Weekly Newsletter - March 6, 2020





Principal's Message

Thank you so much to all the parents/guardians who took time out of their busy schedules to make it to parent/teacher conferences. Students with involved parents or other caregivers earn higher grades and test scores, have better social skills, and show improved behavior. We really appreciate your support!

Just in case you didn't receive a paper copy of this letter from our Superintendent.

Dear Groveport Madison Parents and Guardians:

We are writing to provide you with an update about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and Groveport Madison School District's efforts to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff in our buildings.

Although cases of COVID-19 continue to be detected in the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) still considers the risk to the general American public to be low at this time. As of March 4, there are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ohio.

Groveport Madison Schools is working closely with Franklin County Public Health to monitor the situation and to develop a coordinated and comprehensive public health plan to ensure we are prepared if cases arise in our community. Please be assured we will be prepared to implement any public health recommendations, as required. Updated information will be shared with the community and posted on our website (www.gocruisers.org) as it becomes available.

As we head towards spring break (April 10 - 17), we know travel may be planned. There is a community spread of COVID-19 in other countries and areas of the U.S., so we encourage you to check the CDC Travel Advisory page prior to your travels. In Ohio, we continue to be in the peak of the flu season. Franklin County Public Health recommends that individuals receive the flu vaccination and engage in every day, preventive measures to prevent the spread of germs and avoid illness, such as:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

These prevention measures will also be our best line of defense if the time comes that we do see COVID-19 in our community. Additional information about COVID-19 is available on the Franklin County Public Health website (myfcph.org) and the CDC website (cdc.gov).

Please know that we will provide updates as they become available.

Sincerely,

Garilee Ogden Superintendent Groveport Madison Schools

Thank you Ms. Snyder for helping with our Mindset Goal!

All of Groveport's fourth graders have been involved with growing positive mindsets this year. Ms. Snyder has encouraged students to think positively throughout the year through stories and by painting inspiring messages on rocks for each student. One way these students are enlightening others is by volunteering to paint inspiring messages on rocks for future fourth graders. Students are painting their rocks during recess time in small groups. Ms. Snyder has been very impressed with the enthusiasm and caring attitudes that has been shared by the students during this project of inspiration.









Upcoming Important Dates

March 8th - Daylight Saving Time 13th - Student of the Month Breakfast for February and March 16th - PTO Meeting

SAVE the DATES: *June 9th and 10th* = Teachers iTeach Institute at Groveport Madison High School Our theme for 2020 is Let your Light Shine! Be an Educational Rockstar !

Thank You to Our Pledge of Allegiance Helpers

Roseliane Perdomo and Madison Gibson - Mr. Yurasek Lyla Watkins - Mrs. Kehoe-Conn Markus Hawkins - Mrs. Stoever

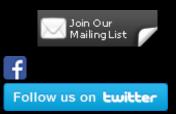
Happy Birthday



Aubri Smith, Vivian Jordan, Liam Bailey, Kyleigh Blackburn, Ireland West, Kenneth McComas, Lynel Johnson, Colton Eggers, and Amari Fraley

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 - Amaya Warfield, Addy Kirk, Anabelle Moore, Madison Wengerter, Esther Nuakey, David Cadiry, Jayden Maynard, Amiyah Ayers, Kamyree Laws, Landon Abad, Akina San, Kade Stine, Collin Hart, Kiely Morrison, and Nathan Konot!



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