

DAYTON AVENUE SHARK BITES

Sharing Small Pieces of Big Moments



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KINDNESS BEGINS WITH ME

Dr. Watkis

We have tagged February as Kindness month again. During this month, we will highlight being kind to ourselves, those close to us at school and at home, and members of our community. We will offer our students some suggestions about how they can be kind to themselves and towards others and encourage them to generate their own plans to live by the motto Kindness Begins With Me.

We have organized a few opportunities for students to be able to show kindness to those in their community. Sometimes we realize that we have the ability to make a huge impact about something we are passionate about. Other times we make work as a team and collectively we get to make a huge impact. Let's purposefully reflect on ways that we may be kind to others. Will you accept the challenge to join us in proclaiming that kindness begins with me?



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING AND PBIS

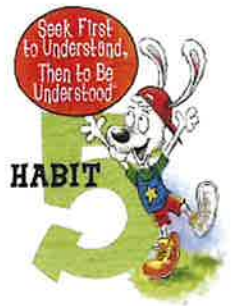
Leader in Me

In March, we will explore Habit 5 - Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood. This habit focuses on listening to other people's ideas and feelings. It's trying to see things from their viewpoints. It encourages students to listen to others without interrupting. It's about being confident in voicing your ideas. It's about looking people in the eyes when speaking. Habit 5 teaches us to be confident when speaking to others while also teaching the importance of listening to others when they are speaking.

Here are the Habits we have worked on so far -

We will learn to

- Listen before talking
- Listen to other people's ideas and feelings
- Try to see things from the other person's viewpoints
- Listen to others without interrupting
- Be confident in voicing our ideas
- Look people in the eyes when talking



We are growing as leaders!

Our students are growing as leaders. Students are applying for and accepting leadership roles in the classroom and building wide roles. From messengers to helper and support bees in our recent Spelling Bee, or bus leaders, students are reflecting on their unique skills and choosing to apply for jobs which they feel confident performing.

CELEBRATIONS

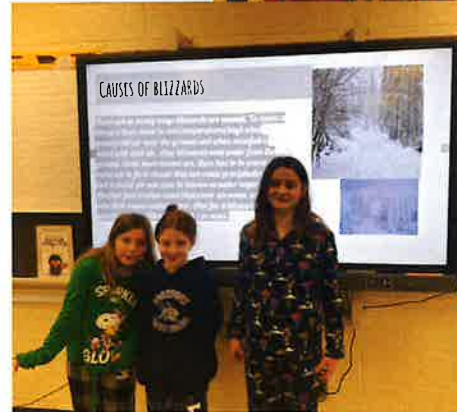
3rd Grade

3rd grade students are enjoying our new vocabulary program "Word Love," which is aligned with our TCRWP Units of Study in Reading. Vocabulary instruction has quickly become a favorite part of our day!!!



4th Grade

The fourth grade students celebrated the end of their Informational Reading Unit Reading the Weather, Reading the World by working in cooperative groups to research a severe weather event. The students used what they had been taught about non-fiction text structures and non-fiction text features to work in research teams. As researchers, the students read multiple texts on a subtopic and used what they had learned about summary and synthesis to write and grow their ideas about their subtopic. They were so excited to create slides and teach their classmates about what they had learned by sharing their presentations!



5th Grade



5th graders are analyzing themes in their interpretation book clubs. They are thinking about reading and setting goals to help them write about what they read. They are working hard on building strong reading habits.

CELEBRATIONS

Art

Sixth Grade students learned how to improve their observational drawing skills using blind contour line drawings. They then created these amazing sea creature drawings by looking at a reference photograph and drawing what they saw. They added shading with a stippling technique and created exciting analogous color backgrounds in watercolor.



5th grade students studied the artwork of contemporary artist Jen Aranyi. They were inspired by her colorful watercolor skies and detailed winter scenes. They created their winter landscapes using watercolor and Sharpie.



Library

In the Library this month, one lesson students took part in was to recognize the importance of their words and vocabulary they found in their books. After listening to a read aloud, “The Word Collector” by Peter H. Reynolds, students pulled out words that resonated with them, or popped off the pages in their own independent reading books.



These words then were put on index cards to create a “Word Hall” and Dayton Avenue is now a school of “Word Collectors”. These words are inspiring all students to improve their vocabulary in verbal and written expression and reading comprehension.

Students also wrote one positive character trait to describe themselves, for Kindness Month. The chosen words were written around the library to fill it with kindness.

CELEBRATIONS

Music

Congratulations to these musicians who are being recognized this month. Keep on making music!

3rd grade:

Willa Martinez

4th grade:

Orchestra: Robert LoDestro

Band: Ronan Seyfarth

And chorus: Tanner Carr

5th grade:

Orchestra: Ellie Aviles

Band: Gavin Benanti

And chorus: Sara Schubert

6th grade:

Orchestra: Emily Rodrigues

Band: Sterling Furman

And chorus: Ava Corrales



STEAM

New year, new opportunities in the STEAM classroom! We really embraced being leaders in January, starting our leadership roles in the classroom. Students had the opportunity to apply and be selected for STEAM specific jobs which include Digital Learning Expert and Photographer.

Students also embraced the Lego Spike unit, creating a variety of builds that were coded to light up and move! Some of the favorite topics to build were carnival games and moving vehicles. We're looking forward to revisiting Lego Spike later in the year.



STAYING HEALTHY CHAT WITH NURSE GROSSKOPF



Let's Fight Tooth Decay and Keep Our Teeth Strong!

- More than 50% of school age children have had a cavity in at least one of their primary teeth. What's the #1 way to prevent cavities? **SAY NO TO SODA!** Why? It actually erodes the enamel on our teeth!
- **Schedule dental visits every 6 months for a cleaning and a discussion about fluoride, which can prevent about 33% of cavities in baby teeth. Dental sealants on the back teeth can prevent 80% of cavities.**
- According to the CDC, more than 600,000 students visit the ER every year for sports-related dental injuries. More than 5 million teeth are knocked out! The **BEST** protection is a custom mouth guard, which absorbs the impact of mouth injuries and greatly lessens the chances that a tooth will be avulsed.
- **Braces- A child can get braces for crooked or crowded teeth, as well as overbites and underbites. When braces first are applied and at every adjustment, they HURT! So parents please give your child a dose of Advil or Tylenol before they come to school.**

*Please make sure students do not bring candy, apples, popcorn or hard pretzels to school as snacks, as these foods tend to break the brackets and displace the wires.





UPCOMING DATES

February 10 - Shared Decision Making
February 20-24 - Schools and Offices Closed

February is Kindness Month
Please consider supporting the following fundraisers
Laughter is the best medicine
Souper Bowl
Holly's Hats and Robbie's Gloves

REMINDERS

We go outside whenever possible. It is recommended that students dress in layers and bring their jackets, hats and gloves to school. We will keep on moving and enjoying outdoor recess and gym throughout the winter months.

Chromebooks

- Charge them every night
- Bring them to school every day
- Leave chargers at home



Student Dropoff

- Students may be dropped off beginning at 8:15am
- Students attending extra help on the day assigned by their teachers may be dropped off at 8am

Student Pickup

Students being picked up are dismissed from the cafeteria entrance. Please park in the administrative lot on the west side of the building. We begin dismissing students being picked up at 2:46. Please send in a note if your child will be picked up at dismissal. Be sure to include the full name of the person picking up and that person should be prepared to show their license. All students must be picked up by 2:53.

