



**October 16, 2023**

## First Quarter At A Glance

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## ***From Superintendent Jamie Grube***

Groveport Madison Schools Families,

I hope this letter finds you well as we pause to reflect on the successful completion of the first quarter of the school year!

I want to take a moment to emphasize our commitment to the safety and well-being of our students. Ensuring a secure and nurturing environment is our top priority. We have implemented robust safety measures and continue to adapt to the ever-evolving circumstances. We understand that learning is most effective when students feel safe, supported, and inspired. Families can learn more about our safety measures, such as our [Safe ID Systems](#) and the [Evolv Screening Detectors](#) on our website.



I look forward to a year filled with growth, discovery, and achievement. Together, we will navigate challenges that may arise, and I am confident that we will have a successful and rewarding academic journey ahead.

Thank you to our students, staff, families and community for your support, dedication, and hard work. Wishing you all a successful and fulfilling remainder of 2023!

Respectfully,

## First Quarter Building Highlights

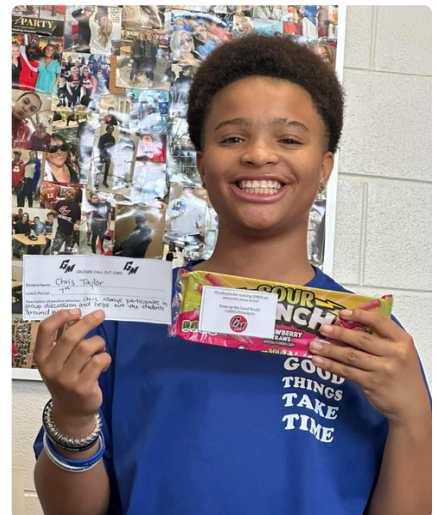
### Groveport Madison High School

#### *GMHS Creates New PBIS Initiative - "Cruiser Call Out Cards"*

This endeavor aims to get our students on board with putting their academics and positive behavior at the forefront of all they do. Teachers fill out slips of paper about why they recognize a particular student and what they did to be recognized. They will then drop those slips off in our main office throughout the week.

We make a spectacle in the cafeteria each Friday as we award the winners. We have the entire cafeteria make a drumroll sound on the tables - in a positive manner - as we draw out students' names. The students then come up in front of their peers to receive their awards. We read the teacher's nomination note out loud for everyone to hear.

It has been great to see so many other students wanting to participate positively to get this type of recognition. We feel the Cruiser Call Out Cards have enhanced our school climate for the better, and it is a PBIS initiative students really seem to enjoy - and so does the staff!



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### Middle School South

Middle School South is holding a Food Drive to support the Groveport Food Pantry! Items should be brought to Middle School South from October 2-20. Families and the community are welcome to donate these urgently needed items. The Food Drive is a competition of grade levels (6th-8th) depending on items donated. Thank you for your support!

Free Spirit Week for ALL South Students October 17th-20th (next week!)

Let's have a fun week and show our Cruiser Spirit!

- October 17 - Cruiser Gear
- October 18 - Pink out for Breast Cancer Awareness
- October 19 - Character Day
- October 20 - Sports Team/Player Day

We will post pictures to social media all week! Remember to check out our MS South [Facebook page](#) and include #igtbac!



## Middle School North

Middle School North celebrated Spirit Week with fun themes, including:

- PJ Day
- Rhyme Without Reason
- Little White Lies
- Character Day
- Cruiser Spirit/Class Colors

MS North also held a Fall Showcase Assembly to kick off the Fall break and celebrated student-athletes and band members. They also honored students who went above and beyond academically and behaviorally this first quarter.

## Middle School Central

Middle School Central students have had a busy first quarter! We are excited to say there have been several days where less than 5% of our students have been absent!

Upcoming MS Central events:

- Parent Teacher Conferences - Oct. 19, 3:00 PM - 8:10 PM
- Spooktober Band Performance - Oct. 26, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM



Social-emotional learning (SEL) is a framework that teaches students skills and attitudes that help them navigate the complexities of their emotions, build positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. Throughout the first quarter of this school year, MS Central principal John Brown has been visiting classrooms to teach SEL to students and have discussions around empathy and compassion. [READ MORE](#)



## Sedalia Elementary

It's great to be a Sedalia Cruiser!

