divorce, bullying, grief, transitioning to a new school or new grade level and managing stress. All new students to the district meet with a school counselor for an orientation in addition to being included in the school’s new student lunch group. Teachers and/or parents can request a student be included in a small group. The school counselor will obtain parent permission before including the student in a small group.

Individual Counseling helps students learn strategies to cope with their feelings, manage behavior and get along with others so that they can be happy, safe and successful students. Teachers and/or parents may refer a student for individual counseling. Students may also ask to speak to a school counselor by leaving a note in our mailbox in the main office.

Consultation and Collaboration: The school counselors consult and collaborate with teachers, parents and administrators to ensure the academic, social, emotional and behavioral needs of students are met. In addition, the school counselors can provide direction and referrals if parents choose to access additional outside support services as needed. Consultation with staff and parents is an important part of the support process as we all work together to create a safe and caring environment for students at school and at home.

We welcome the Class of 2030 to Ellsworth Hill and look forward to meeting all students and families this fall!



Important Dates

- **August 9th:** Class lists will be posted on the front windows on at 4:00 pm.
- **August 12th:** A Meet-the-Teacher Open House is scheduled from 4:00-6:00PM. This is an opportunity for your child to meet his/her teacher and tour the building. You may bring your child's supplies as you will be able to locate his/her desk and cubbie.
- **August 14th:** FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! Parent volunteers and staff members will be at every entrance of the building to welcome your child and get him/her to the classroom safely.

Other Important Information to Note

- **Birthday Treats:** Birthdays can be a special time for children, especially when they can celebrate their special day at school with classmates, teachers and staff. Because birthday treats are often messy, may contain allergens (peanuts, tree nuts, gluten, dairy, etc.), and are non-nutritious, only non-food items may be used for birthday treats. We ask that you do not send invitations to parties at your home unless you are inviting the entire class or all of the boys or all of the girls.
- **Class Parties:** Room parents work with the teacher to organize two holiday parties each year: Halloween and Valentine's Day. Ellsworth Hill also has Polar Express Day and an end-of-the-year Carnival sponsored by PTO. All elementary buildings will follow the same menu for each party. The items on the menu follow the Nut-Free Snack List and are the only food items allowed into classroom parties. When planning games and/or prizes, please make sure food items are not part of the activity. This will help eliminate any food allergy issues.
- **Home/School Communication:** Teachers can be contacted via written note, email or phone. Each staff member has an email account, a phone in the classroom and a Twitter account. Mrs. Filomena can be followed at her Twitter account @jenfilomena. During the school day, teachers have limited access to the phone or computer since they are instructing and supervising children. If you need to get a message to your child's teacher in a timely fashion, please write a note or contact the office if immediate attention is needed. Please allow staff members 24 hours to respond to any situation which does not require immediate attention.
- **Medication Forms:** New medication forms need to be updated each new school year. This can be done on the district website (www.hudson.k12.oh.us : home access center).
- **Nut-Free Classrooms:** All K-5 elementary classrooms are nut-free. ALL classroom food, including snacks, must be peanut-free as specified on the Nut-Free Snack List which can be found on our building's and the district's websites. Most fresh bakery items like donuts, cupcakes, cookies are prohibited because bakeries are using nut products somewhere in the bakery.

- **Parking:** During the school day, parking is located at the Stow Road entrance ONLY! The Middleton Road entrance is for bus traffic and parking is prohibited except for special events like school-wide assemblies, Halloween parade, etc.
- **School Safety:**
 - Fire, Lockdown, Tornado Drills (monthly)
 - See Something, Say Something
 - Safe Schools Helpline (800) 418-6423 Ext. 397
- **Technology:** As the "Internet of Things" continues to evolve and revolutionize, wearable technology is becoming increasingly popular. Smart watches that incorporate activity trackers and have the ability to make phone calls and send messages are perhaps the most notable among wearables. Gizmos watches, popular among younger students, help them stay connected to their parents in a safe, more controlled way. Hudson City Schools permits students to wear Gizmos watches and other wearables as long as they do not cause a distraction and are used appropriately. We recommend that parents turn off all games during the school day. Also, students should not use a wearable during school hours to call home. If a student is ill or has a concern, he or she should go to his or her teacher or trusted adult, and the adult will take care of the student. Our goal remains to support student use of technology responsibly.
- **Terra Nova/InView Testing:** Students take this series of assessments as part of our gifted identification process (InView) as well as part of our diagnostic assessments in math and/or reading (Terra Nova). Typically, the tests are taken over 3-4 days (30-60 minutes each day) in late January or early February.
- **Visitors to the Building:** We value and welcome our parent volunteers and visitors. For security reasons, all doors are locked during the school day. When visiting Ellsworth Hill, please come to the main entrance (Door A) and buzz in. You will be asked the purpose of your visit and then may enter the main office. Please make sure you sign in at the office and wear a badge during your visit. You will also be asked to present photo ID until we get to know you.
- **Volunteers:** Please consider volunteering! Your kiddos love when you are in the building and we love the support! You may volunteer through the PTO and/or VIP programs. Information is located on our website and in the school office.
 - PTO meetings are held monthly. All are welcome! There are several evening meetings to accommodate working parents. No commitment is expected. Children may attend, too.
 - Through the VIP program, parents participate in many activities that provide students with direct hands-on learning such as reading aloud and creative writing. Additionally, volunteers assist staff in our media center, lunch room and YEA Center-binding many books written and illustrated by students. For more information about volunteer opportunities, contact EH VIP Coordinators Genell Ritley at zinkg12@yahoo.com or Jennifer Hannon at mtbjen@yahoo.com.