Important Dates

**Friday, August 16th**
Classroom Assignments Available on Skyward Family Access - After 4:00pm (if registration is completed)

**Monday, August 26th**
Teacher Meet and Greet - 3:30-4:30pm
Commerce Comeback - 3:30pm-5:30pm

**Tuesday, August 27th**
**First Day of School** - Full Day for Grades 1-5
Kindergarten Staggered Start:
- Students with Last Names A-L - Morning Only
- Students with Last Names M-Z - Afternoon Only

**Friday, August 30th**
**Monday, September 3rd**
No School

| Curriculum Nights | September 4th: 6:00 p.m. - Kindergarten | September 10th: 5:45 p.m. - 1st Grade 6:30 p.m. - 3rd Grade 7:15 p.m. - 5th Grade | September 11th: 6:00pm - 2nd Grade 6:45p.m - 4th Grade |

Classroom/Teacher Assignments are Posted on Skyward

At 4:00pm on Friday, classroom/teacher assignments were posted on Skyward Family Access. Online registration must be completed in order to view your child's class assignment.

Please remember that our teachers work extremely hard on classroom placement throughout the Spring and Summer. We genuinely want to give all of our children the best opportunity for success this year. Parents had the opportunity to give input via a survey last Spring. Specific teacher requests are not permitted and not considered. With over 600 students, we simply cannot honor requests without compromising fairness to all. **Please note that after class assignments are posted on Skyward, we are not able to make any changes. I am confident that with a genuine partnership and positive perspective, we will make this the best year yet!** Our teachers can't wait to meet their new students!

CLICK [HERE](#) for directions on how to view your child’s classroom placement. CLICK [HERE](#) to begin online registration.

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2019–2020 Grade Level Supply Lists are available on our [website](#)!
Hello! I’m so excited to become a part of the Commerce Family. I can’t wait to get to know all of you better and work together in making this the best school year for your children. Some may ask, “What exactly is a Head Teacher?” Well, my main role will be to assist Mrs. Carlin. This may include a variety of important tasks, such as, supporting school improvement initiatives, facilitating professional development, supporting students’ behavior and social-emotional needs, working to build strong relationships with our Commerce families and students and much more!

A little about me... I graduated from Michigan State University in 2001 with my Bachelors degree in Elementary Education. I also received my Masters degree from MSU in Curriculum and Teaching. I have taught in the Walled Lake School District since being hired in the fall of 2002. Since that time I have taught 4th grade, 2nd grade and 3rd grade at both Twin Beach and Wixom Elementary.

I live in Brighton with my husband, Paul, and our five kids. We have three boys and two girls, ages 13, 11, 8, 5, and 2. In my free time (ha ha), I love to read, go boating, and spend time with my family. My husband and I are also actively involved in our church and Family Ministry.

I am very passionate about teaching and learning. I love this amazing profession where ideas and best practices are constantly evolving and changing. I love to learn and try new things. I sort of live by two mottos “Be kind, all the time” and “Everything you don’t know is something you can learn.” I am so very excited to get to know all of the staff and families at Commerce Elementary. We are all a part of this journey together and I look forward to working closely with all of you. Please stop in and say hello!

Sincerely ~ Mrs. Carley Dunphey
Girls on the Run at Commerce Elementary

Girls on the Run® is dedicated to creating a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams. GOTR is designed for 3rd to 5th grade girls. Meeting twice a week in small teams, we teach life skills through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games. The curriculum is taught by certified Girls on the Run coaches and includes three parts: understanding ourselves, valuing relationships and teamwork and understanding how we connect with and shape the world at large.

