

# Greetings from Groveport Elementary

OCTOBER 7, 2022 NEWSLETTER

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Groveport Elementary Families,

As part of Groveport Elementary Safety Plan, the staff annually reviews procedures for responding to crisis situations and we receive annual training from Safeguard Risk Solutions and Groveport Police Department. Our training for this year will be next Tuesday, October 11th.

In addition to our training, practices and procedures to ensure a safe learning environment, Ohio Revised Code requires that "school safety drills must be conducted at least three times during the school year," and that "at least one safety drill shall include a scenario where pupils must be secured in the school building rather than rapidly evacuated" (R.C. § 3737.73(D)).

All safety drills are an important part of our plan. Safety procedures include fire drills, tornado drills, Emergency Management Tests, and Safety/Intruder drills. These drills help us better prepare our staff to prevent, mitigate, respond to, and recover from a variety of critical incidents.

I also wanted to let you know that on that day after the teacher training we will have an intruder lockdown drill. Please don't be alarmed if you see a few police cars out front. I will announce the start of the drill and will advise teachers that there is an intruder in the building. For this particular drill we are going to only practice barricading and staying in the classrooms. Future drills we will practice evacuating or deciding which to choose based on the information given. (THERE WILL BE NO PERSON PLAY ACTING AS AN INTRUDER but there will be uniformed officers present to observe). We will allow the drill to run for about 5 minutes so we can quickly check the building to see how the teachers and students did with their barricades. I will then make an announcement the drill is complete.

Teachers will prepare students so they know this is a drill and just like tornado and fire drills we practice so that we can keep the students safe in the event of an emergency. If this were a real evacuation the first priority would be to get out of the building and AWAY FROM THE DANGER. The recollection points for our building are the rec center and the golf course.

Please know that our top priority is to protect your child and keep them safe. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or email me.

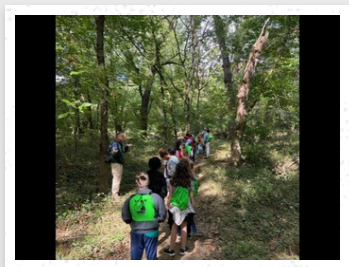
Thank you for your support,  
April :)

April Bray  
Principal  
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## FOCUS ON LEARNING

5th grade students had a great day on their SEED Field Trip on Tuesday. Students completed Metro Park SEED curriculum and writing activity. They learned about Ecosystems, Abiotics, Producers, Consumers, and Decomposers. Tons of hands on learning and a great day to be out at the park! Thank you to the teachers for taking the kids and for the Metro Park SEED program for allowing us to participate.





## HAPPY RETIREMENT MRS. POTTER!

Thank you to Mrs. Potter for your years of service and dedication to Groveport Madison Schools. We will miss you at Groveport Elementary and we wish you all the best. Enjoy your retirement!





## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our school is partnering with Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services to provide an afterschool program. If you are interested check out the attached flyer for more information.

**ETSS PROGRAM FLYER**

## HAUNTED SCHOOL AND HAYRIDE

We are in the process of planning our Haunted School and Hayride event for this year. To be able to expand on this event, we are in need of volunteers and donations. Please use the link below to sign up for a time slot that works best for you. We greatly appreciate any support and time that can be provided.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BAEAF2CAAFC1-haunted>

## LUNCH CHOICES

**Monday** = Soft Turkey Taco

**Tuesday** = Mashed Potato & Chicken Bowl

**Wednesday** = Chicken Nuggets

**Thursday** = No School

**Friday** = No School

**\*Packers need to bring a drink or pay \$.50 for a milk. Milk is no longer free.**

## THANK YOU PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE HELPERS



**Monday** = *Brennen McKissack*

**Tuesday** = *Ahmed Al Saadi*

**Wednesday** = *Jace Weaver*

**Thursday** = *Miyah Edwards*

**Friday** = *Joey Butts*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### October

8th = PTO booth at Apple Butter Day (Near community garden entrance)

11th = Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00 - 7:15)

13th = No School

14th = No School

17th = No School

19th = 3rd Grade OST ELA Part 1

20th = 3rd Grade OST ELA Part 2

22nd = Haunted School and Hayride

24th = Picture Day

25th = PTO Meeting (5:00)

28th = Halloween Parade and Parties



## KEHN THACH, OLIVIA THOMPSON, KORALYN BARRETT, MARI HILL, COOPER GENT, AND BAYNE MCSURLEY!

### 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 - **Kyra Jacobs, Matthew Shaw, Liam Toribio,**

**Mason Stambaugh, Fatima Doukoure, James Pierson, Joshua**

**Calderon, Sir Phillips, Kenzi Lee, Daibreian Jones, Emani Clay, Ayleha Reese, Jaxon Williams, Noelle Porter, Cam Lindsay, Blane Graham, Jude Waddell, and Katia Ruehle!**



Every Student, Every Lesson, Every Day

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