



# McGuffey PK-8 School

## March 2024 Newsletter



### Read Across America

March 2<sup>nd</sup> is *Read Across America Day* and the month of March is *National Reading Month*. *Read Across America* is the National Education Association's celebration of reading. Families are encouraged to spend time talking to their children about the importance of reading. The website below has lots of information about *Read Across America Day* and resources about books for children to enjoy throughout the year.

### Read Across America Website



During the month of March, Warren City Schools has an exciting attendance incentive that also celebrates *National Reading Month*. You should have received the information about the program from our Superintendent.

We are excited to participate in this incentive with our students in Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade!

### McGuffey PK-8 School

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### Administrators

Mrs. Reighard – PK-2 Principal  
Ms. Godoy – 3-5 Principal  
Mr. Joseph – 6-8 Principal and Campus Leader  
Mrs. Delaquila – Special Education Supervisor  
Miss Rieser – Curriculum & Instruction Liaison

### McGuffey Calendar

March 5<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Registration (by appointment)  
March 8<sup>th</sup> – Early Release (2-hour) and end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grading Period  
March 12<sup>th</sup> – Board of Education Meeting at McGuffey at 6:00 pm  
March 19<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-8:00 by appointment only)  
March 20<sup>th</sup> – Fundraiser Candy Delivery  
March 20<sup>th</sup> – Peace and Pretzels with Kindergarten  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Awards Assembly  
March 29<sup>th</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break (No School)



May 3<sup>rd</sup> – No School, Conference Comp Day

### **Be great. Less than 8, and don't be late!**

Did you know that missing more than one day of school per month has proven to lessen a student's chance to succeed in school? Join us in helping to make sure your child misses less than eight days of school this year. Time missed due to tardiness adds up too, so let's make it to school on time, every day!

0-8 Days Absent 0 - 32 Hours Very Good	9-17 Days Absent 33 - 110.5 Hours Worrying	18+ Days Absent 111+ Hours Serious Concern
Best chance of success. Get your child off to a solid start.	Makes it harder for your child to make expected progress. Missed time in class = missed instruction.	Your child will find it very difficult to make progress. May result in court action, falling behind in reading & math skills, and likely to fail classes.

#### Some Attendance Tips:

- Make sure your children keep a **regular bedtime** and have a **morning routine**.
- Turn off **all electronics**, including TVs, phones and tablets, at bedtime.
- Make sure **clothes and backpacks** are ready the night before.
- Check with your **school nurse** or office staff if you are not sure about when to keep your child at home due to illness, including exposure to Covid-19.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments **when school is in session**.
- Talk with teachers and counselors if your student feels anxious about school.
- Develop **back up plans**. Call on a family member, neighbor or another parent to take your student to school if you are having trouble or if they miss the bus.
- If your child has a job, work with the employer to make sure the work schedule does not interfere with school or getting adequate rest for school.

Please reach out to your school-community liaison at your child's school to let us know how we can best support you and your child so that they can show up for school on time, every day.



### McGuffey Food Pantry

Our McGuffey Food Pantry is open for our students and families. If you have a need for food or toiletry items, please contact one of our School-Community Liaisons, Mrs. Phillips or Mr. Reed. The telephone extension for our Liaisons is 5127.



Want to know more about Warren City Schools? Check us out at:  
[www.warrencityschools.org](http://www.warrencityschools.org) and follow us on  
Facebook 'McGuffey PK-8 2023-24 School Year'

You'll find lots of helpful information including our calendar, lunch menu and academic updates!



### **Dean's Corner**

- McGuffey's Spring Fundraiser with Anderson Candies ends on Friday March 1, 2024. Please make sure to transfer all items and totals to the Master Sheet. The money (Cash or Money Orders ONLY) and the Master Sheet must be turned in by March 1, 2024. Sellers will keep the brochure for delivery of the orders. Items will be delivered to McGuffey on March 20, 2024.
- The end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks Grading Period (Early Release) is Friday March 8, 2024. Report Cards will be mailed home on Friday March 15, 2024.
- English Language Learners (ELL) in Grades K-8 will take the OELPA between January 29, 2024 and March 22, 2024.
- Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities in Grades K-8 will take the Alternate Assessment between February 26, 2024 and April 19, 2024.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students will take the Ohio State Test (Paper/Pencil) in ELA on Tuesday March 26, 2024(Part I) and Wednesday March 27, 2024(Part II).
- 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will take the Ohio State Test (Online) in ELA between Monday March 25, 2024 and Tuesday April 23, 2024.



### **McGuffey Prep Bowl**

The McGuffey Elementary Prep Bowl team competed in the countywide competition on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Lordstown High School. Our team of sixth grade students played three matches. The team practiced throughout the fall learning trivia items in the categories of literature, math, social studies, science, geography, language arts and fine arts. The team continued to improve in each match and we are excited to continue our journey at next year's competition.

