

## Weekly Newsletter - November 15, 2019



# **Groveport Elementary School**

The Groveport Madison Local School District will build a community of learners, leaders and responsible citizens.

Every Student, Every Lesson, Every Day



# Principal's Message

Dear Groveport Elementary Families,

Wow! Snow came a little early this year and took some of us off guard. Luckily, we didn't need a delay because finding coverage for the kids can be tricky sometimes. I think we need to remember that snowfall, like all of Ohio's weather, is unpredictable and there is always the chance for snow days or weather delays in our future. Although we want students in school and learning, we also do not want to place your families at risk for any sort of accidents or injuries, and so snow days or delays can be necessary. Now would be a great time to be thinking about a plan for when and if this should occur. Snow days, or any calamity day for that matter, are typically unexpected and it's important we are prepared for that early morning message. If you haven't updated your contact information, please make sure to call the school.

In addition, I wanted to remind parents that we do go out for recess if the feels like temperature is 25 degrees or warmer. We were blessed with donations of tons of hats and gloves, so if you child comes home with a new hat or new gloves we have been giving them out like crazy. If you are in need of winter clothing (coats, hats, gloves), please contact the office with what you need and sizes. I know some kids (including my own) hate to wear appropriate winter clothing, but please try to have your child dressed in clothing appropriate for the weather. Maybe show them the picture below.



As always, thanks for your support at home!

Mrs. Bray Principal

#### **Focus on Learning**

Students in Mrs. Downing's Pre-K class were working on a variety of foundational math skills today with some fun pictures of our favorite animals and creatures! The students were using linking cubes to measure the length of the different animals and creatures. Students then were asked to count, one-by-one, how many cubes that animal or creature was in length. Students were practicing their oral counting skills, one-to-one fluency, and fine motor skills. The next step was transferring this skill to using rulers and tape measures to measure different items in their classroom! Keep up the great work!









#### **Service Awards**

Thank you for your dedication and service to Groveport Madison Schools.



Mrs. McGonigal (25 years), Mrs. Mosure (5 years), Mrs. Jordan (5 years), Mrs. Jahn (15 years), and Mrs. Burnett (10 years)

# Thank you Madison Township Fire Department for coming to visit our school. Our Preschool students loved seeing the firefighter and the fire truck!











**Teachers -** Our Newsela usage is up and I've gotten a lot of positive feedback from the kids enjoying the articles. The Educator Center is the go-to place for all your professional learning. Here, you can find short how-to videos, technical support articles, classroom resources and graphic organizers, along with live and recorded webinars that help integrate Newsela into your instructional strategies and goals. There is something for every content area teachers. I challenge you to complete at least 1 activity each month!

### **Heritage Holiday Coloring Contest!!**

Check your child's bookbag for the different coloring pages. Enter the contest by coloring one of the pages and returning it to Town Hall by December 2nd at 5:00 pm. One winner per age group 4-6 / 7-9 / 10 -12 - the winners have the honor of helping Mayor Westcamp turn on the Christmas lights during the Heritage Holiday!!



## **Upcoming Important Dates**

#### November

18th = PTO Meeting (5:00)

19th = Teacher Based Team Meetings

20th = DLT Meeting

22nd = Buddy Schedule

26th = 2 Hour Early Dismissal

27th - 29th = No School - Happy Thanksgiving!

#### Thank You to Our Pledge of Allegiance Helpers

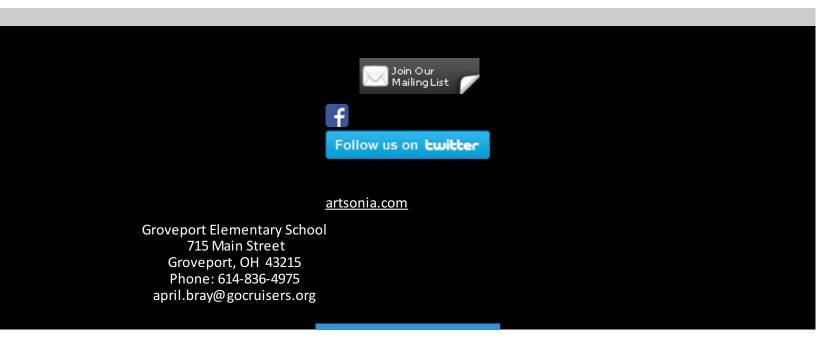
Rylan Peoples - Mrs. Cordell John Beebe - Mrs. Kehoe-Conn Mason Green - Mrs. Stoever Michael Edwards - Mrs. McGonigal

# **Happy Birthday**



#### **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 - Kylie Macklin, London Macon, Adrian Southern, McKenzie Davis, Alexis Berchie, Cecily Owens, Kareem Morgan, Abby Stover, Berkley Quinonez, Jayden Maynard, Marisa Marquis, Kellin Gallagher, Christian Cook, Trentan Montney, Kennedy Dawson, Heavyn Thomas, Billy Stanley, and Esther Nuakey!



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