Sedalia Cruisers have been busy learning routines and our Sedalia Character Traits. September students-of-the-month were selected for Respect, and now students are working on practicing Honesty throughout October. Our PBIS program celebrates Cruisers with Character on our daily announcements, always looking for the positive at Sedalia.

We enjoyed welcoming our partners and parents at recent conferences. Each grade level team has intentional plans for helping students meet their iReady stretch goals, and they are celebrating student progress on individualized learning paths.

Our newly elected Student Council is working on a Boo Gram fundraiser for later this month, and the Scholastic Book Fair will take place October 17th - 20th.

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## Madison Elementary

Congratulations to Mr. Stephen Pack, 5th grade teacher, for being awarded the Franklin County Sheriff's Community Star Award!



Students from Madison Elementary School received a special visit from students participating in the Ohio University and Chubu University [Japan] academic exchange agreement. [Read the full story online.](#)



## Groveport Elementary

Groveport Elementary has had a busy and productive 1st nine weeks of school! Students learned what it looks and sounds like to be a Cruiser STAR. They practiced the routines and procedures of our PBIS common area expectations. All of our students completed their iReady reading and math diagnostics and have been working on meeting their personalized instruction time on

task and lessons passed goals.

Our annual Read-a-thon and Scholastic Book Fair were a success! We celebrated Staff- and Students-of-the-Month, elected Student Council Representatives, and had almost all our parents attend fall parent/teacher conferences!

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## Glendening Elementary

Glendening Elementary had 117 students receive an attendance award for perfect attendance in September! Thank you to the Raising Cane's restaurant on S. Hamilton Rd. for providing certificates for those students!



We also had 42 students recognized as 3R award winners, which means a staff member chose them for showing *Respect, Responsibility, and Readiness* for September.

Upcoming events:

- Parent Teacher Conferences 10/19 and 10/24.
- Picture Day 10/18.
- Mobile Dentist visit 10/18, 10/19, 10/20 & 10/23.
- 3rd Grade State testing for Reading 10/24 and 10/25



## Dunloe Elementary

Dunloe Elementary students are responding nicely to our PBIS B.E.S.T. (**B**e respectful, **E**ncourage kindness, **S**afety first, **T**ry your best) expectations! We have Spotlight Students, and B.E.S.T. citizens acknowledged each month. During September, our Spotlight Students got to have Donuts with the Principal. Our B.E.S.T. citizens received a slap bracelet.

Students are working hard academically, too! Sixty-five percent (329 of 510) of our students are approaching or at grade level in reading according to their iReady Reading Diagnostic! Fifty-nine percent (298 of 510) of our students are approaching or at grade level in math according to their iReady Math Diagnostic. Dunloe students also MET their Read-A-Thon Goal of reading 50,000 minutes over our two-week Read-A-Thon!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent/Teacher Conferences! Those partnerships with our students and their families are critical to us, and we are grateful for your support!

School Resource Officer Schwotzer came to Dunloe and read to our kindergarten students through the Operation Starfish program. Each student received a copy of the book!

## Asbury Elementary

Asbury Elementary's 4th-grade students learned about weathering, erosion, and deposition using a VR Sandbox provided by the ESCCO (Education Service Center of Central Ohio).

Thank you to A Time of Esther Ministries. They recently gave Asbury ES a donation of teacher and school supplies! We really appreciate your generosity.



### Lil' Cruiser

Our preschoolers have been learning about the Life Cycle of the butterfly!

Lil' Cruisers also received COSI Connects Kits to bring hands-on STEM activities about exploring SPACE into the classroom (thanks to our relationship with Franki Sibberson with NUDL Institute for Professional Learning and SproutFive). Students worked on some of these activities in class, while teachers sent other projects home so students could complete them with their families.

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## District News

### GMSD Shares Evolv Detectors With Canal Winchester Schools

Groveport Madison Schools has a strong commitment to the safety and security of our District and community. In the spirit of being good neighbors and fostering a sense of community, Groveport Madison Schools would like to share an exciting collaboration with Canal Winchester Schools. [READ MORE](#)

### Cruiser Accel Program Moves to 4500 Building

We are excited to announce that the 4500 Building is now ready to house our Cruiser Accel Program, new Transportation Center, and many more projects the District has in store for the next few years. With 57,000 total square feet, the 4500 Building has endless possibilities. [READ MORE](#)



### Groveport Madison Schools Implements Safe ID Systems

Groveport Madison Schools takes the safety of our students and staff very seriously. This school year, we have added vestibules (secured glass enclosures) to the main entrance of each elementary and middle school. [READ MORE](#)

## October 11, 2023 Board of Education Recap

There was a Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. Check out our website for the meeting recap. [READ MORE](#)



### REMINDER: Apply for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch

The USDA has discontinued the universal free lunch program (where all students receive free lunches without applying). Groveport Madison Schools will continue to provide free breakfast for all students. Students' families must complete an online application to be considered for free or reduced-price lunch for this year. \*NEW THIS YEAR\* Students who qualify for reduced-price lunch will receive FREE lunch. Be sure to fill out your application today!