Pictured are: Keegan Horn, Deon Stubbs, Cameron Colbert, Faith Pressell, A'Nylah Dorsey, Mrs. Redmond

The Middle School McGuffey Prep Bowl Team competed at the Trumbull County prep bowl match on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. The team won their first two matches setting a school record for winning the most matches at the competition. We finished in ninth place out of twenty-three teams. We cannot wait to see how this team competes next year!

Pictured are: Daniel Haggerty, Kenny Wells, Layla Gore, Elyse Ramsey, Mrs. Redmond, Kyndall Washington, Leon Stubbs



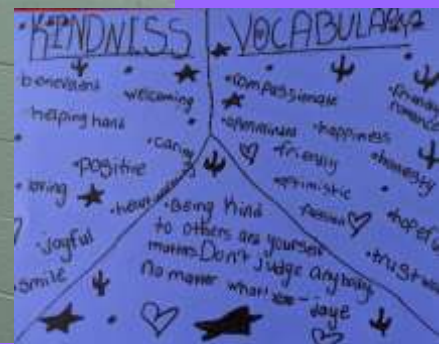
## Students VS Staff Basketball Game

On Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> McGuffey School had a fun basketball game between some of our students and staff. Students participating in the game were the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball players and cheerleaders. The audience included our 3-5 and 6-8 Student Council members, our 6-8 National Junior Honor Society members and all of our Student of the Month recipients this school year. The staff won the game, but more importantly, everyone had a fun time and great memories were made!



## McGuffey Kindness Quest

Our McGuffey 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have been participating in a Kindness Quest from the end of January until March 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a chance for these students to show kindness throughout our school. Each student received a bookmark containing twelve tasks of showing kindness. These tasks include such things as sharing supplies, making a kindness poster, writing a note to a teacher, principal, liaison, or secretary. They may pick up trash without being asked or even talk to someone different. The intent is to boost kindness in the 3-5 Pod. Students can get credit for two kind acts per week. If they get a total of seven by March 1st, they will receive a bracelet, which is the ticket to the Kindness Dance which will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Students who have completed ten acts will get a snack at the dance. Students are enjoying spreading kindness and making our 3-5 Pod a little bit better place to be!







# McGuffey School Counseling News - March 2024

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## PK-4 News with Mrs. Redmond

February's focus was on diversity. K-2 focused on diversity of thinking. Each class had groups of students who created an animal out of shapes. The groups had to decide on what animal to create, what three shapes to use and how to color or put designs on the animal. Students were asked questions about the experience and how they thought differently during the project. Grades 3-5 are continuing the Kindness Project to end March 1. A dance is planned for March 8 for those who completed the quest.

At the end of February, all students participated in our anti bullying campaign, Stick Together Against Bullying. Our trained student volunteers presented this program. Look for pictures in our next newsletter.

## 5-8 News with Mr. Middleton

Grades 6-8 will be completing their curriculum in *Naviance*, exploring college, career, and life/work readiness. We all want our children to be prepared for life! Please take time to discuss with your child what he or she might like to do for a career. Simply having an encouraging conversation may help start them on their journey toward a career that brings them fulfillment and success!

To explore careers with your child and have some fun in the process, please click on the following links:

[MY NEXT MOVE](#)  
[BLS EXPLORATION](#)



## *The Arts Can Help Children Develop Their Social Emotional Skills!*



Since every child is unique, their preferences for how they learn best are unique to them as well. Children who resonate well with the arts (art, music, literature, drama, etc.) can also develop their social emotional skills through these activities that they are most passionate about. The arts can also help children process their emotions.

For example, if verbalization skills are limited (due to age or ease) drawing can help children express their emotions. A parent or teacher may ask their child or student to draw what they look like when they are happy, angry or patient. Then they can lead a discussion about the significance of the features the child incorporated into their drawing. For more information on how expressions of creativity can help children develop their SEL skills, visit the following link:

**[SEL and ART](#)**

**International Women's Day Celebration**

Wednesday, March 13, 2024  
6PM at YWCA's Warren  
Location: 375 N. Park Ave.  
Warren, OH

Guests can enjoy cultural performances, ethnic foods and activities that #InspireInclusion

**General Admission Tickets: \$25**  
**Student Tickets: \$15**

Scan to purchase tickets  
RSVP by March 7th at [www.mahoningvalley.org](http://www.mahoningvalley.org)

Questions? Call 330-746-6261 ext. 112

This event is sponsored by the International Institute Fund of the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley.

**YWCA**  
Mahoning Valley

## **Stress Relief from LAUGHTER?**

### **It's NO JOKE!**

When it comes to RELIEVING STRESS, more giggles are just what the doctor ordered! To learn more about the medicine we call laughter,

go to: [LAUGHTER!](#)

## **Family Resources:**

**Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board**

<https://www.trumbullmhrb.org>

**Trumbull County 211**

<https://www.unitedwaytrumbull.org/2-1-1>