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DAYTON AVENUE SHARK BITES

Sharing Small Pieces of Big Moments



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MUSIC BRINGS US TOGETHER

Dr. Watkis

March is Music in Our Schools Month. As we planned our activities for this month, I thought about the power of music. Music has the power to calm and soothe, but it can also energize and get you going. I also thought about how a particular piece of music integrates various unique sounds and instruments bringing them perfectly together. During this month, we will celebrate the uniqueness of our musicians and encourage them to Synergize to make beautiful music.

Throughout this school year, I will continue to share some small pieces of our big moments in our monthly newsletter and in tweets. I hope that you will take some time to read each newsletter and if you're not doing so yet, please follow us on Twitter @esm_csd



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING AND PBIS

Leader in Me

In March, we will explore Habit 6 - Synergize - Working Together Is Better. While exploring this habit we will focus on the power of teamwork. This habit encourages problem solving with others who have a different point of view. Synergy, in simple words means "two heads are better than one." Synergize is the habit of creative cooperation. It is teamwork, open-mindedness, and the adventure of finding new solutions to old problems.

We will learn to

- Value other people's strengths and learn from them.
- Get along well with others, even people who are different from us.
- Work well in groups; seek out other people's ideas to solve problems because we know that by teaming with others, we can create better solutions than by working alone.
- Be humble.



Here's a recap of the Habits that we have covered.

Habit 1 - Be Proactive (You're in Charge)

Habit 2 - Begin With The End In Mind (Have a Plan)

Habit 3 - Put First Things First (Work First, Then Play)

Habit 4 - Think Win Win

Habit 5 - Seek First To Understand, Then To Be Understood

Tackling Hunger One "Can" at a Time

Dayton Avenue delivers once again with another successful "Souper-Bowl" donation! Each year during kindness month and leading up to the National Super Bowl, Dayton Avenue runs a food collection drive to help give back to the community. The students and staff collect food items that are then donated to a local food pantry to help tackle hunger in our community. This year Dayton was able to donate about 2,000 items, which was much appreciated by the food pantry! Although everyone was a winner by donating, Mrs. Voss and Ms. Furlani's class were crowned the overall champions in this friendly competition of kindness!



Laughter is the Best Medicine

The Dayton Avenue Student Council raised \$800 to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital during the 2nd annual "Laughter is the Best Medicine" fundraiser. Students were encouraged to dress up in clown accessories to spread cheer and raise awareness for the hospital's mission that no child will ever be denied treatment regardless of their ability to pay.

A big shout out to Joseph Rosario in Mrs. Conlon's class who auctioned an original piece of his artwork and contributed \$200 to the cause.



CELEBRATIONS

3rd Grade



Our 3rd graders recently completed their Mystery Unit. They spent time sharing stories and using their "eagle eyes" to find clues and solve many interesting mysteries such as the mystery of the Missing Heart Earring and the Mi\$\$\$ing Money.



4th Grade



Students in 4th grade believe that kindness is seeing the best in others. The 4th grade classes celebrated their love and kindness on Valentine's Day. They uniquely thought of positive character traits about their classmates and wrote them in a heart. This activity supported the theme of kindness that was celebrated the whole month of February.

5th Grade

5th grade students took part in National Reading Day! ESM high school students visited each classroom and read picture books. At the end of the reading, the high schoolers took questions from students about the JR/SR high school. The students were delighted to hear what school life is like with eager anticipation of the next chapter in their school careers.



CELEBRATIONS

6th Grade

The sixth-grade science students are learning about Human Impact on the Earth. Students chose topics that they were interested in such as Overpopulation, Oil Spills, Indoor Air Pollution, and The Great Garbage Patch then created informational posters. To connect with the ELA curriculum, the children researched an activist significant to their issue. The classes participated in a Gallery Walk to view the posters and listen to each group present their work.



Art



Sixth graders created digital mosaics using Google Drawing. They learned about the history of mosaics dating all the way back to ancient times and how to recreate the mosaic style in a modern, digital way.



Grade 4 demonstrated their understanding of pattern and repetition while being inspired by the work of Wassily Kandinsky.

Library

In Library, students took part in a discussion on Habit 5 to “Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood”. When we Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood, we have a mindset of win-win. We act with consideration as we seek to understand the other person’s point of view. We act with courage as we express our own views with clarity and respect.



Students listened to the read aloud “The True Story of The Three Little Pigs” by Jon Scieszka then we learned to tell the difference between empathic and autobiographical listening. With autobiographical listening, we practice listening with our eyes, ears, and heart. Students took part in various activities and challenges to convey the meaning of Habit 5 in everyday life, not just the classroom and school.

“Depending on what they are, our habits will either make us or break us. We become what we repeatedly do.” –Sean Covey

CELEBRATIONS

MUSIC

Band Musicians of the month

4th grade: Cody Pickney

5th grade: Tyler King

6th grade: Ryan Stahlhut

Orchestra Musicians of the month:

4th grade: Scarlett Krygier

5th grade: Landon Murphy

6th Grade: Sara Hernandez Flores

Chorus Musicians of the month:

3rd grade : Justin Kerr

4th grade: Morgan Skidmore

5th grade: Michael Heaney

6th grade: Mason Berrin



STEAM

Can you design the next best selling toy? This month in STEAM we focused on a Project Based Learning project focused on toys!

Students were very motivated to do the research, which involved learning about the evolution of toys. Next, they paired up and created their very own think tank, in which they tried to think of ways to improve their favorite toys or think of brand new toys. We have very creative kids! Design was the next phase of the project, where students drew their idea for the next best toy. Currently, students are creating 3D models of their toys using Tinkercad or creating an advertisement using Canva. Ask your child all about their BIG idea!



STAYING HEALTHY CHAT WITH NURSE GROSSKOPF

My child needs medicine at school, what do I do?



Medications will be given **only** with a **written order** (there are blank forms on the ESM website) from a licensed health care professional and with **written permission** from the parent/guardian.

*****PLEASE NOTE: this includes all medications such as prescription drugs, cough drops, ear drops, ointments, Advil and Tylenol*****

All medication must be provided by the parent. Medication must be in its original container (bearing a pharmacy label).

Pills placed in an envelope or separate container cannot be administered.

The medication will be kept in the School Nurse's office in a locked cabinet.

Only medication delivered to the School Nurse by the parent/guardian will be accepted.

Please never allow your child to bring medication on the bus.

Your child can bring and apply sunscreen at school as long as you have supplied the school nurse with a note giving your child permission to apply it on their own.

Insect repellent should **not** come to school. Please apply it to your child before they get on the bus.

All medication must be picked up at the nurse's office prior to the last day of school, which is June 23rd, or it will be discarded.





UPCOMING DATES

March 2 - ESM Internet Safety Night

March 14 - Shared Decision Making

March 16 - Trimester Ends

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.

