Greetings from Groveport Elementary

January 27, 2023 Newsletter

Principal's Message

A Few Friendly Reminders

Student Drop Off - Students should not be dropped off before 9:05 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 at Middle School Central parking lot. If you are choosing to drop off in the front, please don't get out of your car because this is a no parking area - drop and go.

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 do NOT bring your dog to pick up or leave him/her in the car. We love dogs but if your dog doesn't fit in your purse please don't bring it to drop-off and pick-up. This is for everyone's safety and many students are afraid of large dogs.

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.

Phones - Students are not to have cell phones at school. If they do bring their phone it needs to be turned off and kept in their bookbag. Some teachers will also collect them until the end of the day, but we aren't responsible for the phones. Students are sneaking out their phones at recess or on the bus

and taking pictures or videos and that is not okay. Our policy is still no use of cell phones during school time. This is affecting our learning environment. The first time a student has their phone out a teacher will politely ask them to turn it off and put it away. The 2nd time it will be brought to the office and given back at the end of the day. If the student has their phone out a 3rd time the phone will be taken to the office and a parent will need to pick it up.

Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation!

Southeast Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library Open for Business!

The **Southeast Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library** will be open for business again starting Thursday, January 26.

Teachers who request a **Teacher Collection** on their educator card between February 1-28 will have an opportunity to enter a raffle.

Black History Month programming is happening at libraries throughout Columbus. The Southeast Branch Library is excited to host **West African Rhythm with Sogbety**; please join us on Tuesday, February 7 at 4:00 p.m. to get a glimpse of West Africa through drumming and dance, colorful costumes, musical instruments, rhythm, and song.

Our **Winter Reading Challenge** has been extended through February 25. Registered students are eligible to stop by the library and pick up their earned prizes.

Scholastic Event - Parents and Teachers Check out www.storyvoice.live



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Thank You Pledge of Allegiance Helpers

Monday = Liam Bailey Tuesday = Kareem Marshall Wednesday = Snow Day Thursday = Alex Beck Friday = Niyah Hutchins



Lunch Choices

Monday = Chicken Nuggets Tuesday = Spaghetti with meat sauce Wednesday = Cheese Pizza Thursday = Chicken Tenders Friday = Crispy Chicken Patty Sandwich *Packers need to bring a drink or pay \$.50 for a milk. Milk is no longer free.

Mark Your Calendars

JANUARY 31st = PTO Meeting (5:00)

FEBRUARY

3rd = Interim Reports Available for 1st - 5th grade
10th = Cupid Shuffle Dance 5:00 - 7:00 (more information coming soon)
14th = Valentine's Day Parties (2:45)
20th = No School
21st = No School



Happy Birthday!

Lilianna Craft, Alaina Rogers, Joel Partlow, Destiny Gabriel, Judah Riggs, and Lyla Watkins!

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. Congratulation - **Aspyn Williams, Sebastian Sanchez, Isabella Jones, Dottie Dunaway, Sadie Ball, Laine Ely, James**



Pierson, Jeremiah Richardson, Gabe Walton, Raegan Austin, Asha Noor, Dayana Gonzalez, Elizabeth Epps, Aaliyah Rampasard, Chandler McCoy, Kennedy Blackburn, Kyra Jacobs, Brayden Weaver, and Kaiden Austin!





