

# Project MAP

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On Tuesday, January 17 Congressman Bill Johnson visited the Project MAP volunteer reading mentoring program at Wheelersburg Elementary School. He spent the morning observing our mentoring practice and even mentored one of our third graders himself. She was very proud to have the opportunity to read with "Mr. Johnson." Our mentors were able to provide feedback regarding the benefits of one-on-one reading instruction for both the students and the mentors themselves. Later, Congressman Johnson read a book to our third graders in the library. It was titled "Hugs for Daddy" and told the story of a young girl who was missing her father as he was deployed for military service. Congressman Johnson related to our students how personal that story was for him and his family when he was preparing to leave during his service in the United States Air Force.

It was wonderful to see how engaged Congressman Johnson was with all the children, high school students, and volunteers he met in Project MAP. He expressed his love for education and his most sincere gratitude for all the special teachers in his own life. I especially appreciated his personal story in treasuring those who help us along through the difficulties in life. We are thankful he shared his day with us!

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### Dates to Remember

\*February 20:

No School—Presidents' Day

