

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

December 2019

Grant Elementary Receives a "SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS" ***** Five Star Rating on Wisconsin State Report Cardl *****

On November 12, 2019, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction released 2018-2019 report cards for all public schools, and school districts in our state. I am pleased to announce that Grant Elementary School received a rating of "Significantly Exceeds Expectations" for the 2018 – 2019 school year, with an overall score of 84.7! Schools receive a "grade" or rating based primarily on student performance in four priority areas:

- Student Achievement Measures the level of knowledge and skills among students in the school, compared to state and national standards. It includes a composite of English language arts (ELA) and mathematics performance by the "all students" group in the Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) for all tested grades in the school.
- Student Growth describes how much student knowledge of ELA and mathematics in the school changes from year to year. It uses a value-added score that compares the change in a student's scores to hose of observationally similar students.
- **Closing Gaps** provides a measure that reflects the statewide goal of having all students improve, while narrowing the achievement and graduation gaps between groups of students. This measure acknowledges schools that raise the performance of traditionally lagging student groups, contributing to the closure of statewide gaps.
- On-Track and Postsecondary Readiness indicates the success of students in the school in achieving educational milestones that predict postsecondary success. It includes the graduation rate and the attendance rate as applicable to the school. It also includes measures of third-grade ELA and eighth grade mathematics achievements as applicable to the school.

The high level of achievement that Grant Elementary students exhibited on this most recent state report is accomplished through the hard work and dedication by ALL who are a part of our school family. To our wonderful parents and family members, THANK YOU for the importance you place on your children to do their absolute best in school! Having a strong home to school partnership is key to chil-

dren being successful in their academic and social development. To our terrific teachers and support staff members of Grant Elementary, THANK YOU for your efforts in providing the best possible learning experiences for our students each and every day, and for instilling a

love for learning through your caring and nurturing ways!



For more information regarding Wisconsin school report cards, see page 4 of newsletter, or click on the following link: <u>https://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/</u>report-cards

Sincerely,

Jeff Damrau, Principal

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DATES TO REMEMBER

December 3 - Cribbage Club (2:45), 6th Grade Leadership—Winter Wonderland at the Zoo (4:45-7:15pm)

December 5—Madrigals Performance in Gymnasium 1:15pm, Walk/Bike to School Presentation; Gymnasium 1:30pm

December 9 - Gr 2 Winter Concert (1:00pm - doors open at 12:40),Gr K Winter Concert (2:00pm - doors open at 1:40pm), PTO Meeting (3:30pm)

December 10 - Gr 1 Winter Concert (1:00pm - doors open at 12:40), Gr 3 Winter Concert (2:00pm - doors open at 1:40pm), Cribbage Club 6th graders and younger siblings only (2:45-3:50pm)

December 12 - Battle of the Books in LMC (2:45pm)

December 17 - Cribbage Club in LMC (2:45-3:50pm)

December 20 - Gr 2 Field Trip to Rogers Cinema (9:45am)

December 22-Jan1– Winter Break

Updates From the Assistant Principal

Attendance: Every students' attendance is important! Students need to be in school as much as possible to ensure maximum learning opportunities. When students are gone more than 10 days they are considered habitually truant. Of course we do recognize that we are in the midst of cold and flu season (children vomiting or with fever of 100 degrees plus must remain home for 24 hours after symptoms have resolved without the use of fever reducing medication). We simply ask that families be mindful of both health and attendance.

PBIS:

(Positive Behavior Intervention Supports)

As a building, we have been working on practicing and acknowledging respectful, responsible, and safe behavior in the hallways. We have reached our first quarter goal and are now working towards our second quarter goal. Safe and smooth hallways at school means less distractions and more efficient instructional time.

Happy Holidays,

Mrs. Banser



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Grant School Concert

Dates

Monday, December 9th – Grant Gym

1:00 2nd Grade Concert

2:00 Kindergarten Concert

Tuesday, December 10th-Grant Gym

- 1:00 1st Grade Concert
- 2:00 3rd Grade Concert

School doors will open 20 minutes prior to the start of the concert.