You can find the application at [GoCruisers.org/PaySchools](https://GoCruisers.org/PaySchools).

## Check Out Our Find My School App

We've made finding your neighborhood school of residence as easy as possible. All you need is the student's grade level and the home or apartment address. Just go to [GoCruisers.org/FindMySchool](https://GoCruisers.org/FindMySchool) to get your child's assigned school. If you have other questions, call our Welcome Center at 614-491-8288.

## Parent Advisory Council

Groveport Madison Schools Board of education is looking to establish a Parent Advisory Council for parents and guardians in our district to establish representation of adults that is reflective of the diverse student body to share experiences, and points of view. Applications are due by Friday, November 17 and can be submitted online: <https://forms.gle/GJf47QHMZsBN8miD7>

## Bus Routes

Reminder! You can find all bus information on our website at [GoCruisers.org/BusRoutes](https://GoCruisers.org/BusRoutes).



WEAR **ORANGE** ON **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18**

IN RECOGNITION OF  
**UNITY DAY!**



CRUISERS ARE TOGETHER  
**AGAINST BULLYING**

UNITED FOR **KINDNESS,**  
**ACCEPTANCE, AND INCLUSION**



***Issue 14 Operating Levy Fast Facts***

*The information being provided on behalf of Groveport Madison Schools is merely factual.*

*This section is not an endorsement of Issue 14.*





# FAST FACTS

## GM Schools' **ZERO** Increase in Taxes Operating Levy

6.68 mil  
renewal levy

It Is **NOT**  
a **Tax**  
Increase!

This levy will continue to  
generate

**\$6.3**  
million

annually.

Since 1992, Groveport  
Madison Schools has only  
needed to pass two  
operating levies.

This current operating levy is  
a renewal of the original  
operating levy of 2014.

**WITH IT,**  
the District can maintain  
current operations,  
including current staff  
levels, programs,  
activities and  
opportunities for kids.

**WITHOUT IT,**  
the District loses \$3.1  
million in the first six  
months and \$6.3 million  
annually thereafter.  
The District would have  
to make significant  
budget cuts.

It is  
**ISSUE 14**  
on your  
**NOVEMBER 7**  
ballot.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**OCTOBER 10** VOTER REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE

**OCTOBER 11** EARLY VOTING  
BEGINS

**NOVEMBER 7** ELECTION  
DAY

## Important Dates

- Tue., Nov. 7 – Election Day
- Wed., Nov. 8 – Board of Education Mtg., 7 p.m., District Service Ctr.
- Fri., Nov. 10 – NO SCHOOL/OFFICES CLOSED – Veterans Day
- Tue., Nov. 21 – Two-hour Early Release Day
- Wed., Nov. 22 – NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
- Thur., Nov. 23 – NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
- Fri., Nov. 24 – NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
- Mon., Dec. 18 to Mon., Jan. 1 – NO SCHOOL – Winter Break
- Tue., Jan 2 – NO SCHOOL – PD Day for Staff

## Share Good News About Groveport Madison Schools!

We know that great news occurs every day. We invite you to share positive news items with us via our social media outlets as well. News and information can be shared via personal messaging on Facebook (GroveportMadisonSchools). You may also email us at [gm.communications@gocruisers.org](mailto:gm.communications@gocruisers.org), or call us at (614) 492-2520.

## Stay Informed - Follow us on Social Media

We are committed to keeping you informed, as we use various communications tools to make it as easy as possible for you to know what is happening in the Groveport Madison Schools District. In addition, many of our schools use social media as well. Look for them on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

Facebook: [GroveportMadisonSchools](https://www.facebook.com/GroveportMadisonSchools)

Instagram: [@gmschools](https://www.instagram.com/gmschools)

YouTube: [GroveportMadisonSchoolsCruisers](https://www.youtube.com/GroveportMadisonSchoolsCruisers)



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