



# Grant Gazette

*At Grant Elementary **WE** Learn the Way, To Know the Way, To Show the Way!*

Grant Elementary School

425 West Upham Street

Marshfield, WI 54449

**January 2019**

Welcome back students! Happy New Year, 2019!

I hope that everyone had a relaxing and festive Christmas/Holiday Break! It's that time of year once again when we all talk about, think about, and/or at least consider making some new year resolutions. With that in mind, I would like to offer up some suggestions, or "resolutions" parents can make together with their child/children in helping them to be as successful as possible at school. Please consider "Mr. Damrau's Study Tips for Success" when making "resolutions" (goals) with your child/children.

Mr. D's Practice/Study Tips To Support Your Child In Being A Successful Student!

- **Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to read and/or do homework.** Avoid having your child read or do homework with the television on or in places with other distractions, such as people coming and going.
- **Read with read child daily/nightly.** Set up a daily/nightly schedule to read with your child. Speak with your child's teacher to determine an appropriate amount of time. Take turns reading.
- **Make sure the materials your child needs, such as paper, pencils and a dictionary, are available.** Ask your child if special materials will be needed for some projects and get them in advance.
- **Help your child with time management.** Establish a set time each day for reading, math facts practice, and/or doing homework. Make every attempt to not let your child leave reading practice/homework until just before bedtime. Think about using a weekend morning or afternoon for working on big projects, especially if the project involves getting together with classmates.
- **Be positive about reading, math facts review, and homework.** Remind your child how important school is. The attitude you express about their studies will be the attitude your child acquires.
- **When your child does homework, mirror that practice.** Show your child that the skills they are learning are related to tasks you do as an adult. If your child is reading, you read too. If your child is practicing math, balance your checkbook. Make correlations to daily life activities.
- **When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers.** Giving answers means your child will not learn the material. Too much help teaches your child that when the going gets rough, someone will do the work for him or her.
- **When the teacher asks that you play a role in supporting practice (reading, math facts), do it.** Cooperate with the teacher. It shows your child that the school and home are a team. Follow the directions and guidance given by the teacher.
- **Stay informed – review classroom teacher notes, updates, and newsletters.** Talk with your child's teacher. Make sure you know and understand how often reading and math facts practice should occur at home, and the purpose behind any homework.
- **Watch your child for signs of frustration.** Let your child take a short break if he/she is having trouble keeping his/her mind on an assignment. Contact your child's teacher if/when you witness struggles with a concept or skill.

- **Reward progress.** If your child has been successful in improve reading and math scores, celebrate that success with a special event (e.g., pizza, a walk, a trip to the park) to reinforce the positive effort.

Here's wishing everyone a happy and successful new year!

Jeff Damrau

Principal, Grant Elementary



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 1— No School (Winter Break)
- January 2— Classes Resume
- January 9— PTO meeting (4:30)
- January 10—Battle of the Books, LMC (3:00-4:00pm)
- January 14-24—Healthy Smiles
- January 17—Cribbage Club grades 1-3 (3:00-4:00pm)
- January 22—Cribbage Club (3:00-4:00pm)
- January 24—Cribbage Club grades 4-6 (3:00-4:00pm); Spelling Bee (3:30-5:00pm) at Washington School Gym)
- January 28-Feb 1— PTO Penny Wars
- January 29 - Cribbage Club (3:00-4:00pm)
- January 31—Battle of the Books, LMC (3:00-4:00pm)

Greetings Grant School Community,

Winter weather is here! In order to make sure that you and your children are prepared for it, we would like to remind you of the following information:

1. Due to the location of our school, it gets quite windy. Children are expected to go outside for recess when the wind chill is 0 or above, so please make sure that they have boots, jackets, caps, mittens and snow pants.
2. For school closings, check radio Stations WDLB (AM 1450) and WOSQ (FM 92.3), Channels 7 and 9 and the district website: [www.marshfieldschools.org](http://www.marshfieldschools.org)

The school district will also use an automatic telephone messaging system to send an automated message to the students' home numbers. Let us know if your number has changed. Please do not call the school directly as we must keep the phones lines open.