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





Overall Accountability Ratings	Score
Significantly Exceeds	83-100
Expectations	*****
Exceeds	73-82.9
Expectations	*****
Meets	63-72.9
Expectations	****
Meets Few	53-62.9
Expectations	***
Fails to Meet	0-52.9
Expectations	****

School Inform	ation
Grades	K4-6
School Type	Elementary School
Enrollment	683
Percent Open Enrollment	10.1%
Race/Ethnicit	V
American Indian or Alaskan Nat	tive 0.0%
Asian	2.9%
Black or African American	1.2%
Hispanic/Latino	3.7%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacifi	c Islander 0.0%
White	88.7%
Two or More Races	3.5%
Student Group	5
Students with Disabilities	10.7%
Economically Disadvantaged	34.8%
English Learners	0.9%

FINAL - PUBLIC REPORT - FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

Grant Elementary Marshfield Unified | Public - All Students School Report Card | 2018-19 | Summary

Priority Areas	School Max Score Score	K-5 K-5 State Max		
Student Achievement	80.7/100	65.7/100		
English Language Arts (ELA) Achievement	40.6/50	31.6/50		
Mathematics Achievement	40.1/50	34.1/50		
School Growth	77.5/100	66.0/100		
English Language Arts (ELA) Growth	39.7/50	33.0/50		
Mathematics Growth	37.8/50	33.0/50		
Closing Gaps	88.2/100	73.9/100		
English Language Arts (ELA) Achievement Gaps	44.1/50	37.9/50		
Mathematics Achievement Gaps	44.1/50	36.0/50		
Graduation Rate Gaps	NA/NA	NA/NA		
On-Track and Postsecondary Readiness	92.4/100	86.8/100		
Graduation Rate	NA/NA	NA/NA		
Attendance Rate	76.1/80	74.5/80		
3rd Grade English Language Arts (ELA) Achievement	16.3/20	12.3/20		
8th Grade Mathematics Achievement	NA/NA	NA/NA		

Priority Area Weights	Percentage Weight
Student Achievement	25.1%
School Growth	24.9%
Closing Gaps	25.0%
On-Track and Postsecondary Readiness	25.0%

Note: For details about how weights are determined, see weighting calculator: https://oea-dpi.shinyapps.io/overall_weighting_calculator/

Student Engagement Indicators	Total Deductions: 0
Absenteeism Rate (goal <13%)	Goal met: no deduction
Dropout Rate (goal <6%)	Goal met: no deduction

Test Participation Information Includes Forward Exam (grades 3-8), ACT Aspire (9 and 10), ACT (11), and Dynamic Learning Maps (3-11)						
Group	ELA 1- Year	ELA 3- Year	Math 1- Year	Math 3- Year		
All-Students Rate	99.2%	98.8%	99.2%	98.8%		
Lowest Subgroup Rate: White	99.1%	98.9%	99.1%	98.9%		

^ denotes at least a 10-point Overall Score change in a single year when present. Wisconsin DPI considers this amount of change an outlier which may not reflect the actual magnitude of change in performance.

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Report cards for different types of schools or districts should not be directly compared.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT NURSES

Smart Snacking Tips for Kids

Snacks can play an important role in meeting kids' nutritional needs. With the upcoming holiday festivities, eating healthy becomes more challenging than usual. It helps to plan and portion out snacks in advance. Choosing foods from all of the food groups will give kids the energy they need between meals. Letting kids help prepare healthy snacks makes them more likely to eat them.

Here are a few Easy, Tasty, & Healthy Snacks to help get you started:

1. Parfait: Layer vanilla or plain low-fat yogurt with fruit and dried cereal.

2. Toast a whole grain waffle and top with low-fat yogurt and sliced fruit or smooth nut butter.

3. Blend low-fat milk, frozen strawberries and a banana for a delicious smoothie.

4. Sandwich cut-outs: Make a sandwich on whole grain bread. Cut out your favorite shape using a cookie cutter. Eat the fun shape and the edges, too!

5. Mini-pizza: Toast a whole wheat English muffin, drizzle with pizza sauce and sprinkle with low-fat mozzarella cheese.

6. Frozen Treats: Mix equal amounts of fat-free plain or flavored yogurt with 100% fruit juice, then pour into paper cups and freeze for a tasty treat.

