



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!

October 2019

The Grant Elementary PTO Purchases New Playground Equipment

Daily physical activity is an important part in the development of all children. Studies have proven that students who are active perform better in school. To start the 2019 – 2020 school year, the wonderful Grant Elementary PTO purchased new playground balls for all grade levels, a new Gaga Ball arena, and four new basketball poles/backboards/hoops. These terrific additions to our playground were made possible through the various fundraisers the Grant Elementary PTO sponsors throughout the school year. On behalf of the students and staff of our school, I would like to acknowledge and thank the generosity of Grant Elementary families and the support given by community business in contributing to our fundraising efforts, and THANK YOU GRANT PTO for the awesome new equipment! WE ARE ALL VERY GREATFUL!

Sincerely,

Mr. Damrau
Principal, Grant Elementary



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 30— Friends from Afar arrive!
- October 1— 4F & 4I Field Trip to School Forest
- October 2— 7:15 am Walk to School Event, 1SK & 1ST Field Trip to Rock Ridge Apple Orchard
- October 3— 1B & 1SZ Field Trip to Rock Ridge Apple Orchard
- October 9— Friends from Afar Banquet
- October 10— Big Apple Crunch
1ST Field Trip to New Visions Art Gallery
- October 14— 3:30 pm PTO Meeting
- October 15— Gr 4. Field Trip to Madison Capitol
- October 17— 1SZ Field Trip to New Visions Gallery
1B Field Trip to New Visions Gallery
- October 24— Picture Retakes
- October 25— KG Field Trip to School Forest

RE-TAKE PICTURE DAY



Lifetouch will be Re-taking student photos

OCTOBER 24th UNTIL

11:30AM. Please bring your original photos to turn in if you plan on getting retakes. Payment for pictures is only accepted through Lifetouch.

Payments will not be taken in the school office for pictures.

Good Afternoon Grant Families!

I want to acknowledge all of the work that families put into getting their children ready and prepared to learn each day. Without your support, efforts, and continued communication, we would not be able to successfully do the work we do with your child/children each and every day.

I encourage you to stay connected throughout the year as we celebrate successes and work through challenges together!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Banser

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October is Walk to School Month at Grant Elementary!!

Please join us to help create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasize the importance of increasing physical activity among children.

International Walk to School Day is on Wednesday, October 2, 2019. Grant Elementary will join other Marshfield area public and parochial schools in celebrating this event. Students will meet in the Mall parking lot at 7:15 am. We will take residential roads to Grant School. Walk to School Day is organized by Marshfield Clinic Health System, the Healthy Lifestyles-Marshfield Area Coalition and Noon Rotary.

The Annual Walk/Bike to School Challenge takes place during the month of October. The City of Marshfield, as part of the Safe Routes to School Program, will hold a walk/bike to school contest. Students in grades k-6 are encouraged to participate. Because of generous donations from the Marshfield Clinic Health System, Nasonville Dairy and several other donors, students will have the chance to win a gift certificate (2 per school) towards the purchase of a new bike from the Sports Den plus other prizes (helmets and shirts). Watch for a flyer coming home with students during October for more information or contact the principal or your child's classroom teacher with questions.



Attention all 6th Grade Band and Orchestra Students/Parents! Our Monday After-School Rehearsals will begin on Monday, Oct. 22nd in the Marshfield High School Music Department. 6th Grade Band will be from 3:15-4:00 in the MHS Band Room, and 6th Grade Orchestra will be from 4:05-4:50 in the MHS Orchestra Room. To get to Monday rehearsals, all students are allowed to ride the bus from Grant to Marshfield High School, even if they aren't a normal bus rider. If your student is only in orchestra and would still like to ride the bus over from Grant after school, we will have an adult supervised room for them to do homework, practice, read, or just relax until 4:05. 5th Grade Orchestra/Beginner Orchestra will not start Monday After-School Rehearsals until Monday, Dec. 3rd.