Thank you for your time & Happy 2019,

Mrs. Banser  
Assistant Principal

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# Walk to School Wednesdays!



Led by our wonderful Mrs. Smith (2nd Grade Teacher), Walk to School Wednesdays concluded on Wednesday, December 19th for the remainder of the winter. All students participating on this last day were treated to hot chocolate at Starbucks! Walk to School Wednesdays will resume in April, 2019!

# PTO NEWS



## January Events-

**PTO Meeting - Wed 1/9 @ 4:30 grant (likely art room)**

**Penny Wars!! - 1/28-2/1**

## myHuterra - the easiest yet most impactful fundraiser \$6000 so far.....

We have made a ton of money so far with just submitting receipts! We have stayed in the top 5 in the country for most of the 2018 Season of Giving promotion (11/1-12/31) but the final results won't be in until next Monday. You can still submit receipts until FRIDAY 1/4. Receipts up to 45 days ago will be accepted.

**\*\* Especially if you made AMAZON purchases - it will help tremendously! We may lose out on **DOUBLE MONEY** and an **EXTRA \$5000** dollars if we fall to 6th place.....we can't let that happen!**

Huterra rewards are *ONGOING!* so we can collect rewards throughout the year

1. **DOWNLOAD THE APP** - myHuterra
2. **Designate** - GRANT ELEMENTARY PTO to receive the rewards (under the my fundraisers)
3. **SHOP** as you normally but don't forget to **SCAN** your receipts in the app

Local stores in Marshfield include: Festival Foods, Target, Pizza Hut, Applebees, Mobil Gas, Pompes, ++

Online retailers include: AMAZON, Sams/Walmart and 300 MORE!!!

Huterra rewards will be ongoing through the year, but they also have 2 promotions where we have the opportunity to **DOUBLE** our money (up to \$5000) if we are one of the top 5 nonprofits in the competition

1. Shop for Schools 4/1-8/30
2. Season of Giving 11/1-12/31

## Huterra receipt drive - - RESULTS!!

1. Hollatz 192
2. Lecker 143
3. Whitrock 104
4. Schecklman 89
5. Frost 62

## Penny Wars! 1/28-2/1

Bring in your loose change for a grade level **CHALLENGE!** All pennies and paper money go **TOWARDS** your classroom and silver coins **TAKE AWAY** so add it to another classroom to decrease their total. We will reward the classroom with the highest total at the end of the competition.

## Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe

Thanks to all who participated in the Penguin Patch. The kids had a blast! And we made ~\$800 for our school. It was so successful we are thinking of making it an annual Holiday event. Let us know if you have any suggestions for improvement or want to help out next year. Thanks specifically to Kay Severt and Crystal Bell!!

## 1st Annual Holiday Craft and Vendor Event

We had 30 vendors present at the event with a wide variety of items that sold. If you missed it - don't worry! We are having another event in the spring:)

**Find us on FACEBOOK - Grant Elementary PTO**

# New Year's Reading Resolutions

By Kelly Vaver

It's that season when people look at a fresh, new year and dream about everything they want to accomplish in it. So many people focus on diets, exercise, reducing screen time, etc., but have you thought about a New Year's Resolution that would help your child improve their reading skills? According to Nagy and Herman, 1987, "Children who read for just 20 minutes per day see 1.8 million words each year and have scores on standardized tests in the 90th percentile." Make a resolution to read aloud with your child for 20 minutes a day. It doesn't have to be all in one sitting; sneak books into your car, the kids' backpacks, or anywhere where there's a little "down time" that you need to fill. Be a good role model and let your child see you reading as well. Take your child to the public library and participate in the various activities going on.

