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# NEWSLETTER



Exceeds state standards

## Overall Rating

Districts and schools receive an overall rating of 1 to 5 stars in half-star increments. The overall rating is comprised of five rated components. The College, Career, Workforce and Military Readiness Component is report only and does not contribute to the overall rating on the 2024 Ohio School Report Cards.

## 2023-2024 School Report Card

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Director Stephen D. Dackin last week announced the release of the [2024 Ohio School Report Cards](#). The report cards showcase the achievements of districts and schools, highlighting their efforts to prepare students for the future.

SMART Academy was rated **4 Stars** for their **Overall Performance**, exceeding the State Standards. One highlight is the Early Literacy Component, which is a measure of reading improvement and proficiency for students in Kindergarten through Third grade. SMART Academy was rated **3 Stars**, Meeting State Standards. SMART Academy also received a 5 Star rating in the areas of Gap Closing and Progress, significantly exceeds State Standards.

Some other highlights of our report card are our student Chronic Absenteeism dropped by nearly 20% from the prior school year. Student attendance is a critical component to their overall education. The hard work from students and staff, and the support of parents made last year one of academic excellence. To view our full report card, please click [HERE](#).

Visit the article from the Richland Source, click [HERE](#).

## Important Dates

Oct. 3rd - Hiram House Field Trip (3rd-5th Grade)

Oct. 4th - No School for Students

Oct. 7th - No School for Students

Oct. 17th - School Board Meeting  
- Community Food Distribution

Oct. 18th - End of 1st Quarter

Oct. 26th - Halloween Event

Oct. 31st - Parent/Teacher Conference

## Ms. Kedzie – 2nd Grade

October's Staff of the Month winner is Ms. Kedzie. Please join us in congratulating her for her extraordinary efforts recognized by their peers.

### Some of the comments were:

- Ms. Kedzie has gone above and beyond in planning for the field trip, leading her TBT, and being part of numerous other committees.
- Ms. Kedzie has been pushing her scholars to be the best they can be this first month of school.
- She has gone out of her way multiple times to help me with questions that I have had.

Each month, SMART Academy recognizes a winner of the Staff of the Month Award. The award recipients will be chosen based upon nominations from staff members. Staff is recognized for their Dedication, Leadership, and Excellence.



**Staff of the Month**

## Students of the Month

Jamari Orr	Royelle Brown
Jerzy Rutledge	Riley Wiggins
Elijah Dobbins	A'jionnah Howard
Jeremiah Miley-Greene	Minnie Martinez
Kayden Wilson	Kennedi Howard
Preston Meredith-Smith	Asia Miller
Jayceir McWilson	Trinity Caldwell
Noah Christopher	Ameena Eatmon
Kennedi Howard	Kace Wilson



**from the desk of the Principal, Harold S. Booker.....**

Welcome to a new academic school year! It is hard to believe that October is already here! As October arrives, the faculty, staff, and I are thrilled to embark on another exceptional educational journey with your children. Our commitment to fostering a challenging yet nurturing learning environment remains unwavering. We are a team committed to creating a challenging learning environment in a loving educational community. You are a vital part of that team, and we count on your support.

As a fellow parent, I know how busy life can get. I know evenings can be hectic and finding time to do homework or even reading gets challenging. I encourage you to establish a daily routine with your child, focusing on homework, reading, and discussing their classroom experiences. Help your child keep a positive attitude toward school and his/her academic work. Your involvement is integral to this mission, and we appreciate your ongoing support. This newsletter aims to update you on the positive start to the year, attributed to our dedicated educators and enthusiastic scholars.

To further support your child, I invite you to become involved at SMART Academy and support our efforts by volunteering, becoming involved in school activities, family events and our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). An active PTO provides wonderful opportunities for our students to expand their educational experiences.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or me if you have any questions or concerns.

**Educationally yours,  
Harold S. Booker, Principal**

**10 Ways to Ask Your Child "So How was Your Day?"**

1. What was the best thing that happened at school today?
2. Tell me something that made you laugh today.
3. If you could choose who would you like to sit by in class?
4. Where is the coolest place at the school?
5. Tell me a weird word that you heard today.
6. If I called your teacher tonight what would she tell me about you?
7. How did you help somebody today?
8. How did somebody help you today?
9. Tell me one thing that you learned today.
10. When were you the happiest today?

## Highlights from September

September was filled with some great experiences for students and staff.

- On September 20th, we hosted one of the top school assemblies in the nation, BE A HERO, This assembly addresses key issues such as: Bullying, Positive Choices, Respect and Violence Prevention, and Self-Esteem and Academic Excellence.
- Our Kindergarten through Second grade students visited Red Wagon Farms in Columbia Station where they experienced a guided tour and learned how pumpkins are grown, a wagon ride through Scarecrow Village and learned how produce is grown, a Corn maze with a kid's play area, and each student took home a pumpkin!
- Our athletic season kicked off on September 16 with Soccer. Led by Coach Garcia and Coach Ali, 17 student athletes will participate in a season filled with learning and competing. Some games will be held at the Cranwood Fields located down the street from SMART Academy.