Grant School Concert Dates

Monday, December 9th – Grant Gym

1:30-2:30 1st Grade Concert

6:30-7:30 2nd Grade Concert

Tuesday, December 10th-Grant Gym

1:30-2:30 Kindergarten

6:30-7:30 3rd Grade Concert

****School doors will open ½ hour prior to the start of the concert.****

Please visit our page at <https://www.marshfieldschools.org/domain/61> to find more Grant School news, view upcoming events, and to access the Grant School calendar link for up-to-date information!

Counselor's Corner

We all have feelings

The school year is off to a great start! Guidance has started for K-3 and 6th grade. In K-2 we have been talking about feelings, empathy, and showing compassion. The lessons help students identify words, learn definitions of new feeling words, recognize feelings in self and others, and understand that all feelings are okay. Through the lessons, we are able to see that we show feelings on our faces and through our body language.

In 3rd grade, students have started to learn about having a growth mindset. Growth mindset means that people believe their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work-brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment. Virtually all great people have had these qualities.

6th grade students have started learning about Academic and Career Planning (ACP). They have begun using Career Cruising, which is a tool that allows your student to take different assessments, explore careers, and learn about educational opportunities beyond high school.

Emotional awareness: Why is it important?

Children who are able to identify how they feel are often better able to communicate their needs. They are also more likely to understand the feelings of their friends, classmates, and the grown-ups in their lives. This builds empathy, a great life skill.

Helping your child build emotional awareness

Ask your child how he/she is feeling.

Share how you are feeling. Be specific.

Play feelings charades. Show your feelings on your face and body.

Read stories with your child and talk about how the characters are feeling.

Try some of these books about feelings:

The Way I Feel by Janan Cain

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Creating a Home Library

By Reading Rockets (online)

Finding books

Become a treasure hunter! Browse book store sales, garage sales, flea markets, used book stores, and sales at your local library

Organize a children's book swap with friends, community groups, or your school

Encourage family and friends to give books as gifts for birthdays, holidays, and other celebrations

Don't forget quality nonfiction and children's magazines!

Building your library

A cardboard box or small wooden packing crate that you can decorate together might make a good bookcase. Or you might clear one of the family bookshelves.

Pick a special place for your child's books so that she knows where to look for them - in a cozy corner of your child's bedroom or close to where the rest of the family gathers and reads if your child is very social.

Help your child to arrange her books in some order - her favorite books, books about animals, or holiday books. Use whatever method will help her most easily find the book she's looking for.

"This book belongs to..." Bookplates give your child a sense of ownership and can add "newness" to a used book.

If you and your child make your own books together, you can add those to your home library.

Borrow books from your local library. Go to the children's section and spend time with your child reading and selecting books to take home and put in her special spot. You might even have a box or space just for library books, so that they don't get mixed up with your child's own books.


When collecting and reading books are a part of family life, you send your child a message that books are important, enjoyable, and full of new things to learn!