Other fun reading resolutions can be found at [Scholastic.com](http://Scholastic.com) or other Internet websites that promote building a love for reading. Resolutions can include the number of books your child wants to read this year or challenging them to read different styles of books on a variety of different topics. The ideas are endless! Help your child pick a reading resolution that's a little challenging, yet attainable, and overall, FUN! Setting a reading resolution helps grow strong family bonds and improves reading skills at the same time. It's a win-win for everyone! Have a fantastic 2019!





## FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT NURSES

### School Health News

It is hard to believe winter break is here already! With the snow and cold that Wisconsin winters bring, it's important to consider safety. Ice skating, sledding, skiing, & other snow activities are great ways to get exercise on a cold winter day. Here are some helpful winter safety tips to keep in mind while enjoying the snow:

- Dress in layers and be sure your child wear hats, mittens, and boots while playing outside. Have children come inside periodically to warm up and to avoid frostbite.
- Remove wet clothes and boots immediately after playing.
- Sled feet first or sitting up instead of lying down head first.
- Skate only on approved surfaces.
- Wear a helmet when skiing and sledding.
- Avoid building and crawling in snow tunnels; they may collapse.
- Apply sunscreen to exposed areas. Snow reflects up to 85% of the sun's UV rays.



Vision and hearing referral letters were sent home in November for students who had difficulty with the screenings. Please let us know if your child was seen



# BREAKFAST

Elementary

JANUARY 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>7 Breakfast Kit</b> <i>(includes cereal, crackers and 100% Juice)</i> Fruit Cup Milk	 <b>8 Whole Grain Muffin</b> String Cheese Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>2 Breakfast Kit</b> <i>(includes cereal, crackers and 100% Juice)</i> Fruit Cup Milk	<b>3 Oatmeal Bar</b> <b>Nasonville Dairy Cheese</b> Fruit Cup Fresh Fruit Milk	<b>4 HOT Mini Cinnis</b> Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk
<b>14 Breakfast Kit</b> <i>(includes cereal, crackers and 100% Juice)</i> Fruit Cup Milk	<b>15 Berry Bread Slice</b> Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>9 HOT Pancake Bites</b> Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>10 Yogurt Parfait</b> <b>HOMEMADE GRANOLA</b> Strawberries/Blueberries Dried Cranberries Milk	<b>11 HOT Breakfast Pizza</b> 100% Fruit Juice Fruit Cup Milk
<b>21 Breakfast Kit</b> <i>(includes cereal, crackers and 100% Juice)</i> Fruit Cup Milk	<b>22 Whole Grain Muffin</b> String Cheese Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>16 HOT Pancake on a Stick</b> Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>17 Whole Grain Cereal</b> <b>Nasonville Dairy Cheese</b> Fruit Cup Fresh Fruit Milk	<b>18 HOT Mini Waffles</b> Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk
<b>28 Breakfast Kit</b> <i>(includes cereal, crackers and 100% Juice)</i> Fruit Cup Milk	<b>29 Mini Cream</b> Cheese Filled Bagels Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>23 HOT Fruit Strudel</b> Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>24 HOMEMADE COFFEECAKE</b> <b>Nasonville Dairy Cheese</b> Fruit Cup Milk	<b>25 HOT Breakfast Wrap</b> Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk
	<b>30 HOT Mini Cinnis</b> String Cheese Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>31 Yogurt Parfait</b> <b>HOMEMADE GRANOLA</b> Strawberries/Blueberries Dried Cranberries Milk		
<b>See website for a food allergen/pork listing</b>				

 Farm to School

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**MEAL PRICES**  
 Breakfast Prices:  
 Paid (Elementary): \$1.35  
 Paid (MS/HS): \$1.45  
 Reduced: \$0.25  
 Adult/Seconds: \$2.00  
**Lunch Prices:**  
 Paid (Elementary): \$2.60  
 Paid (Middle School): \$2.75  
 Paid (High School): \$2.90  
 Reduced: \$0.40  
 Adult/Seconds: \$3.55  
 Second Entrée: \$2.25  
 Milk: \$0.40

