



September 17 is CONSTITUTION DAY

September 14, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Each year, schools nationwide help students understand the U. S. Constitution and its significance by commemorating Constitution Day. This year marks 231 years from the original date the U. S. Constitution was signed in 1787.

The U. S. Constitution is the second-oldest written constitution still in use by any nation in the world. The first three Articles establish the three branches of government: the legislative, the executive, and the judicial branch. The U. S. Constitution has been amended twenty-seven times; the first ten amendments are the Bill of Rights. Some well-known rights protected through the Bill of Rights include those that guarantee freedom of religion, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, the right to a speedy trial, trial by jury, and freedom from cruel and unusual punishment.

Some of the most important amendments to the U. S. Constitution are the fifteenth, the nineteenth, and the twenty-sixth, which give all Americans over the age of 18 the right to voice their opinion on issues through voting. In addition to voicing opinion at the polls, voters also can let their opinions be heard through early voting 35 days before election day.

At Donovan Elementary we are celebrating Constitution Day as teachers share read aloud books with their classes. One book that may be read is Sh...We are Writing the Constitution. Teachers will have a character discussion about Unity and Freedom.

Attached is a voter registration form for you to use in the event that you're not currently registered to vote. Additional forms are available in any school office. If you are registered to vote, please feel free to pass the form along to a new neighbor or friend who may not be registered. Forms can be mailed to the Board of Elections or returned to any school office. An online registration form is available at www.warrencountyboe.us.

October 9 is the last day to register for this November's election (11/6).

Sincerely,

Clifton Franz
Principal

=Voter Registration and Information Update Form=

Please read instructions carefully. Please type or print clearly with blue or black ink.

For further information, you may consult the Secretary of State's website at: www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov or call (877) 767-6446.

Eligibility

You are qualified to register to vote in Ohio if you meet all the following requirements:

1. You are a citizen of the United States.
2. You will be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the general election.
3. You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the election in which you want to vote.
4. You are not incarcerated (in jail or in prison) for a felony conviction.
5. You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court.
6. You have not been permanently disenfranchised for violations of election laws.

Use this form to register to vote or to update your current Ohio registration if you have changed your address or name.

NOTICE: This form must be *received or postmarked* by the 30th day before an election at which you intend to vote. You will be notified by your county board of elections of the location where you vote. If you do not receive a notice following timely submission of this form, please contact your county board of elections.

Numbers 1 and 2 below are required by law. You *must* answer *both* of the questions for your registration to be processed.

Registering in Person

If you have a current valid Ohio driver's license, you must provide that number on line 10. If you do not have an Ohio driver's license, you must provide the *last four digits* of your Social Security number on line 10. If you have neither, please write "None."

Please see information on back of this form to learn how to obtain an absentee ballot.

Registering by Mail

If you register by mail and do not provide either an Ohio driver's license number or the last four digits of your Social Security number, you must enclose with your application a copy of one of the following forms of identification:

Current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document (other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections) that shows the voter's name and current address.

Residency Requirements

Your voting residence is the location that you consider to be a permanent, not a temporary, residence. Your voting residence is the place in which your habitation is fixed and to which, whenever you are absent, you intend to return. If you do not have a fixed place of habitation, but you are a consistent or regular inhabitant of a shelter or other location to which you intend to return, you may use that shelter or other location as your residence for purposes of registering to vote. If you have questions about your specific residency circumstances, you may contact your local board of elections for further information.

Your Signature

In the area below the arrow in Box 14, please write your cursive, hand-written signature or make your legal mark, taking care that it does not touch the surrounding lines so when it is digitally imaged by your county board of elections it can effectively be used to identify your signature.

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I am: Registering as an Ohio voter Updating my address Updating my name

1. Are you a U.S. citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
2. Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before the next general election? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If you answered NO to either of the questions, do not complete this form.	

3. Last Name	First Name	Middle Name or Initial
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4. House Number and Street (Enter new address if changed)	Apt. or Lot #	5. City or Post Office	6. ZIP Code
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7. Additional Mailing Address (if necessary)	8. County (where you live)	FOR BOARD USE ONLY SEC4010 (Rev. 4/15) City, Village, Twp. <hr/> Ward <hr/> Precinct <hr/> School Dist. <hr/> Cong. Dist. <hr/> Senate Dist. <hr/> House Dist.
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9. Birthdate (MO-DAY-YR) (required)	10. Ohio Driver's License Number OR Last four digits of Social Security Number (one form of identification required)	11. Phone No. (voluntary)
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12. PREVIOUS ADDRESS IF UPDATING CURRENT REGISTRATION - Previous House Number and Street		
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Previous City or Post Office	County	State
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13. CHANGE OF NAME ONLY Former Legal Name	Former Signature
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14. I declare under penalty of election falsification I am a citizen of the United States, will have lived in this state for 30 days immediately preceding the next election, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the general election.	Your Signature ↓	Date _____ / _____ / _____ MO DAY YR	

To ensure your information is updated, please do the following:

1. Print this form.
2. Complete all required fields.
3. Sign and date your form.
4. Fold and insert your form into an envelope.
5. Mail your form to your county board of elections. For your county board's address please visit www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov/boards.htm.

If you have additional questions, please call the office of the Ohio Secretary of State at 877-SOS-OHIO (877-767-6446).

Warren County Board of Elections

520 Justice Drive

Lebanon, Ohio 45036

HOW TO OBTAIN AN OHIO ABSENTEE BALLOT

You are entitled to vote by absentee ballot in Ohio without providing a reason. Absentee ballot applications may be obtained from your county board of elections or from the Secretary of State at: www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov or by calling (877) 767-6446.

OHIO VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a copy of a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document (other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections) that shows the voter's name and current address. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by providing the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number and by casting a provisional ballot pursuant to R.C. 3505.181. For more information on voter identification requirements, please consult the Secretary of State's website at: www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov or call (877) 767-6446.

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