

**MARCH
2024**



PARK AVENUE ELEMENTARY

Update from the principal:

Hi Families,

March has been a very busy month so far! The month started with our Read Across America week where students celebrated reading with themed days each week. We also had the opportunity to have a central Ohio author Jillian Boone come in and talk to each of our grade levels about reading, writing, and becoming an author. The students really enjoyed listening to her presentation.

April 8th is when the solar eclipse will be crossing through Ohio. Mount Gilead schools will be closed on this day because the eclipse is occurring right at dismissal. Many districts made this decision so that students can enjoy the eclipse at home with their families. In anticipation of this very special event, we will be doing some activities leading up to it so the students know about this event and understand what's happening. We will be creating some experiences for our students in our STEAM lab space, but we could use some help from volunteers. One of the activities will be using the VR Goggles.

Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students are getting ready for their Ohio State Tests that will be happening in April and beginning of May. You should have received a letter from Mrs. Strine about the testing with the testing calendar on the back. Teachers are finishing up the main concepts in each grade level and reviewing content learned at the beginning of the year.

Our final Coffee with the Counselor and Principal will be held on April 26 at 8:30am in the Computer Lab. We will be talking about plans for next year, and will be open to suggestions as we have already begun to plan events. We hope you will join us so we can work together.

Finally, if your child is absent, or going to be absent, please make sure that you call the office to let us know they won't be here. Remember to send in doctor's excuses for any medical absences so they don't get marked as unexcused. Thank you!

Ally Schleichert

UPCOMING DATES:

- 3/14- LUNCH WITH A LOVED ONE (K,2,4)
- 3/15- LUNCH WITH A LOVED ONE (1, 3, 5)
- 3/19- BOARD MEETING 6PM
- 3/19- ZOOMERS (K)
- 3/20- ZOOMERS (1/2)
- 3/21- ZOOMERS (3/4/5)
- 3/25-4/1- SPRING BREAK
- 4/2- SCHOOL RESUMES
- 4/5- MARCH PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL
- 4/5- REPORT CARDS
- 4/6- INDIAN-BALL PTO DODGEBALL (6-8PM)
- 4/8- NO SCHOOL- SOLAR ECLIPSE DAY!
- 4/15 PTO MEETING 6PM
- 4/26 COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR AND PRINCIPAL 8:30-9:30

COUNSELOR'S CORNER: MRS. KARA STRINE

This month's focus is Cooperation. One way to think about **Cooperation** is "working together to reach shared goals." As a family, talk about how this definition applies to how you work together at home. What are some goals you share? Cooperation is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students **Be Kind**. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like perspective-taking, conflict resolution, and leadership

Family Challenge: Cooperation is working together to reach shared goals. This week, plan a time where everyone needs to work together to accomplish a shared goal like cleaning up the space you live in or making a meal together. Make sure everyone has a role to play with specific tasks. When the project is complete, discuss and celebrate how each person's part was important to the end result.



MONTHLY CHARACTER TRAIT OVERVIEW: **COOPERATION**

FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH HONESTY

Kamdyn Squires
Everly Johnson
Jaydon Bush
Evelyn Keefus
Sutton Hess

Maisyn Wells
Danielle Bessinger
Malcolm Schaad
Christian Thull
Charlie Grauer
Braven Webb

Kase Beltz
Isabella Hankins
Amiella Cross
Draven Lowe
Ian Coldwell
Gracelyn Maynard

Madilyn Snyder
Alliah Baisden
Teagan McCulloch
Braylen Barwell
Savannah Alexander
Brylee Mooney

Reward:
**Pizza with
the Principal**
March 8

