# Greetings from Groveport Elementary

February 4, 2022 Newsletter

# Principal's Message

Math Materials Review - Ensuring students receive a quality education requires investing in curriculum and materials that support their learning. The District conducts a review of its curriculum and instructional materials every four years, with mathematics being up for review for the start of the 2022-2023 school year. We encourage students, parents, and staff to look over the proposed curriculum and to provide your feedback through the survey that's included on the Mathematics Instructional Materials Review page of our website. The deadline for providing input is Friday, March 11, 2022.

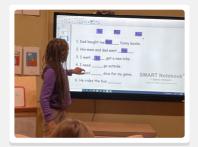
New Covid 19 Contact Tracing Guidance - On January 26, 2022, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) issued a new guidance addressing the contact tracing at Ohio schools. Ohio schools are recommended to shift away from universal contact tracing, case investigation, and exposure notification due to the newly reduced quarantine and isolation timelines. New ODH guidance includes notifying parents/guardians when their child has had a close contact with a cluster group (5 or more) of COVID positive individuals in a classroom. Additionally, if the local health department identifies an outbreak of an infectious disease such as COVID, the schools will aid in the contact tracing. An outbreak is defined as higher than expected/normal cases.

**Earbuds/Headphones** - We have given out hundreds of packs of earbuds over the last couple of weeks and we don't have many left. Students in grades 3rd-5th are going to need earbuds or headphones for the state tests and all students need them for online lessons every day. If your child needs earbuds/headphones, please send them in as soon as you can.

## Focus on Learning

Homophones: To, Two, and Too - check out Mrs. Anderson's 2nd graders learning to use these commonly confused words correctly on 2-2-22!



















# February is Black History Month

Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better. Maya Angelou

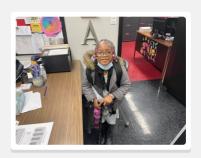
We believe that we should celebrate diversity and learn about Black History which is American History throughout the year. We also know it is important to learn about the importance, relevance, and why to celebrate Black History month. Our teachers have planned various activities throughout the month to celebrate by sharing influential historical figures, musicians, artists, actors, authors, government ocials, etc. Over the past few years we have continued to add multicultural interactive read-alouds including nonfiction biographies and many fiction titles with black characters and written by black authors.

# 100 Days Smarter!

Thank you to the Student Council, staff, students, and parents for making our 100th Day Celebration a success. It is a milestone that represents progress, growth, and achievement and it is fun! The kids loved dressing like they were 100 years old and participating in the learning activities in all subjects.































# Parent Letter about The Great Kindness Challenge

## Kind Acts Checklist for Families

#### Kindness in Action Spirit Week February 14 - 18, 2022

#### Monday

Wear RED and REACH OUT -Wear RED to show that Groveport staff and students have HEART and CARE for each other. REACH OUT to play with someone new today!





Tuesday Everyone has the POWER to be an UPSTANDER ress up as your favorite SUPERHERO and use your powers to spread KINDNESS!

#### Wednesday

Wear ORANGE to celebrate the ONE-OF-A-KIND person you are! Celebrate all of our differences and INCLUDE each other in activities!

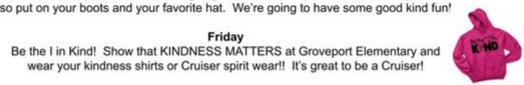




Thursday Get ready to "YEE-HA!" It's going to be "Round Up the Kindness" Day,

#### Friday

Be the I in Kind! Show that KINDNESS MATTERS at Groveport Elementary and wear your kindness shirts or Cruiser spirit wear!! It's great to be a Cruiser!





## Thank You Pledge of Allegiance Helpers

Monday = Williem Gillies

Tuesday = Keyonne Bush

Wednesday = Patrick Pherson

Thursday = No School

Friday = Ashur Varian

# Lunch Menu for Next Week - It's Free!

Monday = Chicken Alfredo

Tuesday = Turkey, Ham, and Cheese Sandwich

Wednesday = Buffalo Dip

Thursday = Cheeseburger

Friday = Breaded Chicken Drumstick

## Mark Your Calendars

#### **February**

14th = Valentine's Day Party and Kindness Assembly

15th = Parent/Teacher Conference Night 4:00 - 7:15

17th = Parent/Teacher Conference Night 4:00 - 7:15

21st = No School - Presidents' Day

22nd = No School - Teacher Release Day



## **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 - Ava Smith, Matthew Crenshaw, Ka'ron Bowers, Samir Sarki, Jessa Cornett, Jacob Ellinger, Tori Eggers, Joshua Calderon, Trip Warfield, Jacob Moore, Travis Burbacher, Kilah Vaughn, Kayson Mack, Landon Yurasek, Lexie Fox, Sky Barlow, Aiden Combs, and Melody Chuon!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Noel Bhannon, Joshua Dunaway, Emaje' Clay, Camden Carpenter, Isabella Dixon, Skylar Lesher, Jace Billingsley, Christopher Dawkins, Zoey Frashier, Tieson Glover, and Oliver Young!