Running is used to inspire and motivate girls, encourage lifelong health and fitness, and build confidence through accomplishment. Important social, psychological, and physical skills and abilities are developed and reinforced throughout the program. At each season’s conclusion, the girls and their running buddies complete a 5K running event which gives them a tangible sense of achievement as well as a framework for setting and achieving life goals. The result—making the seemingly impossible, possible, and teaching girls that they can. Commerce Elementary GOTR team will meet Tuesday/Thursday from 4:00 to 5:15 starting September 16th for 10 weeks. The celebratory 5k will be November 17th at Belle Isle Park. To register visit Commerce Elementary - Girls On The Run. Please contact Jill Gallagher at 248-563-2524 or gotrcommerce@gmail.com with any questions. Girls On The Run, We Get It Done!

Voluntary Student Accident Insurance

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools does not carry health or accident insurance for students. If your child is injured while at school, medical costs are the responsibility of the parents and/or guardians. As a service to students and their families, our District is making available a student accident insurance plan for your child at a very nominal cost. The District offers this program because of trends in rising family health and dental insurance costs, increased deductibles, co-payments or lack of health or dental insurance coverage. Please CLICK HERE for more information.

Communication is Key!

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Don't miss any e-mails! Update your e-mail address in Skyward. Having issues? CLICK HERE
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Commerce Elementary - Important Links and Resources

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The PTA is looking forward to welcoming all of our Cougar Kids back to school with our first event on Monday, August 26th at the **Commerce Comeback**! Meet your teachers and drop off school supplies from 3:30-4:30pm and enjoy reconnecting with friends while listening to tunes from DJ Dogbite from 3:30-5:30pm! Bring cash for the ice cream truck!

**Curious what the PTA has been up to this summer?** There will be fun surprises to see on the playground and in the Media Center when school starts! We can’t wait for you to see how your donations and support really help us improve our school!

If you haven’t already signed up to join the PTA or participate in **Bagel Days***, it’s not too late! Go to [www.commerceelementarypta.com/pta-membership](http://www.commerceelementarypta.com/pta-membership) and sign up now! The PTA appreciates your support! *Bagel day signups end September 10th!

**Save the Date for our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year, our Color Run!** This year’s *Magical* Color Run will be held on Friday, September 27th! All parents are welcome to attend! Look for more information, including grade schedules and donation information to come home after Labor Day!
The 2019 Commerce Elementary Color Run has been set for Friday, September 27th &

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The PTA is looking for:

Corporate Sponsors for this year's Color Run. It's $250 to sponsor one of our Color Stations.

Do you have a local business or know someone who does? Sponsorship includes shoutouts in our weekly Commerce Connection, Facebook Posts, and signage at the event. Promote your Business and support Commerce Elementary with a tax-deductible donation!

If you are interested in being one of our sponsors, Please Contact:

Crystal Darling
crystal0515@gmail.com

Keli Hoglin
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Mark Your Calendars!!
Color Run
Friday, September 27th 2019

2019 Color Run Sponsors

2019 Color Run Shirt Sponsor

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Medical Supplies

Your Business Could Be Here!!
Girls on the Run is for EVERY girl.

DO YOU WANT TO

- Meet new friends?
- Accomplish big things?
- Help others in your community?
- Have so much fun?

JOIN Girls on the Run!
LEARN MORE AT www.gotrddetroit.org
Girls on the Run is for EVERY girl.

Girls on the Run is an after-school program like no other! Twice per week for 10 weeks, girls will have fun, make friends, increase their physical activity levels and learn important life skills. Trained and caring coaches lead 3-5 grade girls through interactive lessons and running activities. The season ends with a non-competitive 5K event.

Why it Matters
IT'S FUN. IT'S EFFECTIVE.

Participating in Girls on the Run transforms girls' lives by helping them increase their self-confidence, develop healthy relationships, and feel good about themselves, inside and out.

Registration Opens: Now - September 15th
Program Starts: Week of September 16th
When: Tue & Thurs 4-5:15pm
Program Location: Commerce Elementary
Program Fee: $130 (now- June 30th) $145 (July 1- Sep 8)
5K Celebration: Sunday, November 17th
Financial Assistance is Available
Contact: Sarah Harper
sharper@ymcadetroit.org

Learn more and register today at www.gotrddetroit.org

*Limited Space*