7. Quesadilla: Sprinkle shredded cheese over a corn or whole wheat tortilla; fold in half and microwave for twenty seconds. Top with salsa.

8. Spread hummus on a tortilla. Top with a slice of turkey or ham, low-fat cheese and lettuce. Then roll it up.

9. Stuff a whole-grain pita pocket with ricotta cheese and Granny Smith apple slices. Add a dash of cinnamon.

10. Rocky Road: Smear low-fat chocolate pudding on a whole grain graham cracker and top with a marsh-mallow.

11. Microwave a small baked potato. Top with reduced-fat cheddar cheese and salsa.

12. Spread celery sticks with smooth nut butter or low-fat cream cheese. Top with raisins. Enjoy your "ants on a log."

13. Dip slices of fruit or whole-grain graham crackers into low-fat vanilla pudding or yogurt.

14. Sprinkle cinnamon on unsweetened applesauce and enjoy with a whole grain graham cracker for a taste similar to apple pie.

15. Whip up Mini-Muffins using healthy ingredients, like whole grain flours and pureed fruit.

Find more healthy eating tips at: www.kidseatright.org

Have a healthy, safe, and enjoyable holiday season!



"You might fake an illness at nome, but here, only a fever makes her a believer."

HEALTH SERVICES

School District of Marshfield 1010 East Fourth Street Marshfield, Wisconsin 54449 715-384-4747, ext. 2109 Tammy Voss, RN, BSN Judy Akin, RN, MS

FROM THE DISTRICT NURSES

Did you know that cold weather doesn't cause colds or flu? It's even likely that being cooped up indoors during cold weather is likely to cause more illness because it's easier for germs to hang around. Of course, it's important to dress appropriately outdoors for comfort & to avoid frostbite. Remember to wash your hands too!

IS IT A COLD OR THE FLU?

- The common cold & the flu share many symptoms, and it can be difficult to tell the difference.
- Both colds & the flu are caused by viruses, but these viruses are different. Both are respiratory illnesses, but flu can be far more serious and may cause complications such as pneumonia.
- Cold symptoms generally include sneezing, a sore throat, minor aches, mild fatigue, a productive cough, and nasal congestion. Fever is uncommon with a cold.
- Flu symptoms often include headaches, body aches & pain, fever & chills, extreme fatigue, a

dry cough, and severe chest discomfort. Symptoms of flu also tend to develop much more rapidly than cold symptoms.

- Flu is a serious & potentially fatal illness. If you think your child has developed the flu, see a health care provider as soon as possible. Antiviral medications may shorten the duration and make it easier to recover. In addition, keep your child well hydrated & ask your health care provider about using Tylenol or ibuprofen to control fever & body aches.
- Avoid sending your child to school until he or she has been fever free for 24 hours without use of fever reducing medication and is able to participate in normal daily activities without becoming fatigued.

MEAL PRICES	Paid (Elementary): \$1.50 Paid (MS/HS): \$1.50 Padviced: \$0.55	Adult/Seconds: \$2.00 Lunch Prices: Paid (Elementary): \$2.70 Paid (Middle School): \$2.80 Paid (High School): \$2.80	Reduced: \$0.40 Adult/Seconds: \$3.75 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	are 100% whole grain	
	FRIDAY	ses can also be tracked using office.	 6 HOT Pancake Bites 100% Fruit Juice Fruit Cup Milk 	13 HOT Mini Waffles Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk	20 HOT Soft Filled Cereal Bar Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk		/pork listing
DECEMBER 2019	THURSDAY	Pay Dnline Lunch payments can be made to your account online via your <i>Skyward Family Access.</i> Account transactions and balances can also be tracked using your Skyward Family Access. If you need your username/password, please contact your school office.	 5 Whole Grain Muffin String Cheese Raisins Fruit Cup & Milk 	12 Nutri-Grain Bar Nasonville Dairy Cheese Fruit Cup Fresh Fruit Milk	19 HOMEMADE COFFEECAKE Nasonville Dairy Cheese Fruit Cup Milk		See website for a food allergen/pork listing
	WEDNESDAY	Pay Online a your <i>Skyward Family Access.</i> you need your username/passw	 4 HOT Breakfast Pizza Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk 	 11 HOT Fruit Strudel Fruit Cup Fresh Fruit Milk 	18 HOT Pancake Bites Fruit Cup Fresh Fruit Milk	23ª – January 1ª No School - Winter Break	See
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PTO NEWS

