



Grant Elementary School
425 West Upham Street
Marshfield, WI 54449

Grant Gazette

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

March 2019

Hello Grant Elementary Families,

February, 2019, has certainly been an epic winter weather month! With the total number of inclement weather school closure days currently at 7, and the fact that we have the entire month of March to still get through, there is the strong likelihood that the school year will be extended into the week of June 10th. Please be mindful of this fact when making summer vacation plans. Below is the current school district plan for making-up missed days/minutes. Important note: The make-up plan outlined below was put in place PRIOR to the snow day that occurred on Monday, February 25th.

Instructional Minute Make-up Plan 2018-2019

Please understand that this make-up plan is based on there being no additional school closures this school year. If we need to close again, the District will need to make additional adjustments. For example, we will almost certainly have to extend the school year into the week of June 10th, if we have another closure.

Plans are listed in reverse chronological order:

- Friday, June 7th will be a full-day with students and the last day of school for 2018-19
- Thursday, June 6th will be a full-day with students
- Both early dismissal days in April will be changed to full-days with students (April 5th & 19th)
- Lunch periods at the high school will be shortened by 5 minutes per day starting on February 25th

Based on these adjustments, and if we have no additional closures, we will have met the required instructional minutes with Friday, June 7th serving as the last day of school for 2018-19.



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Sincerely,
Jeff Damrau, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1

Read Across America

March 4

Current Gr. 6 Registration at Middle School, 6:30-7:30

March 5

Cribbage Club, 3:00-4:00pm

March 6

District Math 24 Competition, 8:00-2:30 at Madison Elementary

March 11

1SZ FT to Lucille Tack Center, 9:30-12:00

March 12

Cribbage Club, 3:00-4:00pm

March 13

PTO Meeting, 4:30pm

March 19

Cribbage Club, 3:00-4:00pm

March 25-29

SPRING BREAK, NO SCHOOL



You can register your child(ren) online through [Skyward Family Access](#). Online registration will open **April 1st, at 5:00 a.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 12th**. Classes are filled in the order registrations are received. **Please use the grade your child will be in during the 2019-20 school year when selecting classes.**

Bus Conduct & SAFETY

In efforts to support our bus drivers and getting all children safely to and from their destinations, I ask that each family regularly review bus expectations with their children who ride a bus:



BE SAFE

- * Stay sitting at all times when bus is moving.
- * Speak in a voice level appropriate for a car ride.

BE RESPECTFUL

- * Obey the bus driver and follow expectations.
- * Speak kindly and appropriately to others.
- * Respect the bus property, not bringing food, drinks or items like slime onto the bus.

BE RESPONSIBLE

- * Be on time
- * Keep track of your items.

Positive Behavior Incentives

Our school-side Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports system provides us with an avenue to teach and monitor student behaviors at school. We work to recognize students when they are being SAFE, RESPECTFUL, and RESPONSIBLE by giving verbal feedback along with Tiger Tickets (which have replaced our Tiger Tokens). Each Friday, the students are able to visit our Tiger Store and purchase small trinkets or experiences such as "extra iPad time" or a "no homework pass". If you have any new or almost new items that you would like to **donate** to the school store please drop them off in the main office.

~Mrs. Banser



Battle of the Books 2018

Our Battle of the Books competition began in November with 37 students who were organized into 11 teams from our 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Those students were busy reading, studying, and practicing from a list of 20 books such as Bruce's Big Move by Ryan T. Higgins, The Million Dollar Shot by Dan Gutman, and Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick to prepare for the preliminary written test. The test was given to the teams on January 31. Teams had to work together to identify the title and author of the book for each of 25 questions. From this preliminary test, the top 5 teams advanced to the Grant School Battle of the Books.

Students who competed in the Grant School Battle were Kielynn Clark, Talia Soskos, Johanna Nyman, Cadence Opsal, Alana Schoen, Adeline Lonsdale, Rowan Kim, Nathaniel Wagner, Kate-lyn Becker, Faris Haleem, Ava Fletty, Amelia Kallembach, Joel Deekollu, Gunnar Derks, Neel Gonugunta, Nathan Kunding, and Mack Vanderwyst. These students all did an excellent job. They showed great team work, dedication, and good sportsmanship towards one another.

