



GRANT PARENT NEWSLETTER

Educating Today for Tomorrow's World

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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.



"Pawtastic Students of the Month"

4th Grade

Mrs. Hallstein – Allison Raether
Ms. Owen – Taner Simons
Mr. Piper – Gabby Gieseke
Mrs. Savino – Brock Riebock
Ms. Schmidt – Fatima Pina

5th Grade

Mrs. Haga – Erika Montes Xelhua
Ms. Masessa – Connor Hastings
Mrs. Walters – Larry Nichols
Ms. Wright – Lilli Ghastin



Student – Led Conferences will be held on Thursday, May 11th, from 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. Watch for information to be sent home as the date gets closer. Early dismiss at 1:20 P.M.



4th Grade News

In continuing with Social Studies for the 4th quarter, students are learning more about the state they live in, Illinois! We have studied how transportation has changed over many years and the importance of the different kinds of transportation available in Illinois. We also have talked about the early people, such as the Illiniwek Tribe, who inhabited Illinois. Soon students will create a poster showing what they have learned about the early history of Illinois.

We have just finished our Topic 14 assessment in math which dealt with sequences of patterns and numbers and applying rules to those particular patterns. The students realized firsthand how much their multiplication and division facts need to be a constant part of their everyday homework routine if they have not mastered them yet. We now are moving right along into our Topic 15 which is our geometry topic. Students will be able to recognize the 4 different kinds of angles and determine the differences between lines, segments, rays and points. They also will learn how to use a protractor. Parents can help their child by reviewing all the vocabulary terms for this topic.

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 also are working with themes and being able to identify themes of different stories. The students have also been studying homophones. As always, make sure we are doing our reading logs each week.

The 4th grade here at Grant are working excitedly to finish this school year strong.



Grant Bowlathon

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Bowlathon! You helped cePTA raise \$5922.92!! Great job Grant Students!

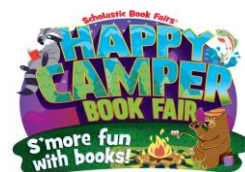


5th Grade News

5th grade students will be venturing to Lego Land the week of May 22. They will be working in groups to design and build merry-go-rounds. In social studies, students are creating Power Point presentations on natural disasters and catastrophes. They will also learn about the regions of the United States in terms of geological and cultural diversity. In science, students are exploring Earth's 4 systems. On behalf of all the 5th grade teachers, it has been an honor and a pleasure teaching your children!

Payments for Student Fees and Lunch Accounts

Payments for 2017-2018 can be made at any time. All fees for students must be paid in full by **April 1st of each school year**. If you have not yet paid for this current school year these are **now overdue**. Payments for Fees and lunch can be made using online payments via Family Access using your Login and Password. Use the Fee Management for student Fees and Food Service for the lunch accounts. If you choose to you may still send payment(s) through the school office with your children. MCMS and Grant office will be open for the summer Monday-Thursday 7:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.



BOGO BOOK FAIR

Monday, May 8th through Friday, May 12th
The book fair will be open during Student Led Conferences.



Are you ready for the Marengo Boosters 5K COLOR RUN? MCMS and MCHS Booster Clubs are hosting this awesome community event on Saturday, May 20th at 9:00 A.M. Watch for more details! The run will raise funds to enhance and expand our athletic programs. Come out and enjoy a fun, colorful day with family and friends. The Color Run ends with a Color Blast

After Party – music, prizes and loads of COLOR! Registration begins soon and ends May 9th. The cost to register for this event is only \$30 and includes a t-shirt and color dye pack. Register as a team and get a 25% discount. From the school's homepage, Color Run Registration is available under Quick Links. Hope to see you there! If you have questions, would like to volunteer or donate to the event, contact Kenda Martin at 815-568-2960 or akmartin@t6b.com



Moving out of District

If your student is not returning to district #165 for the 2017-2018 school year, we would like you to please stop in the middle/grant/locust school office to fill-out the withdrawal form before the end of the school year. Notice of student withdrawal forms are also available on the district web page. These can be filled out with student's name, new address, and any other necessary data. Some information will need to be filled out by staff. Please make sure to sign and return the withdrawal form prior to the last day of their attendance. Thank you!



Have You Registered Your Kindergartener?

Kindergarten registration was in February. If you have not already done so, please register your kindergartener for the 2017-2018 school year IMMEDIATELY. We are trying to prepare for next year with how many kindergartners we should expect. Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1st. What you need to bring to registration- State birth certificate and two proofs of residency (lease/mortgage agreement, driver's license, utility bill).

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE YOUR KINDERGARTNERS EXPERIENCE A GREAT ONE FOR 2017-2018!!!



Music News

Congrats to the 5th grade band on the successful completion of their first concert! I'm so proud of the progress they have made this year.

Registration for next school year is going on now and I want to remind you that if your child wants to do band next year, you can go ahead and sign them up now when you register! I will also have a meeting for those interested in joining the Advanced Band (students in grades 6-8) during the first full week of school (around August 24th). Students who think they want to be in band next year should keep their instruments over the summer. Those who know that they won't be in band next year can return their instrument to Mrs. Johnson on the last day of band which is scheduled for Thursday, May 25th. I hope to see many 5th grade students in Advanced band next year! If you have any questions about returning instruments or the band program please email Stephanie Johnson at sjohnson@marengo165.org or you can call her at 815-568-5720 ext. 118. Thank you for your support of our music program and enjoy your summer!

Future Sixth Graders

Dear Students,

We have been proud to be part of such a smart and confident fifth grade class. Each and every one of you has the potential to accomplish your dreams. Remember determination, perseverance, effort and kindness can help you overcome all obstacles to attain your goals.

Sixth graders, please remember to thank your families for supporting you in your studies and pursuits - you cannot achieve your ambitions alone. Families and teachers have worked hard to support you in the process of learning and growing – both academically and socially, and in turn you have influenced us to become better parents, community members and coaches.

This is not the end of elementary school, but the beginning of middle school. You will have a lot of hard work, struggles and triumphs in front of you. We are truly confident you have the skills, knowledge and attitudes you need to excel in school and life. You need to believe in yourselves. Take action and responsibility to ensure you reach your dreams.

Best of luck to all of you at MCMS. Make yourselves, your families and your community proud.

Your Fifth Grade Teachers



From The Nurse's Office

All incoming 6th graders will need a physical, proof of all immunizations and a dental exam for next school year 2017-2018. All these items could be done now and will be good for next year. Plan early and get it in early! Please call the Health Office if you have any questions - (815) 568-5720.



Please Mark Your Calendar

May

- 11th – Early Dismissal 1:20 p.m.
- 11th – Student Led Conferences 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 12th – Early Dismissal 11:00 a.m.
- 20th – Booster Club 5k Color Run
- 23rd – Haga & Masessa's class to Lego Land field trip
- 24th – Walter & Wright's class to Lego Land field trip
- 26th – Field Days
- 29th – No School – Memorial Day

June

- 1st – Last Day of School - Early Dismissal 11:00 a.m.

August

- 17th – First day of School – Early Dismissal 1:20 p.m.

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

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Positive attitude

Are responsible

Work for success

Show respect

