



Principal's Message

THANK YOU - PARENTS, STAFF, AND STUDENTS!!

Thank you to all the parents for taking time from your busy schedules to attend parent teacher conferences this week. Also, thank you to the PTO for providing dinner for the staff Tuesday night - it was delicious!

3rd - 5th grade testing was amazing this week! Everything went very smoothly. Thank you to the parents for getting the students to school every day on time and to the teachers for preparing the students! A huge thank you to the students for all their hard work and effort - we can't wait to get the results!

English Language Arts state testing is complete, but Math (4th and 5th) and Science (5th) will begin after spring break.

April 30th - 4th Grade Math Part 1
May 2nd - 4th Grade Math Part 2

May 1st - 5th Grade Science Part 1
May 2nd - 5th Grade Science Part 2

Attendance Fact = By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

Lost and Found Alert - our lost and found is growing by the day. If your child is missing anything, please ask them to check the lost and found! We will be bagging it up and donating the clothing during spring break :))

Focus on Learning

Students in 4th grade were finished with electricity last nine weeks, but saved this electricity

project for after testing!



Artist of the Week



Eric Schneider

Fourth graders just finished their awesome coil pots. Throughout this project we learned how to make different types of coils and how to attach them together by scoring and slipping. Once their pieces were bisque fired we glazed them and then they had to be fired again. We learned about all

the properties of clay. Eric Schneider was selected by Mrs. Sperk for his excellent coil pot. Eric is a student in Miss Polce's class. He has been attending Groveport Elementary since first grade. Eric has an older brother and sister, Austin and Taylor and a younger baby sister Lily. Eric likes football, baseball, basketball and golf. He also enjoys drawing FortNite characters. His favorite color is red.

Congratulations Eric for being our Artist of the Week!

What is on the May ballot for Groveport Madison Schools?

The District has a combined operating levy and bond issue on the May 7, 2019 ballot. The operating portion of the levy will replace the 2014, 6.68-mill levy that expires at the end of the calendar year with a 6.1 mill operating levy - that will not increase taxes

In addition, a 37-year, 4.72 mill bond issue will allow our community to take advantage of more than \$65 million in state matching funds to replace our deteriorating and overcrowded schools that are serving our youngest learners. It will allow our community to build and equip three, new pre-K through 6th-grade elementary schools and one new middle school for grades seven and eight.

The District allows kids from Columbus to attend, which is causing the overcrowding problems.

That's one of the biggest misunderstandings around - and one that nearly every central Ohio school district has to deal with almost daily.

The State of Ohio established school districts' boundaries (for the entire state) back in 1825, so the properties that are currently in our school district were always part of Groveport Madison Schools - regardless of the zip code or municipality in which the dwelling is located.

GM Schools is not an "Open Enrollment" school district; therefore, you must reside in the District to attend schools here. If you want to verify that a residence belongs in and is paying taxes to GM Schools, you can check it out for yourself on the Franklin County Auditor's website (property.franklincountyauditor.com/_web/search/commonsearch.aspx?mode=address). Look up an address for anyone whose children attend Groveport Madison Schools. Any property with the school district code of 2507 is paying the exact same millage rate for schools as anyone else living in the District, regardless of whether the residence has a Columbus, Reynoldsburg, Pickerington, Canal Winchester, Township, or Groveport address.

Groveport Madison's school taxes are too high!

The District has the next to lowest total tax millage of the 16 central Ohio school districts. Only Hamilton Township's property taxes are lower. Even with the passage of Issue 5, the District will still have the next to lowest property taxes in the area.

Carnival is quickly approaching - May 10th! We need your help with the raffle baskets. You should have received a letter with your basket theme, but just in case here are the themes for each class. The class with the most items will win a Popcorn Party!

Preschool - Boys

Garn - Girls

Jahn - Family Picnic

Chandler - Gardening

Myers - Family Movie Night
KC - What's Cookin'
Stoevers - Games Galore
Monhollen - Summer Fun
Miller - Art Lovers
Eft - Sports
Townsend - Campout
McGonigal - Candy
Yurasek - Outdoor BBQ
Polce - Coffee Lovers
Cordell - Gift Cards Galore
Mosure - Chocolate Paradis



Hallway STAR Award

Our students have to hang their coats and bookbags in the hallway because of limited space in the classrooms. We noticed this to be untidy and unsafe as students were stepping over items that would drop to the floor, so we've started a clean hallway challenge. Mrs. Bray will walk the halls throughout the week to recognize the class that has the neatest hallway area and announce the winning class on Fridays. Mr. Miller our school custodian will present the award to the class each week.

Congratulation to the winner this week = Mrs. McGonigal

All for Books

During our last coin drive our students brought in over \$800.00. So far this year they have raised over \$3000.00! That money was used to purchase new books for classroom libraries and to add new books to the school library. For this coin drive the class who brings in the most money will win a free book per student and the teacher will get to shop the Book Fair for books for their class. Not only does the money help our school but for every dollar raised Scholastic will donate 1 book per dollar raised to Kids in Disastrous Situations. To get the kids excited about raising money we will have fun dress up days. The days are listed below:

Monday = pennies and nickels wear Tie Dye

Tuesday = dimes Hat Day

Wednesday = quarters wear favorite Disney Character

Thursday = dollars wear PJs

Upcoming Important Dates

April

15th = PTO Meeting

18th = 45 minute early dismissal

19th = No School - Good Friday

22nd - 26th = No School Spring Break

29th = Classes Resume

May

3rd = BLT Meeting

3rd = Arbor Day Celebration (3rd grade)

10th = Carnival

May 6th - 10th = Teacher Appreciation Week and BOGO Free Book Fair

Thank You to Our Pledge of Allegiance Helpers

Tessa Hilligas - Mrs. Hilligas

Gisselle Denny - Mrs. Monhollen

Kylie Graham - Mrs. Stoeve

Zoe Cook - Mrs. Monhollen

Isabella Snodgrass - Mr. Eft

Kyra Flack - Ms. Polce

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

Gabrielle Wengerter, Mercy Perez,
Allison Hoamvongsor, Alicia Zacatlan,
Abdallah Hassane, Akina San,
Andi Poel, Raegan Poel, Mustapha Iliasu,
Mikel Jones, Tyler Spaulding, Eniaja Muse,
Kalli Joneikis, Kingston Lawson,
Taylor Thomas-Washburn, Colten Watkins,
Blake Smith, Shyanne Blacker, Jackson Smith,
Emma Nicklis, and Kevin Coleman!



Cruiser STAR Students

Gold STAR Awards are given to students by staff members for students who show characteristics of being a Cruiser STAR - Stay Safe Take Responsibility Act Respectfully Reach Goals. Students come to the office and put their gold STAR in our Treasure Box. Every Friday, Mrs. Bray picks 15 -20 STARS from the Treasure Box and calls those students to the office for a prize. [Congratulations - Larae McKissack, Jonte Coleman, Edwin Stelle, Zach Konot, Khamyree Laws, William Nuakey, Isabella Snodgrass, Jesse Lutz, Jordan Chilton, Mari Hill, Kalli Joneikis, Amelia Toepfer, Makenzie Boucher, Joseph Maynard, and Lyla Luther!](#)



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