Our Grant School Battle of the Books winning team is Kielynn Clark, Talia Soskos, Johanna Nyman, and Cadence Opsal. This team will compete at the state level by completing an online test the last week of February.



2019—2020 Registration Changes

Online registration has been replaced with Skyward Family Access (FA), Request Changes. Please log into FA as the Student Info tab now allows you to update and submit changes for district approval at any time. If you will not be returning to the School District of Marshfield in September, please notify us of the city, state, and school where you will be moving through the FA Contact Us tab in the upper right corner or through your school office as soon as you know. If you have moved during the school year or will be moving before the start of the new school year and want your child to remain at the school they are currently attending OR if you are requesting your student attend a school other than their neighborhood school for the upcoming school year, please complete the Intradistrict Student Transfer Request found on FA under Online Forms. Students currently in 4K will be placed at their neighborhood school. Your child's placement will be confirmed in a summer email which will also include an invitation to attend an open house that will help make a smooth transition to full day kindergarten. Current 6th grade students will receive further information from the Marshfield Middle School.

2019-2020 REGISTRATION/INFORMATION SET AT MARSHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th Grade Registration Nights

Registration for 6th grade students entering 7th grade and their parents will be held in the middle school cafeteria on the following dates:

Monday, March 4

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Grant and Washington Schools

Tuesday, March 5

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Lincoln, Madison, & Nasonville Schools

You may attend the alternate night if you have a conflict.

Any 6th or 7th graders attending any of the non-public schools, open-enrolled or are homeschooled in the Unified School District of Marshfield are invited to attend either night.

PTO NEWS



March Events-

PTO Meeting - Wed 3/13 @ 4:30 Grant Elementary (Location TBA)

Milk Moola

The Kwik Trip milk moola program is ending - if you have any milk caps or bag tops please bring them to school by MID MARCH so we can submit them. They will not accept any caps after 3/31.

Do you work at the Marshfield Clinic?

The Marshfield Clinic has a program rewarding volunteers and will financially compensate the nonprofit! The **Employee Volunteer Program awards \$250 for 5-9 hours of volunteering and \$500 for 10+ hours. The PTO and therefore Grant school can gain up to \$2500 *per fiscal year*. If you helped (or plan on helping) with any of our activities and work at the Marshfield clinic let me know and I can get you the application - It just requires a signature.**

Original Works

Looking for the perfect gift or memento to remember your child's school year? Look no further! Original Works is a fundraiser that allows you to capture your child's art and use everyday. Products include mugs, calendars, ornaments, coasters, potholders - you name it, they probably have it. 33% of final sales comes back to Grant.

Most classrooms are doing the art project in their rooms, but a few classes sent it home. If you have it at home please complete and submit to your teacher by 3/8. I have to have all classrooms returned and mailed to the company on 3/12. Online orders will be early April with product delivery in May.

Sneak peak- Save the Date!

We have some super fun upcoming events in April and May.

CRAFT/VENDOR EVENT: We have a craft/vendor event we are pairing with our BOGO Scholastic book fair on Sat April 27 10-3pm. 30+ vendors selling a variety of amazing products. Don't miss it!

CARNIVAL/MEGABASH: We are already in full swing with the carnival planning! Join us for an evening of games and fun on Friday 5/3 from 4-8pm. We will need some help so check out our online signup for opportunities - 1hr shifts will be compensated with FREE MEGABASH tickets!

follow the link: www.signup.com/go/D5HQQh

Find us on FACEBOOK - Grant Elementary PTO

These activities are not sponsored nor endorsed by the Marshfield School District or any of its schools. The district assumes no responsibility for the conduct during or safety of the activities. Marshfield School District shall be held harmless from any cause of action, claim, or petition filed in any court of administrative tribunal arising out of the distribution of these materials including attorney's fees and judgments or awards.

