

Greetings from Groveport Elementary

January 6, 2023 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! I hope that the holiday season was good to you and that you found time to rest, reflect, and refresh. It was so great to have the students back this week. I think most of them really missed being at school and were excited to get back and see their friends and the staff. I know we were excited to see them!

We were also excited and shocked by the transformation of our Staff Lounge. Over the break PTO members came in and totally refreshed our break space. The entire staff would like to say thank you and let you know how much we appreciate you! Check out the before and after pictures :)





Congratulations - Danny!

Danny Osorio-Castro won the Artist of the Week on Artsonia! It is a nationwide contest and Danny won for his age group (kindergarten). Way to go - we are so proud of you!



January Be A Cruiser STAR Restart

At the start of the new year, we think it is important to review our expectations and reset for the 2nd 1/2 of the school year. All this week teachers have been reviewing what it looks and sounds like to Be A Cruiser STAR, setting academic and behavioral goals with students, and continuing to work on building strong relationships. Ask your child about being a STAR (Stay Safe, Take Responsibility, Act Respectfully, and Reach Goals).

We encourage the students to work hard each day and we appreciate all the support from the parents. We feel very fortunate to have such wonderful families at Groveport Elementary, who support the children and the staff!



iReady Testing Next Week

It's hard to believe that we're already preparing for the second *i-Ready Diagnostic*. The second Diagnostic is an important benchmark for understanding your child's growth, which is why it's so important they try their best. These results allow us to better support them in achieving their goals for the year.

All students K-5 will be taking the i-Ready Reading and Math Diagnostic next week.

The most important thing we can do is prepare students and motivate them to put forth their best effort. Here are a few things you can do to help support your child:

Make sure they get a good night's rest before taking the Diagnostic!

Talk to your child about why the second Diagnostic is important. You can say things like:

- *The second Diagnostic will show us how much progress you have made so far this year.*
- *Try your best, and do not rush—but don't spend too much time on a question either.*
- *Remember, questions on the Diagnostic change based on your answers to earlier questions. You will see some questions you don't know. That is okay! Just try your best.*

Let them know you're excited to celebrate their progress.

The results will be sent home in your child's red folder towards the end of this month once all students have tested. Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's learning :)

Lunch Choices

Monday = Meathalls Marinara with Spaghetti

Tuesday = Beef Hot Dog

Wednesday = Breaded Chicken Drumstick

Thursday = Cheese Pizza

Friday = Pancakes, Yogurt and Cheese

***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 must be repaid.

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

· 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 [PaySchools Account](#). The information provided is confidential and is only used to determine eligibility for the Federal Lunch Program.



Thank You Pledge of Allegiance Helpers

Monday = No School

Tuesday = No School

Wednesday = *Hunter Hammons*

Thursday = *Trent Thompson*

Friday = *Ryleigh Oliver (Dec. 16th)*

Mark Your Calendars

JANUARY

6th = Report Cards Available on Progressbook

9th - 12th = iReady Testing

16th = No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

27th = 100th Day of School Celebration

FEBRUARY

3rd = Interim Reports Available for 1st - 5th grade

14th = Valentine's Day Parties (2:45)

20th = No School

21st = No School



Happy Birthday!

Nani Maharath, Blane Graham, Patrick Pherson, and Luke Phommarath!

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 - **Myla Trapasso, Kian Smith, Chandler McCoy, Dylan Khatri, Robert Sisco, Fulton Smock, Mariah Skelly, Dottie Dunaway, Dylan Brewer, Mamadou Diallo, Camden Holloway, Jameson Chilton, Abi Brown, Karlia West, and Savannah Waihenya!**



Every Student, Every Lesson, Every Day

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