



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.

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.



Yearbook Order Forms

Don't miss your chance! Yearbook order forms went home with students. Please fill the yearbook form out, and attach a check or cash (**exact amount of \$15.00**). This year we will only be taking cash or check for yearbook orders. **NO ONLINE ORDERS.** Please make checks payable to: District 165
Price per book: \$15.00
Deadline is Friday, March 23, 2017. PLEASE BE SURE TO INDICATE THE NUMBER OF BOOKS THAT YOU WANT AND RETURN WITH THE CORRECT AMOUNT IMMEDIATELY.

PARCC Testing

Our testing window will be March 19th – April 20th. This includes our time for make ups this year. If you have a trip already planned, or appointments you can't reschedule, please notify the school office as soon as possible. Please watch for a letter going home with students this week.



4th Grade News

Happy March!

For reading and language arts, we will begin working on Unit 4 of our Wonders series. Texts and writings will encompass finding context clues, author's point of view, genre and Latin/Greek suffixes.

Students are working on extending multiplication concepts to fractions. Discovering the world of fractions is easy, because fractions are everywhere! Fractions are in half a sandwich (1/2), four quarters of a dollar (1/4), and hockey games are divided into thirds (1/3). Knowing their multiplication facts goes a long way in making these lessons easier. Please continue to work with your child on learning their multiplication and division facts!

For Science, we are finishing our unit on Magnets and Electricity. Students are learning about Maglev trains, magnetic north and south poles, static electricity and electrical currents.

Our fourth graders will begin studying the great state of Illinois. It was here that the essential concepts of our democracy — responsible leadership, a sense of public duty, independence, and individual freedom — were fostered under the leadership of patriots such as Abraham Lincoln. Our Springfield trip is scheduled for March 22nd.

Fourth graders will be participating in the PARCC exams. We have been practicing for these exams in both math and ELA. This allows students to experience the types of questions they will see, as well as experience what it is like to take the exam on the computer. If they have access to a computer and the internet, it would be great if they tried these at home as well. It also allows students to share them so parents can also see the expectations of our students on the PARCC exams. The link to the practice test is: parcc.pearson.com

Please keep sending in those box tops! Thank you so much!

The 4th Grade Team



5th Grade News

Spring is in the air and 5th grade students are busier than ever! In language arts, students are learning about author's perspective and point of view. In writing, 5th graders are working on argument essays and re-telling stories from another character's point of view.

In social studies, we are focusing on civics and government. Students are exploring the Bill of Rights to better understand the importance of each right. They put on skits to demonstrate how each right is valuable.

5th graders will be learning how to figure out the area of rectangular prisms. It's important for students to master their division facts as this will be quite helpful when checking their answers. The students are certainly energetic! How apropos for them to be studying energy as it moves through ecosystems. They will also explore photosynthesis.

In May, an adventure awaits 5th graders! We are venturing to the Morton Arboretum for an excursion on life cycles. Please look for the permission slip in April.





Please Mark Your Calendar

March

- 15th – End of 3rd Quarter
- 15th – Grant Registration Help Night 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 21st – Board of Ed at 7:00 p.m. (Wednesday)
- 21st – Report cards go home
- 22nd – 4th grade trip to Springfield, IL
- 23rd – No School – Teacher Institute Day
- 23rd – Last Day to order Yearbook
- 26th – April 2nd – No School Spring Break

April

- April 3rd – School Resumes from Spring Break
- April 20th – 4th Quarter Mid-term
- April 27th – Early Dismissal – Grant/MCMS 11:00 a.m.



Online Registration 2018-2019 Please mark your calendar! Online registration for the 2018-2019 school year will OPEN on Monday, March 19th and CLOSE on Friday, April 13th. Help Night! Thursday, March 15th at Marengo Middle School and Grant Intermediate from 5:00-7:00 P.M. and Tuesday, April 10th at Locust School from 5:00-7:00 P.M. These nights are open to anyone needing help with the online registration. It does not matter where your child attends school.



Transportation News

RISKY BUSINESS FOR MOTORISTS PASSING A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS

What is the most dangerous part of the school bus ride? The bus stop! Children are at greatest risk when they are getting on or off the school bus. Most of the children killed in bus-related crashes are pedestrians, five to seven years old, who are getting on or off the bus. They are hit by the school bus or by motorists illegally passing a stopped school bus. In neighborhoods, near schools, and at bus stops, drivers need to take special care because children do not behave like adults.

Elementary School Children

- Become easily distracted and may start across the street without warning.
- Don't understand the danger of moving vehicles.
- Can't judge vehicle speed or distance
- May be blocked from view by the bus.

Most importantly, children expect vehicles to stop for them at the school bus stop.

*If red lights are flashing, **STOP!** They show that children are getting on or off the bus and may be crossing the street.*



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-** Jace B, Brooke P, Mason M, Ella H.
- A-** Rowan K, Trenton S, Rylee K, Max B.
- W-** Brett B, Brody C, Brian O, Regan H.
- S-** Hunter B, Corbin G, Lexoni L, Noah H.

5th Grade

- P-** Cheyenne M, Helenna Z, Jayla W, Jacob S, Kaylee L.
- A-** Karla P, Alten B, Rochelle T, Bella S, Aidan P.
- W-** Jayden M, Ryan S, Alexis B, Alyssa P, Zoe C.
- S-** Ali H, Josephine C, Emiliano D, Faith M, Michael G.



PAWS for Poetry Night

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came out for Grant Poetry Night! The students and parents enjoyed the schedule of events. Everyone seemed to enjoy the final activity in the auditorium with Bill the Poetry Guy.



Springfield Trip

Please mark your calendars for March 22nd for the 4th grade trip to Springfield. More information to come.

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

www.marengo165.org

Band News

We not only have our largest 5th grade band yet, but we also have 75% of the 5th grade band signed up to participate in Marengo's 4th annual solo/ensemble contest. Students will go to the high school on Saturday, April 7th to play in front of a judge who will offer students suggestions on how to improve their playing technique. Students started rehearsals on Thursday, March 1st and these will happen every Thursday until Thursday, April 5th. We will utilize the activity bus in which students can sign up to take the bus home after the after school rehearsal. Students have the option to ride the activity bus or to be picked up by a parent or guardian. If you ever have questions about the activity bus or solo/ensemble contest please contact Mrs. Johnson by email at sjohnson@marengo165.org or call at 815-568-5720 ext. 330. More information will come home in the next upcoming weeks with more information on the solo/ensemble festival.

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. 5th 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!

I also want to remind you that students should be practicing their instruments! It's better if students especially at this stage practice more frequently for shorter amounts of time then to practice for a longer amount of time less frequently. I have been circling exercises for them to practice in their books, but you can also go to the band website to see what your child should be practicing. We also have videos and other information posted on our website. Thank you for your support of our music program!

**GO
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