DECEMBER EVENTS:

PTO meeting Mon 12/9 3:30pm Art room Penguin Patch 12/9 – 12/13

2nd Annual Penguin Patch

It's a great opportunity for kids to buy for their family at kid friendly prices. Each class will "shop" at the penguin patch with items priced from 25¢ to \$12. An envelope will come home if you want to send your kids to school with money and a budget. Let me know if you want to help! It's so much fun to watch the kids as they light up when they find the perfect gift for their loved onesJ

Thrivent Insurance

Are you a Thrivent memeber? Let me know! Thrivent has opportunities that may help support our school fundraisers with a Thrivent Action Team.

Do you work at the Marshfield Clinic?

Marshfield Clinic employees can submit their volunteer hours worked for the PTO and the clinic will reimburse back to the school called the employee giving campaign. \$250 for 1-4hrs and \$500 for 5-10hrs per fiscal year per employee up to \$2500 per nonprofit. There is one form to sign so just let me know if you need it! If you don't work at the Marshfield Clinic you can ask if your employer has a similar program

<u>Huterra</u>

Don't forget about your Huterra App during your holiday shopping! Huterra continues to add more online retailers regularly! e have our local stores as well. Shop for groceries at Pick & Save, get your gas at Baltus, Grab your essentials at Target, Get dinner at Applebees or Pizza Hut. Remember to scan those receipts so we get our \$\$!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Penguin Patch 12/9-12/13

We have shifts each morning anytime from 8-12pm - it's a blast!!

Sign up for a shift online at the signup link www.signup.com/go/yGTOQFQ



A Quick Gift Idea By Kelly Vaver

This holiday season as you look aver your child's wish list, why not choose some gifts that promote literacy? Books make fantastic stocking-stuffers or wrapped gifts to place under the tree. When selecting a book to give your child, take into consideration his or her reading level. You might decide to give books that are easier for your child to read, which makes fluency fun. Or you might choose a book that will slightly challenge your child's reading skills, if they love trying something new. A safe bet is to pick a book that's at their "just right" level; not too easy or too hard.

Think about your child's interests in selecting a book to give as a gift. What is your child's favorite video game, television show, or movie? Chances are you'll find a book about it! What are your child's hobbies: sports, baking, taking care of animals? Many books are written about a wide variety of topics that interest kids.

Games also fit nicely under the tree. Word-building games such as "Chunks," "Chunk Stacker," "Scrabble," or "Bananagrams" help children create words and learn letter sounds. Plush, games encourage family interaction and sportsmanship.

The sky's the limit when it comes to searching for books and literacy games. Gifts like these will not only help improve reading skills, but they provide hours of fun and entertainment for your child.

Library Newsletter Submitted by Mrs. Stelchek



During weekly LMC visits, students have been learning about books and literacy, digital citizenship, and participating in makerspace activities. For the end of October, students learned about origami and were able to fold pumpkins, jack o'lanterns, or create a bat bookmark. It was a lot of fun.

Students learned the difference between the author and illustrator. They then were able to put their illustration skills to the test and learned how to draw some book characters from videos by the illustrator.

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Students now have access to the Destiny Read app through their iPad and Self-Service. This allows students to download ebooks and audiobooks from their school Destiny account.

<u>DID YOU KNOW</u>....Report cards can now be found on your child's Skyward Family Access (under "Portfolio"). If you do not have internet access or if you need help logging into Skyward Family Access, please call the Grant Elementary office for assistance (715-384-4747)

Dress Code Reminders

Please review with your student the following excerpts from the Student Handbook. <u>Students who</u> <u>violate the guidelines of school</u>



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 <u>mid-thigh</u>; 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 <u>flip flops</u> <u>not allowed</u>

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 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 a 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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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.



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