



GRANT PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Grant School Regular School Hours:

* 7:35 A.M - 2:30 P.M. *

Grant School Office: 7:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M.



Online Registration 2018-2019

Online registration for 2018-2019 school year started and will go till April 13th.

-This process will only take a few minutes per child

-Fees for 2018/2019 are not due at this time in order to do the registration.

-Every child in D165 for 2018/2019 school year **MUST** complete this process **NOW**; we are trying to get placements for teachers in order. We need to know how many students to expect for the classroom sizes.

-If you will be moving out of the district please notify your child's school as soon as possible.

There are forms that will need to be filled out.

- If we do not have your email address and you are in need of your login and password please call your child's school for login/password.

-If you have more than one child, you will have to go to each child to complete the online registration. Registration is for current PS-7th grade students only.

-We will have computers and staff available to help you on:

-Tuesday, April 10th at Locust School Lab from 5-7 p.m. This night is open to anyone needing help with the online registration. It does not matter where your child attends school.

-Finally, if you are not able to get to a working internet access computer, please advise the school and we will send home the necessary forms that must be returned to us ASAP.



4th Grade News

Our Springfield trip was a success and everyone who went thought it was a wonderful experience. In continuing with Social Studies for the 4th quarter, students are learning more about the state they live in, Illinois! We will learn about the history and geography of Illinois along with the state's early inhabitants.

In math we just finished Topic 11 and we are moving right along into Topic 12. Students have worked really hard with fractions and now they will begin working with decimals and the relationships between the two.

In ELA, students are continuing to enhance their comprehension and vocabulary skills. We are also focusing on the practice of rereading, not only in ELA but for any kind of subject area as well. Rereading will not only improve comprehension but it will also make us overall better readers. We are beginning a new government unit and we are still diligently working on our reading logs each week.

The Grant 4th grade is working hard to begin 4th quarter strong!



Absences

Please remember to report your student's absence from school by calling the Grant Office at (815) 568-7427. If you are calling before school hours, please leave a message. If your student is going to be tardy or late please drop them off at the Grant Entrance so they may check in at the office and receive a tardy pass. This will assist the office regarding attendance and avoid a phone call home if the student walks into class late but has been marked absent. If your student has a Dr. note they may bring it into the office, we will be sure Mrs. Haines and Mrs. Turner receive it.



5th Grade News

Fifth grade is still hard at work and there is a lot of information yet to cover as we get into April. Please ask your student if he/she is running low on any supplies as some students seem to be out of basic equipment such as pencils, paper and erasers.

In Language Arts, students will be focusing on predicting, author's purpose and comparing and contrasting plot, setting and characters. In writing, students will be working on opinion essays and doing some expository research.

During the 1st week and a half of April, fifth grade math students will be reviewing basic fraction work along with a review of some geometry topics. After PARCC testing is completed, the students will return to Topic 12 in the math book which covers the use of line plots to organize and interpret data. We will finish the month learning the ins and outs of writing and solving numerical expressions.

As part of a civics unit, 5th graders who are in social studies will be running a "campaign" to promote a theme day at school. Each class will be promoting a specific theme day, and 4th graders will be the voters. Students will be creating posters, election guides and doing presentations for the 4th grade classes. Also, each class will come up with their own symbol and campaign slogan.

Those students in science will be learning about chemistry using some fun (and sometimes messy) experiments with things that can be found in your kitchen. When we have finished with chemistry, we will begin a unit on energy. This unit was supplied to Grant School using the ComEd and Nicor Gas "Super Savers Program". All materials, including Student Guides and Student workbooks have been provided to us free of charge. Upon completion of this unit and a student survey, all families of 5th graders will be receiving a Super Savers kit which will include 3 LED light bulbs, a kitchen faucet aerator, an energy efficient showerhead and more. Keep your eye out for these kits coming home soon.



Please Mark Your Calendar

April

- April 4th – 19th PARCC testing continues
- April 7th – Solo/Ensemble contest
- April 10th – On-line Registration Help Night at Locust 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- April 13th – Last Day for on-line registration
- April 20th – 4th Quarter Mid-term
- April 20th – Bowl-a-thon kick off
- April 27th – Early Dismissal – Grant/MCMS 11:00 a.m.

