



## Staff Update

January 15, 2016

1. Put your family first.
2. What makes you ELITE?
3. Stay above the line

## Please Welcome

Please welcome Erica Gilbert who is Mrs. Humm's long term sub. Also, please welcome Lora McConnel and Cynda Morelli who will be here for Katie for the rest of the year. Cynda will be here on Mondays and Lora will be here on Thursdays. Please introduce yourself!

## Remind

Please encourage your students to have their parents sign up for REMIND. Papers went home this week.

Staff-if you are not signed up for our STAFF REMIND, please do so. (If you signed up last year, you're still signed up).

Just use [this link](#).

## SLO

I emailed the SLO fillable spreadsheet to JWR Staff email. Please save it for your SLO.

## Field Trips

Tina and I just spoke on the phone about field trips. This is what the teachers have shared with me.

**Kindergarten and 1st** grade do not want to go on a field trip this year. They appreciate the offer but would like more time to plan a trip that is connected to their curriculum and age appropriate for their students.

**4th and 5th** are fine with not going because 4th is going to the State House and 5th is going somewhere in May.

**3rd** would rather go to the zoo because it connects with their curriculum. They are going to apply for a grant to cover most of the cost of the trip. If the trip is not funded they were hoping the PTO would be able to support the trip.

**2nd** is interested in going-I am checking with them to see if they still want to go even though no one else is.

The general consensus with the teachers is that if PTO can fund a field trip for each grade they would love to have the opportunity to do one next year when they have time to plan one that connects with their curriculum.

Gaga Pit:

The teachers LOVE this idea and think it would be a great addition to our playground

T-shirts:

We think they are a little expensive but would happily accept them if you want to purchase them.

## Room Inventories

Room Inventories are due in February!

## Kindness Challenge Update

Hello JWR! Here is some exciting news!

**The Great Kindness Challenge is coming to JWR!**

*Please read all details below*

**What's the GKC?** Simply put, the GKC is a week of inspiring our students to be kind. The GKC is a global campaign to promote the act of being kind to others. Here's the website: <http://www.greatkindnesschallenge.org>

**When is it?** GKC week at JWR is January 25-29<sup>th</sup>

**How will students know about the GKC?** GKC Kickoff Assembly will be January 22nd from 10:00-10:30AM in the gym presented by AcademyEDU. The student leaders at JWR will be going over the details in your classroom for kindness week on January 21st. They will be visiting classrooms for a five-minute presentation right after morning announcements.

**What else is planned?** AcademyEDU will provide classroom activities for K-5 (for those classrooms who sign up) from 9:45-10:05 and 10:10-10:30AM. **Please pick only one time, per day.**

**How do I sign up my class?** \*Copy and paste link if hyperlink does not take you to the form\* <https://docs.google.com/a/hilliardschools.org/spreadsheets/d/1feDXxg1fMdYBrC2DMVgrcgLzblj2pKF2TsjUgZSQRVs/edit?usp=sharing>

**What else?** Each student will be getting the GKC checklist (attached). **A color copy will be given to each student for the week. We are asking these stay at school.** We will provide a B&W copy for students to take home. *Classrooms are welcome to do other items on the checklist to add to kindness week!*

**So...what else?** The Virtual Counseling Lesson for this month is created around Kindness. You can use this week to do your counseling lesson in the classroom for another kindness activity!

**What about spirit week?** The students will have the opportunity to dress up this week to promote the GKC! Here is the weekly outline of the spirit days:

- Monday- "Nothing beats kindness"- wear favorite team sport
- Tuesday- "Peace, Love, and Kindness"- wear red, hearts, peace signs, tie dye shirts
- Wednesday- "Wild about Kindness"- wear animal print
- Thursday- "Kindness Rocks"- dress like a rock star/movie star
- Friday- "Dream of Kindness"- wear pajamas

If you have any questions please communicate those to me! Can't wait to see your classroom sign up for these lessons presented by AcademyEDU! AcademyEDU is a program at the ILC for students who want to become teachers! Excited to have our students learn and grow together,

## January Virtual Counseling

January is all about KINDNESS! Here is the link for our January counseling activity and the lesson plan. FYI - the lesson plan will also be in your mailbox, along with the materials to complete the virtual counseling activity. I think this counseling activity would be a great introduction to the Great Kindness Challenge and begin to implement the "language" for our students.

Activating Kindness

Lesson: <https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B5VdlIFwLk7Peno3bXFjZmlDZWs&usp=sharing>

*Looking for a small class activity?* Check out this Counseling Short on teaching students how to self-calm with box

breathing: <https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B5VdlIFwLk7PN2VDVWhDVDU2QXM&usp=sharing>

I am so excited to hear your feedback and how this can improve for our students and your classroom. We will be setting up a time in the near future for this feedback to take place. I am looking forward to learning from your implementation in the classroom! Thank you for helping pilot this program! Happy virtual counseling and please let me know if you have any questions.

## Steering Committee

The steering committee is working hard to make sure we are heading in a purposeful direction with our DREAM project. Thank you all for staying above the line as we are all pushed out of our comfort zones.

Gaye	Whitney
Becky	Kelli
Debbie L	Katie G.
Scott	Lisa S.
Jeff	Kelly R.
Ashley	Dana
Cheri	Jane
Sarah	Tonya
Amanda	Michael
Kelsey	

## Data Team Dates

January 27-Kindergarten---THIS IS A FULL DAY

January 28-4<sup>th</sup> grade ½ day AM

January 29-3<sup>rd</sup> grade ½ day AM

February 2-5<sup>th</sup> grade ½ day AM

February 3-1<sup>st</sup> grade ½ day AM

February 4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade ½ day **PM**

## New Fire Drill Procedures

### Please REMIND STUDENTS ABOUT ORDERLY EVACUATIONS

Our safety drill was great so now we are going to revamp our fire drill procedures. We need you to train your students to do the following when they hear the fire alarm:

1. Leave the room as soon as they hear the alarm. Do not line up and wait for a teacher!
2. NO HOLDING THE DOOR
3. When students get outside they will then find their class and stand in line so teachers can take attendance.
4. If students are with speech or title or ELL teachers or library etc they DO NOT NEED TO RUN AND FIND THEIR CLASSROOM TEACHER!!! They need to find the teacher who they were with when the fire drill went off.

## CALENDAR INFO BELOW!!! DID YOU READ THE ENTIRE UPDATE?

## What's on the calendar:

January 18-NO SCHOOL

January 19- TOLLES 6-8:30pm

January 20-Data Team Leaders 7:45am (NOTE WEDNESDAY DATE b/c NO SCHOOL MONDAY)

January 21- TOLLES 6-8:30pm

January 22-Great Kindness Challenge Assembly-in the gym-10-10:30am

January 26- TOLLES 6-8:30pm

January 27-Staff Meeting 7:45am DATA TEAM

KINDERGARTEN DATA TEAM--ALL DAY

January 28<sup>th</sup>-1/2 Day Data Team **AM**-4<sup>th</sup> Grade

TOLLES 6-8:30pm

January 29<sup>th</sup>-1/2 Day Data Team **AM**-3<sup>rd</sup> grade

February 1-PTO 7pm

February 2-1/2 Day Data Team AM-5th grade

PAC 3:30pm

TOLLES 6-8:30pm

February 3-Staff Meeting-7:45am

1/2 Day Data Team AM-1st grade

February 4-1/2 Day Data Team PM-2nd grade

TOLLES 6-8:30pm