# Greetings from Groveport Elementary

January 13, 2023 Newsletter

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

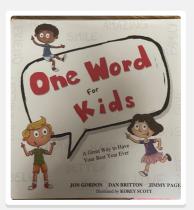
Each year in January at one of our staff meetings, we choose our "One Word" for the year. We got this idea from Jon Gordon's book, *One Word that will change your life* and thought it would be fun to do and it is much more effective than New Year's resolutions. In our busy stressed-filled world with tons of distractions, the research shows that 9 out of 10 people will fail with their resolutions. But one word sticks. Just one word that gives you meaning, mission, passion and purpose. It is different for everyone and how you find your word is just as important as the word itself. Several teachers and our school counselor, Mrs. Lloyd, started explaining the process and reading the book *One Word for Kids* to our students and having them pick their word for the year. Mrs. Lloyd had students put their "One Word" on a snowflake or snowman and decorated our kindness tree with them. Mrs. Jahn had her students paint a poster. Check out the pictures below.

I love hearing the kids tell me about their word and why they chose it. So many of them are very thoughtful and serious about choosing their word. If you could choose only one word to help you have your best year, what would it be? Love? Believe? Joy? Kindness?

Grateful Principal, April Bray :)









#### **iReady Assessments**

i-Ready Testing - Students have been putting forth a lot of effort on the mid-year diagnostic assessment to show us what they have learned. We are currently around 75% completion for Reading and 65% completion for Math. The testing window closes next Friday and you will receive your child's score report along with a letter explaining the results.

#### **Lunch Choices**

Tuesday = Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup Wednesday = Macaroni and Cheese Thursday = Chicken Nuggets Friday = Mini Turkey Corn Dogs \*Packers need to bring a drink or pay \$.50 for a milk. Milk is no longer free.

#### **Owe Lunch Money? Apply Now for Free or Reduced-Price** Lunch

We understand that students may run short of lunch money or leave their packed lunch on the kitchen table before jumping on the school bus. In these unexpected situations, students may "charge" their lunch. Charges are considered a debt and <u>must be repaid</u>.

 $\cdot$  Regular Lunch Service (all grades) – No more than five (5) days of outstanding charges are permitted.

 $\cdot$  Reduced-Price Lunch Service (all grades) – No more than five (5) days of outstanding charges are permitted.

Many families in Groveport Madison Schools qualify for their child(ren) to receive free or reduced-price lunch through the National School Lunch Program. Qualified students can receive free or reduced-price lunch daily, and applications can be completed at any time of the year as circumstances dictate. We encourage all families to complete an online application through their <u>PaySchools Account</u>. The information provided is confidential and is only used to determine eligibility for the Federal Lunch <u>Program</u>.



#### **Thank You Pledge of Allegiance Helpers**

Monday = Liam Hoskinson Tuesday = Jared Birchfield Wednesday = Tieson Glover Thursday = Jameson Chilton Friday = Journey Calhoun

#### **Mark Your Calendars**

JANUARY 16th = No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day 27th = 100th Day of School Celebration 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!

Elizabeth Epps, Carlie Hoops, Max Elam, Oliver Dawson, and Mohamed Parish-Kone!

#### **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 - **Owyn Hartley, Elizabeth Epps, Aubrey Ector, Zarah Lee Boysaw, Emery Chilton, Ryleigh Oliver, Bailey** 



Thomas, Harlie Jonekis, Dottie Dunaway, Jace Weaver, Dillon Davis, Kaitlin Eichenlaub, Haleigh Davis, Kurai Webber, Dakota Rosinski, and D'Adrian Worthington!



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