Combining Literacy with Technology

By Kelly Vaver

Grant Elementary is part of a one-to-one iPad initiative in which every student is supplied with a school iPad for their use during school-related activities. Teachers have found many wonderful apps and websites that increase student engagement and learning through iPads. Some apps help Kindergartners learn letter recognition and letter sounds in a game-like format. Other apps help them trace and write letters correctly. RAZ Kids is an app that allows students to read short stories at their independent reading level and answer questions to earn “stars.” Older students can read stories through Epic or HMH Reader. But what’s the best way to help your child navigate an electronic book (e-book)?

According to an article entitled “How to Read an E-Book With Your Child” at readingrockets.org, e-books may contain many engaging features such as music, short video clips, coloring pages, or story-like games. Although these features may be fun and stir up interest, it’s important to not lose sight of the actual reading of the story. Allow your child time to explore some of the extra features, but make sure that there’s plenty of time to read or listen to the story without too many interruptions. Ask your child plenty of questions about the story such as, “What was your favorite part of the story?” or “What do you think will happen next?” or “What would you do if you were in the main character’s situation?” Most importantly, don’t let the iPad or electronic device do all the work. Stay present with your child as they enjoy reading on a device and keep the literary conversation going. This will maximize quality time with your child at the same time.



HEALTH SERVICES

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MARCH IS NATIONAL SLEEP AWARENESS MONTH

Did you know that children & adolescents who do not get enough sleep have a higher risk for many health and behavior problems?

This includes problems such as obesity, diabetes, injuries, poor mental health, and problems with attention and behavior. The American Academy of Sleep Medicine recommends that children between the ages of 6-12 years should routinely sleep 9-12 hours per day and teenagers aged 13-18 years should sleep 8-10 hours per day. According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) 6 out of 10 students in grades 6-8 and 7 out of 10 students in grades 9-12 do not get enough sleep on school nights.

As a parent, there are several things you can do to help your child get the sleep they need:

Stick to a consistent sleep schedule. Children, including adolescents, whose parents set bedtimes are more likely to get enough sleep. Ideally, try to keep the same bedtime and waking time, even on days when school is not in session.

Limit light exposure and technology use in the evenings. Set a "digital curfew" when electronic devices may no longer be used, even 30-60 minutes before bed. This includes TV, computers, tablets, & cell phones. The blue light emitted from these screens interferes with melatonin production and can reset the body making it harder to fall asleep.

Reading a printed book with your child or allowing them to read one themselves before going to sleep is an excellent substitute for using electronic devices. For older children, writing in a journal can also help them to fall asleep.

Avoid caffeine beginning in the late afternoon and avoid large meals prior to bedtime.

Make sure your child's bedroom is quiet and dimly lit.

For children who play on a travel sports team, sleep should be a top priority. Sleep positively impacts athletic performance and decreases the risk of injury. If possible, encourage them to nap for 20-30 minutes before a game or competition.





BREAKFAST

Elementary

MARCH 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>March 4th-8th is National School Breakfast Week</p> <p>This year's theme is "Start Your Engines". Each grade will have a race car represented in their cafeteria. The grade with the highest breakfast participation each day will move their car forward. The car that travels the farthest at the end of the week will win a special prize.</p> <p>Which breakfast are you looking forward to the most this month?</p>				
<p>4 HOT Oatmeal</p> <p>Fresh Berries</p> <p>Dried Cranberries</p> <p>Milk</p>	<p>5 Berry Patch ^{NEW}</p> <p>Smoothie</p> <p>Cereal Bar</p> <p>Fruit Cup</p> <p>Milk</p>	<p>6 HOT Pancake Bites</p> <p>100% Fruit Juice</p> <p>Fruit Cup</p> <p>Milk</p>	<p>7 Yogurt Parfait ^{HOT}</p> <p>HOMEMADE GRANOLA</p> <p>Dried Cranberries</p> <p>Strawberries/Blueberries</p> <p>Milk</p>	<p>1 HOT Mini Cinis</p> <p>Fruit Cup</p> <p>100% Fruit Juice</p> <p>Milk</p>
<p>11 Whole Grain Cereal</p> <p>String Cheese</p> <p>Fruit Cup</p> <p>Milk</p>	<p>12 Cinnamon</p> <p>Bread Slice</p> <p>Fruit Cup</p> <p>100% Fruit Juice</p> <p>Milk</p>	<p>13 HOT Breakfast Wrap</p> <p>Fruit Cup</p> <p>100% Fruit Juice</p> <p>Milk</p>	<p>14 Whole Grain Muffin</p> <p>String Cheese</p> <p>Fruit Cup</p> <p>100% Fruit Juice</p> <p>Milk</p>	<p>8 HOT Fruit Strudel</p> <p>String Cheese</p> <p>100% Fruit Juice</p> <p>Fruit Cup</p> <p>Milk</p>
<p>18 Whole Grain Cereal</p> <p>String Cheese</p> <p>Fruit Cup</p> <p>Milk</p>	<p>19 Mini Cream Cheese</p> <p>Filled Bagels</p> <p>Fruit Cup</p> <p>100% Fruit Juice</p> <p>Milk</p>	<p>20 HOT Pancake/Stick</p> <p>Fruit Cup</p> <p>100% Fruit Juice</p> <p>Milk</p>	<p>21 HOMEMADE COFFEECAKE</p> <p>Nashville Dairy Cheese</p> <p>^{HOT} Fruit Cup</p> <p>Milk</p>	<p>15 HOT Mini Waffles</p> <p>Fruit Cup</p> <p>100% Fruit Juice</p> <p>Milk</p>
<p>26th - 30th NO SCHOOL / SPRING BREAK</p>				
<p>See website for a food allergen/porb listing</p>				
<p>Farm to School</p>				

