



Staff Update

January 14, 2021

OUR ONE WORD

LIFT

Let's keep living out this word!

Grateful

1-**THE JOY THAT CHILDREN BRING**-I love, love, love being at school. Have you ever just stood in the hallway and watched kids as they come into school? It's truly a joyful time. Many of our kiddos skip or run down the hall. There is laughter and happiness! It's the best!

2-**Data Teams**-Is that weird? Maybe! I just loving being able to have time to talk to each of you and learn how I can help you and your students. I know Amanda and Michael are grateful for this time too.

3-**Your honesty**-On Monday, I sent out a check in and asked you to share how YOU were doing. I learned a lot about you and I hope that what you shared with me will help guide me as I try my best to LOVE, SERVE and CARE for YOU! Remember, you aren't alone and if you're struggling we want to help you!


Love is an Intervention



Karen Grove VanVleet



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I love my job! My kindergarten students bring me so much joy, which is desperately needed in our world right now. We ate lunch together in our classroom today as a reward. Comments I heard..."This is the best day ever!" and "This is better than cookies!" My heart is full! 

When this day is even better than cookies...that is LOVE! Thanks for sharing the JOY and LOVE of kindergarteners with us, Karen!

[R Factor For January](#)

We will move on to learning about R1-Press Pause; R2-Get Your Mind Right and R3-Step Up in January!

Here is [the link](#) to the virtual assembly.

Please be sure to VIEW THIS VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY WITH YOUR A AND B GROUPS BY JANUARY 15th.

There are 2 lessons for R Factor At Home Days for January. They are in the Commons!

[Conferences are Coming](#)

Conferences are coming up. Late night is February 10th. Here is what I want all of you to remember:

- 1-I don't know about you, but I have rarely ever been asked to have a conference for any of my kids (except for Rocco *eye roll*) in the winter.
- 2-Most schools request conferences of certain parents.
- 3-Don't overwork yourself
- 4-Michael and I are going to create wording to send to you that will hopefully give parents a hint that they might not need a conference.
- 5-While we will meet with anyone who wants one, there is no reason to schedule a conference for every student.

[GOOGLE FORM TO SEND TO PARENTS](#)

In your communication with parents, please send this [GOOGLE FORM](#). Also, please encourage parents to complete the form because we are looking for more helpers for our PTO! So far, we have 1 response...just 1!

[Spirit Wear](#)

There are new and cute Dolly and JW things on our Spirit Wear sale. Check out the masks! Please share this with parents as well.

Here is [the link](#).

[Equity and Diversity Team Update---TIME TO GET YOUR CEUS](#)

We have formed our smaller book groups! Each group has a leader who will be communicating meeting dates and will be sharing a timeline for reading the chapters.

If you are participating in the White Fragility Book Talks please register for your CEUS. As always, ignore the dates and times listed.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE "SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUBS" course that is on the PD Express!

[THE ZOO IS COMING....kind of](#)

We were able to connect with the Columbus Zoo to schedule virtual assemblies for our students! The assemblies will be February 8th and 9th.

K-2--9:45-10:45 (but should only last 45 min)

3-5-1:50-2:50 (but should only last 45 min)

Teachers will receive a zoom link for the presentation and will need to log in at the scheduled time.

[Assessment Calendar](#)

Please review the [assessment calendar](#) and plan ahead for all of the assessments we need to start giving. It is now ideal, but **we can do "not ideal things"**.

What we are not doing is:
worrying about Calkins writing...give it and move on
No F and P in Spring

These are the main changes but please refer to the calendar that is linked above:

Assessment	Administration Date	Grade(s)	Change
HRSIW (winter)	1.11.21-2.19.21	K-1	Expanded window Removed 2nd grade
Calkins Writing Assessment	1.11.21-2.26.21	K to 5	Expanded window
F & P Non-Fiction	2.1.21-3.26.21	Gr 1 to 5	Moved and expanded window Removed K Students below 40th %ile on Winter Star
F & P Fiction	4.5.21-5.14.21	All K students	Only K Expanded window

PTO Update--SPEND THAT MONEY

1. **INDOOR RECESS TEACHER GRANTS**-Each CLASSROOM TEACHER is able to spend up to \$50 on supplies for INDOOR RECESS courtesy of the PTO! They opted for this as opposed to purchasing supplies and giving them to you because they wanted you to decide what would be best for your class. You MUST FOLLOW THIS PROCESS FOR USING THE \$50:
 - a. Fill out [this form](#)
 - b. Save your receipt and put it in the PTO mailbox with your NAME ON IT.
 - c. PTO will fill out a check and give it to you within a few days!

What's Coming Up

January 15-1st grade data team at planning-Title Data Team at 1:45

January 15-Staff Meeting 8am----these are self-guided with your teams

January 22-Staff Meeting 8am

February 1-PTO Meeting via Zoom 7:00 PM

February 8 and 9-Zoo Zoom-K-2 9:45 and 3-5 1:50

February 10-PTO Late Night

February 12 and 15-No School

February 17 and 19-School Picture Make Up Day