**ICE COLD MILK**  
**OPTIONS:**  
 Fat Free White  
 Low Fat White  
 Fat Free Chocolate  
 \*All Meals Include

All grain and bread products are 100% whole grain





# LUNCH

Elementary

January 2019



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

	<b>1</b> New Years Day No School Today <b>2019</b>	<b>2</b> Mini Corn Dogs Pears Mixed Fruit Carrots Capri Vegetable Blend	<b>3</b> Chicken Patty on a Bun Fresh Apple Peaches Carrots Steamed Corn	<b>4</b> French Toast Sticks Little Smokies Applesauce Mixed Berries Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Cucumbers
<b>7</b> Chicken Snack Wrap Fresh Apple Pears Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Shredded Cheese Steamed Broccoli	<b>8</b> Soft Shell Taco Fiesta Beans Applesauce Orange Wedges Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese	<b>9</b> Creamed Chicken over Mashed Potatoes w/ T-Bun Fresh Apple Cranberry Sauce Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Celery Sticks	<b>10</b> Chicken Strips w/ Bread Orange Wedges Mixed Fruit Fresh Broccoli Fresh Carrots Blue Raspberry Sorbet	<b>11</b> Hot Cheesy Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce Fresh Grapes Pineapple Fresh Carrots Green Beans
<b>14</b> Cheese Omelet w/ Ham & Homemade Bread Applesauce Oranges Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Wisc. Vegetable Blend	<b>15</b> Popcorn Chicken Fresh Apple Pears Fresh Carrots Baked Beans Rice Krispy Treat	<b>16</b> Fish Nuggets w/ Bread Applesauce Orange Wedges Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Steamed Corn	<b>17</b> Chicken Noodle Soup w/ Mini Sub Apple Dried Cranberries Fresh Carrots & Broccoli Strawberry Milk	<b>18</b> California Burger Strawberries Mandarin Oranges Green Beans Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes
<b>21</b> Cheese Pizza Apples Peaches Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Fresh Broccoli	Taco Salad w/ Bread Fiesta Beans Pears Orange Wedges Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese	<b>23</b> Chicken Patty on a Bun Apples Pineapple Fresh Carrots Brussel Sprouts V-Blend Juice	<b>24</b> Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Garlic Toast Orange Wedges Peaches Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Radishes	<b>25</b> Early Release French Toast w/ Sausage Strawberries Mandarin Oranges Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Steamed Peas
<b>28</b> Cheddarwurst on a Bun Orange Wedges Mixed Fruit Fresh Carrots Steamed Broccoli	<b>29</b> Sausage Pizza Fresh Apples Pineapple Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Steamed Corn	<b>30</b> Mini Corn Dogs Orange Wedges Pears Fresh Broccoli Mixed Vegetables	<b>31</b> BBQ Pork on a Bun Fresh Grapes Strawberries Baked Beans Coleslaw	

			See website for food allergens, carbohydrate counts, pork product list and all featured recipes. <a href="http://www.marshfieldschools.org">www.marshfieldschools.org</a>	
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Reduced: \$0.40

Adult/Seconds: \$3.55

Second Entrée: \$2.25

Milk: \$0.40

## Online Meal Payments

Online meal payments are now available. Payments can be made through your Family Skyward Access. If you do not have your username/password, please stop into your school office.



All of our homemade breads and buns are 100% whole grain and baked fresh daily.



Ice cold milk options available daily: fat free white, low fat white, and fat free chocolate.



## Dress Code Reminders

Please review with your student the following excerpts from the Student Handbook. **Students who violate the guidelines of school attire will need to call home to have a parent bring in appropriate clothing.**



- clothing should always completely cover the torso from above chest cleavage to **mid-thigh**; no midriffs showing
- clothing items such as backless tops, halter-tops, strapless tops, and tube tops are not allowed
- tank tops with approximately a 2-inch strap will be allowed
- shoes or sturdy sandals must be worn at all times **flip flops not allowed**

## Have you moved? Has your phone number changed? Do you have a new job? Are you not attending public school in Marshfield next year?

