



The Eagle's Nest

Mr. Christopher Rogers, Principal
Mrs. Dorothy O'Neil, Assistant Principal

Get Ready, Get Set for a Great School Year!!

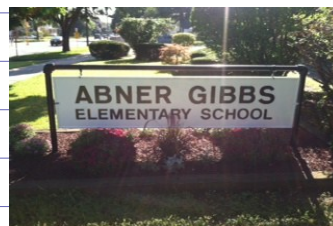
September 2014

Dear Abner Gibbs Families, Greetings and welcome back to a brand new school year. My name is Christopher Rogers and I am the new principal of Abner Gibbs Elementary School. This year, we will also have an assistant principal, Mrs. Dorothy O'Neil.

We are incredibly excited about being Abner Gibbs Elementary School's newest administrative team. We are looking forward to meeting all of our school's families at or before our Open House on September

30th. We eagerly anticipate getting to know the Abner Gibbs community, and learning about your hopes and dreams for our school. What is important to you about our school? What do you want to learn more about? What are we proud of? What do we need to improve upon? Finding out the answers to these questions as a team will foster a positive school community. Supporting our students to do their best at school, and in their

lives, is the center of our work. Our door is always open and we welcome and encourage open lines of communication.



Please feel free to stop by or call to discuss any concerns, suggestions, or ideas to help make this the best year yet. We all are looking forward to an exciting year at Abner Gibbs Elementary School!

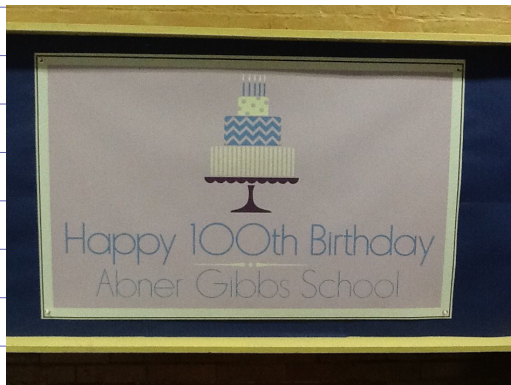
Special points of interest:

- ✓ Our school day for students begins promptly at 9:00 AM and dismissal is at 3:00 PM.
- ✓ If your child is to be dismissed from school, please send in a note in the morning.
- ✓ Anybody coming to school during the day must have a picture I.D.
- ✓ It is very important for all paperwork that is sent home with your child to be returned to school as soon as possible. Please contact the school if you have any questions.
- ✓ Thank You for all your support of our school!!!

Happy 100th Birthday!!!

On September 11, 2014, our school officially became 100 years old. As the culminating event of a year long celebration, we will be hosting an open house for past and present students, faculty, and families on October 4th from 10 to 12. Please

join us as we recognize our history and tradition as an institution in our fine city!!



Fostering a Positive School Climate

As we begin our school year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the importance of helping our children be children.

On a daily basis we are bombarded with television, newspapers, the internet and other media sources. While overall it is good to be informed and able to have information at a moment's notice, it sometimes can be too much and overwhelming for our students. Recently there has been a lot in the news regarding violence, terrorism, etc. As a parent/guardian, please

do your best to shelter our young children from these broadcasts, webpages, and periodicals that are highlighting and bringing these events to the forefront.



At school we are striving on a daily basis to promote **Self-Respect, Respect for Others, Academic Achievement and Responsibility** in all settings (**SOAR**). We ask that you help us in our quest to mold and create positive and productive students and citizens.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Rogers and/or Mrs. O'Neil at anytime if you have questions or information to help us create and foster a positive school climate.

Thank you for being our partners in your child's education.

Nurse's Corner

Healthful tips for keeping your family from getting and spreading colds, viruses & the flu.

- Wash your hands often with soap & water
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with sick people
- Cover your coughs & sneezes

- Clean & disinfect surfaces
- Stay home when you're sick

Just a reminder: Parents of all 4th grade students-please send in your child's 2014 physical exam if you have not done so already.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mrs. Poremba at 572-6409.



Dates/Events to Remember

9/30	Open House 6:30 PM
10/4	100th Anniversary Open House 10:00 AM
10/7	School Picture Day
10/13	Columbus Day - No School
10/15	PTO Meeting 3:15 PM
10/17	Harvest Dance 6:30 PM
10/30	Early Release Day—students dismissed at 12:00 PM

Looking for more information?

Check out our website:

<http://westfieldag.sharpschool.net/>

Please join our parent/guardian email-notification system by contacting Mrs. Matysek at 572-6418.