LUNCH

Elementary

October 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
October is National Farm to School Month. This month we will be featuring local lettuce, syrup, blueberries and more! October 14th – 18th is National School Lunch Week	1 Mac & Cheese Orange Wedges Pineapple Green Beans Fresh Radishes	2 Chicken Patty on a Bun Apple Slices Peaches Fresh Broccoli Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Strawberry Milk	3 French Toast and Sausage "Maple Dude Maple Syrup" Applesauce Mixed Fruit Fresh Carrots Cucumbers	4 National Taco Day Soft Shell Taco Strawberries Fresh Pear Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese Fiesta Beans
7 Cheese Omelet w/ Ham & Homemade Bread Fresh Orange Wedges Dried Cranberries Celery Sticks Steamed Broccoli	8 Mini Corn Dogs Fresh Apple Peaches Baked Beans Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes	9 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce and Breadsticks Fresh Oranges & Diced Pears Crispy Carrots Steamed Corn Blue Raspberry Sorbet	10 Deep Dish Cheese Pizza Big Apple Crunch Day Rock Ridge Orchard Apple Sweet Strawberries Fresh Broccoli Coleslaw	11 Hot Cheesy Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce Fresh Grapes Pineapple Cooked Carrots Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes
14 Chicken Patty on a Bun Apple Slices Peaches Steamed Corn Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes	15 Taco Salad w/ Bread Orange Wedges Pears Fiesta Beans Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese	16 Whole Grain Turkey Stacker with Cheese Apple Slices Pineapple Fresh Broccoli Mixed Vegetables	17 Homemade Chili w/ Cornbread Fresh Grapes Applesauce Fresh Carrots Radishes	18 California Burger Watermelon Strawberries Baked Beans Potato Salad
21 Chicken Strips w/ Bread Rock Ridge Orchard Apple Peaches Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Fresh Broccoli	22 Pepperoni Pizza Pears Orange Wedges Fresh Carrots Steamed Peas V Blend Juice	23 Homemade BBQ/Bun Fresh Apple Mandarin Oranges Fresh Cauliflower Baked Beans	24 Creamed Chicken w/ Mashed Potatoes and Bun Dried Cranberries Mixed Fruit Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Fresh Carrots	25 French Toast Sticks w/ Little Smokies Applesauce Blueberries Fresh Cucumbers Green Beans
28 Popcorn Chicken Orange Wedges Peaches Fresh Carrots Brussel Sprouts	29 Mini Corn Dogs Apple Slices Pears Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Crunchy Cucumbers	30 Walking Taco w/ Bread Applesauce Fresh Broccoli Steamed Corn Fresh Grapes Strawberry Milk	31 Spooky Halloween Nuggets Frightful Orange Wedges Ghostly Pineapple Creepy Carrots Ghoulish Baked Beans	 Located in Granton, WI The Maple Dude has been making syrup since 1856. Try some of their delicious syrup this month!

 Farm to School	 Meatless Entree	 Featured Recipe
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Menus are subject to change.

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

MEAL PRICES

Breakfast Prices:

Paid (Elementary): \$1.35

Paid (MS/HS): \$1.50

Reduced: \$0.25

Adult/Seconds: \$2.00

Lunch Prices:

Paid (Elementary): \$2.70

Paid (Middle School): \$2.80

Paid (High School): \$3.00

Reduced: \$0.40

Adult/Seconds: \$3.75

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!

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.**

Visits During School Hours

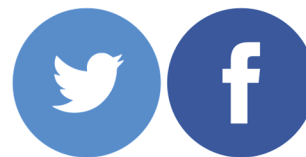
If you need to get a message to your student, or deliver something to your student during school hours, please call or stop in the office. Mrs. Lenz and Mrs. Heiman will make sure your request is processed. In order to preserve valuable instruction time, parents/guardians are not allowed to proceed to 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.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT NURSES

As a new school year begins, we ask that you take the time to talk with your children's teachers, building principal, and the district nurse to alert them to any health problems your child may have. In the event that a health concern should arise during the school day, this allows school staff to anticipate the student's needs and gives parents the opportunity to share with school personnel those strategies that you know to be effective in handling any medical emergencies. In addition, be sure to indicate any medications, allergies, and restrictions in activity or diet that you feel are important.

Please keep school staff informed of any changes in your children's health status as well. We encourage parents to have an open line of communication with all those involved with your child during the school day. It is only with your help that we can do our best to ensure the safety of each student while they are in school.

Please do not hesitate to contact Judy Akin, RN,MS or Tammy Voss, RN, District Nurses at 389-6718 (Pager) if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child.

Dispensing Medication at School

The student handbook contains detailed information regarding the dispensing of medication at school, so we ask that you read this information very carefully.

We would like to highlight the fact that written authorization from a physician is required for prescription medications to be dispensed by school personnel. Also, parents are required to bring the medications to school Medication authorization forms are available at the school office. Nonprescription medications will only be dispensed upon written authorization from a parent or guardian.

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Akin if you have any questions regarding the school district's medication policy.

Handbook & Newsletters Online

The Student Handbook and monthly newsletters are posted online. All parents will get a hard copy of the first newsletter, but after that you will receive an email alert to link to our online monthly newsletter

To access the Student Handbook and newsletters, go to the District website at:
www.marshfieldschools.org

Put your cursor on the word "Schools" and then scroll down to Grant Elementary. Click on our school webpage and find the Handbook and monthly newsletters along the left hand side of the page. Just click on them to open them up and read online or run a hard copy for yourself. Please contact the office to request a hard copy of these items if you'd prefer one.

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.