If you can answer **YES** to any of the above questions, please be sure that you have provided your new information to the school office.

Nearly every day we have difficulty reaching a parent or guardian regarding a student illness, injury, etc., due to outdated information. It is extremely important that we have accurate parent/guardian information on file, as well as current emergency contact/pick up information in the event that we are unable to reach a parent/guardian.

Thank you for helping us keep your students safe!

## Visits During School Hours

If you need to get a message to your student, or deliver something to your student during school hours, please call or stop in the office. Mrs. Lenz or Mrs. Heiman will make sure your request is processed. In order to preserve valuable instruction time, parents/ guardians are not allowed to proceed to classroom areas unless previous arrangements have been made at least 24 hours in advance with the classroom teacher. We appreciate your cooperation and support to ensure each child at Grant is receiving the highest quality education!

A reminder to parents/guardians/adults and community members:

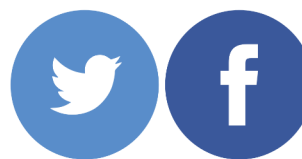
Smoking, use of tobacco products and/or use of products such as e-cigarettes is not allowed on any school property. This includes inside your personal vehicles while on school property, in parking lots, in school driveways, drop-off areas, and so forth. Any adult doing so may be asked to extinguish and discard such products or leave school district property immediately. Please assist us by abiding by this health and safety policy for our children, and thank you in advance for your cooperation.



## Volunteering

Parents who would like to volunteer at the school in the classroom or for a field trip need to complete the volunteer application. These can be found on the district website in the family section. **Completed applications must be received in the school office at least 2 weeks prior to the scheduled event.**

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## Drug & Weapon Free Zone

Parents, please talk to your children about what is and is not OK to bring to school. It is **not OK** to bring toy guns or knives, live or spent shells, or any other item that may remotely resemble a weapon. If a student realizes he/she has a knife, toy weapon, or anything that might resemble a weapon in their backpack, they **MUST** immediately tell their bus driver or adult ASAP and report to the office to have the item locked in a safe place until it can be retrieved by an adult.

This law also applies to adults carrying a knife or multi-use utility knife in a belt holder, purse, or pocket. Help keep our schools totally safe by leaving any potentially dangerous devices out of our school and off school grounds.

While the State of Wisconsin has passed a Concealed and Carry Law, restrictions to this apply while on school grounds. (It is a **felony** for a person to knowingly **possess** a **firearm** (concealed or otherwise) on the **grounds** of a school. *Wis. Stat. § 948.605(2)(a) unless you meet the criteria for exception under state law.*)

## Directory Data

The School Board has developed a policy regarding the dissemination of Student Directory Data. Student Directory Data refers to the following items: student name, address, phone number and the name of parents and/or guardians. If you wish to keep all or part of this information private, you need to contact the school office within 14 days to inform us of this.

We should point out that in the past we have not had requests for this type of information with the exception of names and addresses for articles or pictures that may have appeared in the News Herald. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact Mr. Damrau.

## Student Nondiscrimination

The School District of Marshfield is an equal opportunity education institution and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, sex (including transgender status, change of sex or gender identity), or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability ("Protected Classes") in any of its student programs, activities, or employment practices.

To reference the full policy, please visit [www.marshfieldschools.org](http://www.marshfieldschools.org). District policies (2260, 3122, 4122) can be found under District/Board of Education/Policies.

For information regarding civil rights or grievance procedures, contact the Director of Student Services, Tracey Kelz at 1010 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Marshfield, WI 54449 (715-387-1101). For information regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by handicapped persons, contact Ron Sturomski, Director of Building and Grounds at 1010 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Marshfield, WI 54449 (715-387-1101).

## Student Religious Accommodations

The School District of Marshfield will provide reasonable accommodation of a student's sincerely held religious beliefs with regard to examinations and other academic requirements.