

Greetings from Groveport Elementary

February 18, 2022 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Parent/Teacher Conferences = Thank you so much to all the parents/guardians who took time out of their busy schedules to make it to parent/teacher conferences last night and Tuesday evening. 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!

THANK YOU - On behalf of the entire staff we wanted to thank Mr. Kirk (Addyson's Dad) for providing dinner for us on Tuesday night! We also wanted to thank our PTO and all the parents who sent in items for our Potato Bar on Thursday night!

Pets at Pick-up - Please leave your dog in the car when you come for pick-up. Some of our students are very afraid of large dogs and/or have allergies.

Focus on Learning

For the past three weeks, fifth graders have been working on peaceful protest posters in art class on a topic of their choosing. They have chosen their topics, which range from lighthearted to mature, based on the belief that the change they present would make the world a better place.

There are many standards that fit this project but two that are specific to the social issues:

- 3PR Experiment with various ideas and visual art media to solve a problem that addresses a contemporary social issue.
- 4RE Communicate how personal artistic decisions are influenced by social, environmental and political views.

Our 5th graders did an amazing job on their posters and during the silent stance last Friday from 10:10-10:20. We also invited some students from the middle school and we were pleased with the respect they showed to our students.



February is Black History Month

Our staff and students have been celebrating Black History Month in a variety of different ways. Here are some examples:

Kindergarten - Teacher-led reading of biographies of the many contributions Black Americans have made to civil rights, science, the arts, and American history. Mrs. LaCass' kindergarten class has a differentiated writing center set up all month, and they're using different comprehension and writing activities to respond to each biography they read.

1st Grade - Reading "Brave, Black, First," about the first 50 African American women who changed the world and are researching Mae Jemison and then writing an informative summary.

2nd Grade - Biographies for research that will be presented on a Google slideshow to the class.

3rd Grade - Black History slideshow highlighting one African American person each day who has made a change or is influential for America. There are videos and/or read-alouds for each.

4th Grade - Black History Month Google slide project where students pick three African Americans to study their lives and achievements. Students pick one of the people to present to the class.

5th Grade - Learning about peaceful protesting. Students are talking about topics going on in our world today.

Kindness Matters

I want to thank Mrs. Lloyd, our school counselor, for planning our Kindness Week Challenge. She planned and led the Great Kindness Challenge Kick-off assembly on Monday, planned our Kindness spirit week and tons of fun activities for the kids throughout the week.

KINDNESS UNITES! Even through this crazy pandemic, we remain optimistic and hopeful because we know that kindness has the power to heal, uplift and unite us all.

I also want to thank our Superintendent, Garilee Ogden, and Officers Pack and Gutierrez for participating in our assembly!





Thank You Pledge of Allegiance Helpers

Monday = *Amarion Keith*

Tuesday = *Elijah Kenley*

Wednesday = *Piper Joranko*

Thursday = *Payden Coultier*

Friday = *Matthew Crenshaw*

Lunch Menu for Next Week - It's Free!

Monday = No School

Tuesday = No School

Wednesday = French Toast Sticks

Thursday = Chicken Sandwich

Friday = Macaroni and Cheese

Mark Your Calendars

February

21st = No School - Presidents' Day

22nd = No School - Teacher Release Day

March

1st = Kindergarten Roundup

4th = End of 3rd Nine Weeks

7th = No School - Professional Development for teachers

11th = Report Cards Available on Progressbook



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 10 -15 STARs from the Treasure Box and calls those students to the office for a prize. **Congratulations - Daryl Payne, Carson Waugh, Jelah Broom, Amarion Keith, Henry Ellinger, Trip Warfield, Trevor Bebee, Emani Clay, Kennedy Cade, Patrick Pherson, Emma Graham, Charlie Craig-Ellis, Olivia Lester, Norah Kidd, Valeria Garcia, Emaje Clay, Katia Ruehle, and Amiyah Edwards!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Jaxton Eichenlaub, Kushan Uperkoti, Jordyn Gygi, Karaliya Mckissack, Johnny Godrey, Elsie Thiele, Emani Clay, and Aiden Chuon!



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