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



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LUNCH



Elementary

March 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
National School Breakfast Week is March 4th-8th. Did you know school breakfast can provide up to 25% of the recommended daily allowance of protein, calcium, iron and vitamins A and C? School breakfast helps to build lifelong health eating habits!				
4 Cheese Omelet w/ Ham & Homemade Bread Clementine Applesauce Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Steamed Broccoli	5 Soft Shell Taco Fiesta Beans Pears Orange Wedges Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese	6 Chicken Strips Watermelon Mixed Fruit Fresh Carrots Mixed Vegetables	7 Creamed Chicken over Mashed Potatoes w/ T-Bun Fresh Apple Dried Cranberries Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Celery Sticks	1 Fish Nuggets w/ Bread Apple Slices Mandarin Oranges Fresh Carrots Green Beans Blue Raspberry Sorbet
11 BBQ Pork on a Bun Oranges Pineapple Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Baked Beans	12 Popcorn Chicken w/ Bread Fresh Apple Pears Fresh Carrots Green Beans Rice Krispy Treat	13 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Garlic Toast Orange Wedges Peaches Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Radishes	14 Homemade Chili Homemade Cornbread Apple Slices Dried Cranberries Fresh Carrots & Fresh Broccoli Featured: Strawberry Milk	15 Shamrock Chicken Nuggets Homemade Bread Strawberries Clementine Steamed Peas Coleslaw
18 Chicken Snack Wrap Apple Slices Peaches Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Corn	19 Taco Salad w/ Bread Fiesta Beans Applesauce Orange Wedges Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese	20 Mini Corn Dogs Apple Slices Pineapple Fresh Carrots Mixed Vegetables V-Blend Juice	21 Pepperoni Pizza Orange Wedges Pears Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Fresh Broccoli	22 Hot Cheesy Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce Fresh Grapes Mixed Fruit Fresh Cucumbers Cooked Carrots

25th - 29th NO SCHOOL / SPRING BREAK



Farm to School Meatless Entree Featured Recipe

See website for food allergens, carbohydrate counts, pork product list and all featured recipes. www.marshfieldschools.org

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 Reduced: \$0.25
 Adult/Seconds: \$2.00

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 Paid (Middle School): \$2.75
 Paid (High School): \$2.90
 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 midribs 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:

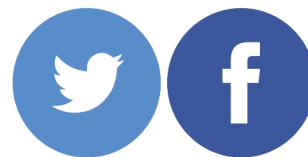
Smoking, use of tobacco products and/or use of products such as e-cigarettes is not allowed on any school property. This includes inside your personal vehicles while on school property, in parking lots, in school driveways, drop-off areas, and so forth. Any adult doing so may be asked to extinguish and 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. 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 4th 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 4th 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.