May

- May 3rd – Spring Concert 7 p.m.
- May 10th – Early Dismissal – Grant/MCMS 1:20 p.m.
- May 10th – Student Led Conferences 4 – 7:00 p.m.
- May 11th – Early Dismissal – Grant/MCMS 11:00 a.m.
- May 14th – Tentative date for Bowl-a-thon
- May 15th – Tentative date for Bowl-a-thon
- May 24th – Last Day of School – Early Dismissal – Grant/MCMS 11:00 a.m.



Grant Bowl – A – Thon

The Grant Bowl-a-Thon will kick off on Friday, April 20th! Watch for more information to be sent home with students. Tentatively the bowl-a-thon will be on May 14th and May 15th. cePTA's fundraising supports numerous events and programs that make school fun and great learning experience for all of us.

Substitute Bus Drivers

The transportation department is only hiring substitute bus drivers at this time. We will train you for the position. You will have the same days off as your children, as well as summers off. The hours are in the morning for 1-1 ½ hours and in the afternoon for 1-1 ½ hours. It's a great job for stay-at-home Moms & very enjoyable job to work with children. Please call Michele Frank, Transportation Director at 815-596-1667 if you have any questions. Thank You!



Students of the Month

This year the students of month are chosen by each teacher. The student is picked based on one of the following categories:

- Positive attitude
- Are responsible
- Work for success
- Show respect

4th Grade

- P-** Marlee G, Ava L, Sarah G, Emily G.
- A-** Kasandra J, Cooper L, Mikey S, Jett L.
- W-** Mikayla B, Nicolas R, Hailey N, Pierce S.
- S-** Gerado J, Lilly S, Devon T, Emma V.

5th Grade

- P-** Christofer F, Emmanuel R, JC D, Amelia S, Mackenzie P.
- A-** Lydia J, Mikayla H, Dakotah N, Luis O, Melisabeth C.
- W-** Amrirah T, Annabella P, Joey V, Quinn L, Estevan H.
- S-** Adam F, Theo D, Kaylynn S, Armando H, Huberto V.



OUTSTANDING FEES

Please make sure you pay any outstanding fees for the current and/or previous school year it was due April 1st, 2018.



The deadline to order keepsake items customized with your child's artwork is Wednesday, April 11. Check your child's backpack for their personalized order form with the due date, ordering information and their online code. Don't forget: every order supports our school!

REMINDER: VISIT THE GRANT SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR SCHEDULES, BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS, AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

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Music/Band News

Congratulations to the students who will participate in our 4th annual solo and ensemble contest. The students have worked hard to prepare for this event! Great job!

Another reminder that our Spring Concert is scheduled for Thursday, May 3rd at 7 pm. The 4th and 5th grade students will sing and play their recorders and the 5th grade band will also play. Fifth grade band students will need to arrive in the band room by 6:30 pm to warm up and prepare for the concert. Students should dress up for this event. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Keenum (skeenum@marengo165.org) for 4th and 5th music questions) or Mrs. Johnson for band questions. We look forward to seeing you on May 3rd!

As the year comes to an end please start discussing with your child now if they would like to continue in our band program. I would love to have all of these students back next year as they have been fabulous to work with and have been a joy to teach! Some students think that they can't do sports and band and that is not the case! I have all sorts of students in band from students who participate in student council, boy scouts, football, softball, soccer as well as both band and choir! We make it work, so please consider doing band next year! We do have a lot of fun. You can register for band when you register your child for school or you can register at the beginning of the year next year. I will be holding a band meeting at the beginning of the year. If your child would like to be in band next year or is thinking about it please hold on to your rental over the summer so your child can continue to practice; otherwise I will have a turn in date near the end of the school year in the last week of May. Thank you to all who have supported our music program! We cannot do this without you. If you have any questions about our program please send me an email at sjohnson@marengo165.org or call me at 815-568-5720 ext. 330.

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