



# 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. \*

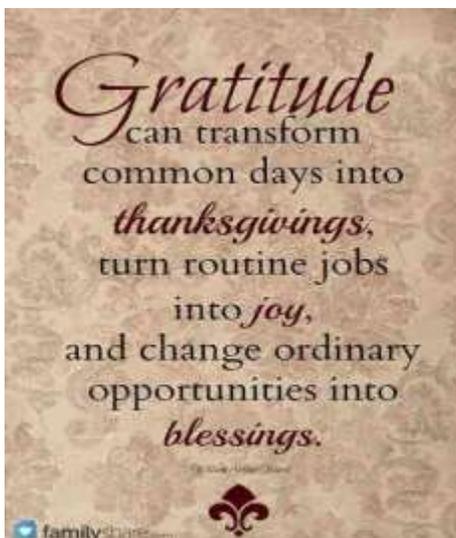
Grant School Office: 7:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

### 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.

### Family Access

Parents/Guardians please continue to use Family Access for your students' data, and making changes such as: a phone number, emergency contacts, making payments online etc. The more you use Family Access, the more you will become comfortable navigating around in it. Please be sure to keep all primary numbers up-to-date as those are the numbers that are called.



### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Happy December! It is hard to believe that the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter is approaching as well as Winter Break! We hope you had wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

In Social Studies, we are continuing to focus on Illinois government by comparing and contrasting the Prairie State's constitution and the U.S. constitution. We have many great class discussions regarding the similarities and differences!

We finished the division unit in math-please continue to work with math facts at home. We are now focusing on multi-step word problems that contain hidden questions. We will be closing out the semester with factor and multiples as well as data analysis.

In reading and language arts, we will be doing the following units: narrative non-fiction, expository texts and poetry. The students will be trying their hand at crafting their own poems of various types-haiku, narratives, quatrains, and couplets-OH MY!!!

Upcoming dates are: Report Cards go home on 12/20, Early Release on 12/21 at 11:00 A.M., and our Winter Party-date and time TBA.

Please continue to check your child's homework, planner and blue folder nightly!

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

[www.marengo165.org](http://www.marengo165.org)



### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Happy December! This month the theme we are focusing on is responsibility. Students will be brainstorming responsibilities they can have in their home, their classroom, and their community, as well as how they can take responsibility for their actions. We encourage you to discuss what your child can be responsible for at home!

In language arts, students have been learning how to identify the theme in a variety of genres including poetry, folktales, and realistic fiction. The students have enjoyed reading and writing narrative and free verse poems. Please continue to read with your child at home.

The students have conquered long division! Now, we have moved into adding and subtracting fractions. With all the holiday baking I am sure will be done, it is a perfect time to be learning fractions! What better way to practice adding fractions than baking Christmas cookies!

We are wrapping up our social studies unit on the 13 colonies. Students will be learning about the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution before we move back into science for the third quarter.

Thank you to everyone who came to parent-teacher conferences! We appreciate you taking the time to meet with us.



**Please Mark Your Calendar**

**December**

- 14<sup>th</sup> – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Report Cards Go Home
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Early Dismissal at Grant/MCMS at 11:00
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – Winter Break

**January**

- 7<sup>th</sup> – School Resumes
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal at Grant/MCMS at 11:00
- 21<sup>st</sup> – No School – Dr. Martin Luther King Day

*YOUR GREATNESS IS NOT WHAT YOU HAVE IT'S WHAT YOU GIVE.*

**Grant's Character Focus of the Month**

Grant is building a culture of character! Each month there is a theme the students will be working on:

- August = Respect
- September = Kindness
- October = Perseverance
- November = Gratitude and Giving
- December is Responsibility***

Students this month will be working on responsibility in the classroom, at home and in their community.



**Attention all 4th and 5th grade girls**  
**Returning Spring, 2019- GOTR**

We will be participating in the "Girls on the Run" program. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls lace up your sneakers, grab your friends and get ready for some fun and laughter! We are still looking for adult volunteers to help with this program. Online registration begins January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.! Check us out at: [www.girlsontherun.org](http://www.girlsontherun.org)

If you have any questions, contact: Jennifer Turner @ 815-568-5720



**4<sup>th</sup> Grade 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**

- P-** Thea C, Mackenzie M, Dalia G, Gianna N, Diego R.
- A-** Evelyn W, Alex S, Joey W, Madalynn W, Amber H.
- W-** Steven NZ, Zoe Z, Ella K, Mackenzie W, Ryan H.
- S-** Brent V, William E, Lucas D, Elijah EB, Ella P.

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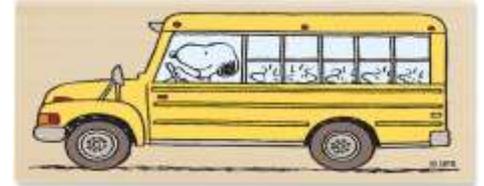
This year the students of the month are chosen by each teacher. The student is picked based on the character trait the school is working on for that month. This month is for Gratitude and Giving.

- Gilbertson:** Gerardo Gonzalez
- Oie:** Kelly Valesquez
- Hultine:** Suzie Reck
- Walters:** Hailey Simons
- Wright:** McKenna Varga



**Holiday Treasures Sale**

It's that time of year again! Please start sending in your old treasures for the sale. We are looking for new or gently used items. They will become new treasures for someone else. Students will purchase items using PAWS. Students may only purchase items totaling the number of PAWS they have. No money will be used to purchase items. Purchasing will take place on December 17<sup>th</sup> during lunch to purchase up to 2 items. On December 18<sup>th</sup> during lunch all students will be given the time to purchase as many items as they choose with their PAWS. Thank you!



**Transportation News**

**Belts in Buses:** Will the NTSB tip the scale and require all buses to have seat belts??

I have been asked many times about seat belts in busses. As of today, only four states require them at this time.

The question of whether to install seat belts on large school buses has been an emotional issue for a very long time. Later this year, Vice Chairman Christopher Hart of the NTSB will make known the agency findings and recommendations to the need for seat belts in all school buses.

School transportation is almost universally acclaimed as the safest mode of transportation in America, if not the world. Without a doubt, based on federal statistics, we're the gold standard for reliably safe ground transportation.

The majority of motor vehicle crashes are not a failure of safety systems built into buses and other vehicles, but human error. That's why as an industry, we're never complacent. We train our people well and often. We respect and maintain our equipment.

School buses themselves meet more Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards than any other vehicle – 37 in all. Because school buses are large and built to withstand most crash forces, fatal injuries to school bus occupants are unusual.

Our buses are safe and our drivers are professional and we want you, the parents and guardians, to know we will always side on precaution and safety as we are transporting the most precious cargo in the world

**GO GRIZZLIES!**  
**Grant Grizzlies Show a...**

**Postive attitude**

**Are responsible**

**Work for success**

**Show respect**

