



Principal's Message

Happy New Year!

Welcome back staff and students! It hasn't been as smooth a start back as usual for a couple of our classes and our preschoolers won't be back until next Tuesday. As many of you probably have seen on social media or have heard from your children we had some water damage to 3 of our classrooms over the winter break. Although insurance will totally cover all the damages and loss, people still wanted to help and I just wanted to say THANK YOU! It is amazing how we all pull together and get things done for the kids. We are grateful to our families and community for their support, understanding, and flexibility. I look forward to getting things back to normal this next week and having a great rest of the year.

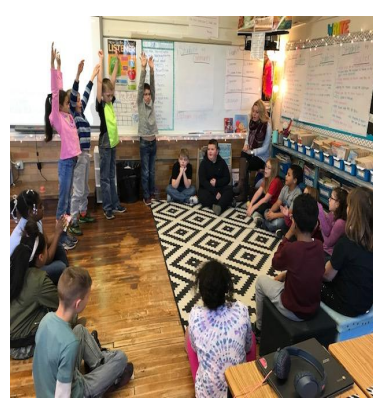
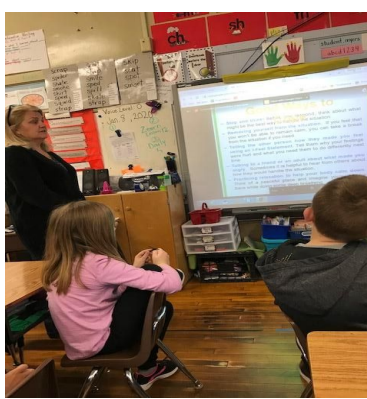
Focus on Learning

This week's focus is on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). When students and staff return to school from a long break it is a great time to review school rules and procedures. This week students did just that! All common building area expectations were reviewed with students. Our focus was on the positive impact students have on themselves and others when they follow the rules. Cruiser STAR Agreements were created in each classroom to use as a reference for the 2nd half of the year. Look for photos in future newsletters :))

Each classroom reviewed different expectations using the PBIS video created a couple of years ago with staff and students. It was funny to hear student reactions to seeing themselves and friends on video when they were younger.

Morning Meetings are part of the PBIS and SEL plan at Groveport Elementary. This week's Morning Meetings focused on good ways to cope when you get upset. Ms. Townsend's class reviewed calm down strategies; finger counting, saying your stop signal, belly breathing, and 5 senses. Mrs. Myers' class discussed how to talk out your struggles and the importance of positive self talk.

Take time this week to ask your kids about the building expectations and what method works best for them when they need to calm down.



Teachers also reminded students about the 2nd nine weeks reward which is Games Galore - Students had to earn 2 out of the 3 AIM goals. Just a reminder the Attendance and Behavior expectations are the same every nine weeks - 0 unexcused absences and Cruiser STAR behavior each day (teacher discretion); however the Academic goal for 2nd nine weeks is meeting MAP growth targets (K-4 meet 1 out of 2 / 5th 2 out of 3). The Academic goal for 3rd nine weeks will be Honor Roll. There is always the automatic disqualifiers: Bus Suspension and School Suspension.

Congratulations Preschool - 5 Star State Rating!!!!

A Step Up To Quality On-Site verification visit has been completed for Groveport Elementary School by the State Department and our school earned a 5 Star rating which is the highest rating! Congratulations - Mrs. Downing, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Morrison, and Mrs. Koehler!

Staff and parents check out these cool built in accessibility tools . . .

Built in accessibility tools

Chromebooks and G Suite have accessibility tools built in, along with many apps and extensions. Learn about how educators use them and find training resources.

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Friendly Reminders

Student Drop Off - Students should not be dropped off before 8:40 AM. We don't have supervision before this time and students will be outside in the cold temperatures. Also, the oval in the front is for the buses. All drop offs must be in front of the school by the fence or on the side of the school.

Car Rider Pick-up - Please continue to use Middle School Central's parking lot. Students will be walked out to the end of the drive at 3:35. The weather is going to be very cold the next couple months, but please continue to get out of your car and meet your child. Also, please follow the pick-up procedures, follow the flow of traffic around the parking lot and do not cut in line. This is so we can keep all the students safe.

Visitor Badges - When you visit the building, you must show proper ID to enter the building. Staff and students CANNOT open the door for you. You must be buzzed in by someone in the office after you show your ID. Once you are buzzed in, go directly to office and sign in and get a visitor badge. Again, this is to ensure the safety of all the students.

Recess - It looks like we will have indoor recess for the next several weeks, but just in case the temperature is 25 degrees or above, please make sure your child wears a coat, hat and gloves. We have activities and games for indoor recess, so we ask that your child not bring in toys from home unless the teacher has given specific permission. We can't be responsible for lost or stolen property.

Birthday Treats - If you decide to send in a treat for your child's classroom, please contact the teacher to make arrangements beforehand. We are continuously getting new students and we have had parents send in treats but not enough for the whole class or bring in the treats after the scheduled time the teacher plans for treats.

Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation!

Upcoming Important Dates

January

14 = TBT Meetings

15 = DLT Meeting

16 = BLT Meeting

17 = Buddy Class Time 2:45 - 3:15 (2nd Grade Specials at 10:00)

20 = No School

21 = TBT Meetings

24 = 2nd Nine Weeks Reward - Games Galore

24 = Staff Meeting

Thank You to Our Pledge of Allegiance Helpers

Eniaja Muse - Mr. Yurasek

Landon Yurasek - Mrs. Kehoe-Conn

Jaidyn Collins - Mrs. Monhollen

Lexie Fox - Ms. Miller

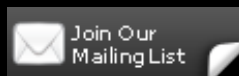
Happy Birthday



Celeste Jacobs, Insa Parish-Kone, Patrick Pherson,
Anthony Warfield III, Lillian Mahr, and Kaleb Harris

Cruiser STAR Students

Cruiser 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](#) -



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