In 1954, the United States Supreme Court made one of its most monumental decisions: desegregating public schools. The Court consolidated five cases from across the country under one name: *Oliver Brown et al. v. the Board of Education of Topeka*. The Brown decision struck down the idea of “separate but equal” and helped contribute to racial integration in the US.

Ruby Bridges eventually became the first black child to attend an all-white elementary school in the South, showing immense bravery in the face of hostility and prejudice. This week, we not only remember this historic victory for civil rights, but also the countless individuals and groups who fought to make Brown a reality. However, sixty years later, there is still more work to be done. We have not yet eradicated racism from society. Recent comments made by Donald Sterling, expose that racism is still very much alive today. As we look to move forward, appreciating the sentiment of the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision is not enough. We must continue to strive for complete equality!

**VOLUNTEERING YOUR WAY TO EMPLOYMENT**

There are numerous benefits to volunteering, but did you know that one of them could be possible employment? More and more people are finding jobs as a result of volunteer opportunities. Volunteering can be a great way to learn new skills, from design to copyediting to financial skills. You can also meet new people and increase your network, which can be a great way to hear about new positions. Furthermore, you can try out new fields to make sure that you are a good fit. For instance, do you think that you might want to work with animals? Volunteer at the Humane Society! Meanwhile, volunteering in our office is a great way to obtain experience while also being provided an inside look at the Wisconsin political system. So contact a local organization where you think that you can be of service. By giving back to the community, you just might get something in return!
This week, from May 12\textsuperscript{th} to May 17\textsuperscript{th}, is National Black Child Development Week. Sponsored by the Black Child Development Institute (BCDI), this week focuses on black male achievement and the development of the #strongblackchild. The goal of this week is for us to lead our black youth, taking time to ensure that they have the direction, guidance, and drive necessary to be successful. In a recent report by the Annie E. Casey foundation, Wisconsin was ranked last in disparities between White and Black children. Through NBCD week, we can look to directly combat this injustice by addressing the issue at the youth level. These are our family members, our children, our friends, and by taking the time to provide direction, we can ensure a better future for our children. By working with our young black children, through physical activity, tutoring, or even mentoring, we together can facilitate the growth of our youth into strong black children!

May 12th through 16th marks the annual celebration of National Small Business Week. This week is dedicated to honoring the achievements of small businesses and recognizing their important contributions to job growth and economic stability. Small businesses employ over half of the U.S. working population and created about 67\% of new jobs in the last two years. With approximately 543,000 new businesses created each month, these companies will continue to foster economic growth and build our communities for years to come. Despite their size, they will also continue to have huge impacts both locally and nationally. Celebrate this week by patronizing your local small businesses and thanking them for helping our nation to look to the future.

**Grover Heights Health Fair**
Do you have a question about your health? Come with a friend to the health fair held at your neighborhood meeting.

**When:** Monday, May 19\textsuperscript{th}, 2014  
**Time:** 6:00pm-7:30pm sharp!  
**Where:** Grace Fellowship Church, 3879 N. Port Washington Ave  
**Hostess:** Gracelyn Wilson, Community Organizer  
For more information call Gracelyn Wilson 444-8204 or Sy at 263-6126. Email groverheights@gmail.com or visit the blog at groverheights.blogspot.com

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**Wise Words of the Week!**

Contact Us! We Enjoy Hearing From You!

“We conclude that, in the field of public education, the doctrine of ‘separate but equal’ has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal.” - Justice Earl Warren

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” - Mahatma Gandhi