



# GRANT PARENT NEWSLETTER

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

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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 February!

For English Language Arts, we are working on Unit 3 of our series – Wonders. In our Wonders books, students will work on lessons two and three. We will explore communities and how one person can change the lives of those around them. We will focus on genre, point of view and definitions.

In math, students are multiplying, dividing and simplifying fractions, using number lines and benchmark skills. They will begin adding fractions in their next unit. Please encourage students to learn their math facts! Five minutes of daily practice will help students in math.

In Guided Reading, we are working with short fiction, non-fiction and biographies. In their groups, students will complete Power Points, plays or poster presentations displaying and discussing their reading choices.

For Science we will continue our Energy and Waves unit. We're beginning our lesson on light waves. Students will learn how light waves are all around them, even when it's dark! They will understand how light waves are utilized to carry messages from one device to another - such as internet, remote controls, and video games.

Have a great February and stay warm!  
The Fourth Grade Team



### Springfield Trip

Please mark your calendars for March 15<sup>th</sup> for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Springfield. More information to come at a later date.



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

In February, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade math classes will continue working with fractions, focusing on how division of whole numbers relates to fractions and also dividing whole numbers by unit fractions and unit fractions by whole numbers. When this topic is completed partway through the month, the classes will be brushing off their multiplication skills to find the volume of rectangular prisms. Please continue to work with your students on mastering any multiplication/division facts that may be weak for them.

In science, the classes will continue to study earth systems focusing on the question "Why does the imaginary island of Ferris get more water on the west side than the east side?" We have been studying how drops of water form, condensation and how this contributes to rainfall. We will continue science until the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

In Language Arts during the month of February, students will continue to write in response to reading. Areas of focus will include "point of view" and the "author's perspective". Students will be asked to identify how the author supports this using evidence from the text.

Students and teachers are both looking forward to our field trip on February 20<sup>th</sup> to The Prairie Lakes Community Center in Des Plaines to see *Into the Woods, Jr.* This adaptation is based on a Tony Award winning musical. The characters in this production include Jack and his beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood, Cinderella and the Witch. We anticipate a great show followed by lunch at the Golden Corral.



### Please Mark Your Calendar

#### February

- 14<sup>th</sup> – Mid-term report go home *(for academic concerns only)*
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal at Grant/MCMS at 1:20 p.m.
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conference 3:15 – 6:15 p.m.
- 15<sup>th</sup> – No School – Teacher Institute Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> – No School – Presidents’ Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Harlem Wizards come to Town 6:00 p.m.

#### March

- 15<sup>th</sup> – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Report Cards go home
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Early Dismissal at Grant/MCMS at 11:00 a.m.
- 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> – No School – Spring Break

### 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 / Giving
- December = Responsibility    January = Courage
- February is Trustworthiness**



**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! Online registration is open! Check us out at: [www.girlsontherun.org](http://www.girlsontherun.org)

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



Tickets are now on sale for the Harlem Wizards game against our very own Marengo – Union Slam Dunkers!

**February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.**

@ **Marengo Community High School**  
Advance Tickets \$10/Students & \$15/general admission.

Tickets on sale in the MCMS office, Locust Office, Prairie Community Bank in both Marengo and Union, and Marengo Community High School Office! Reserved seating and Court Side Plus tickets are only available online.



### 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**-Kaylee H, Ava H, Layla P, Alejandra V, Dray G
- A**-Griffin B, Katrina H, Lily M, Gavin M, Ahtziri M
- W**-Cristian M, Julio R, Kody K, Kayla W, Madison G
- S**-Serenity S, Jacob S, Devon D, Cristian V, Olivia M

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students of the Month

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 Responsibility.

- Gilbertson:** Rowan Kunzer
- Oie:** Owen Bills
- Hultine:** Cooper Lopez
- Walters:** Myles Aukes
- Wright:** Audrey Klaassens



### **Family Skate & Care Night**

Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Free Skate Night for your family at Xtreme Wheels in Crystal Lake 6-9PM  
No Drop Offs Please – Family Members Welcome.  
Culver’s in Crystal Lake 5-8pm will have a CARE night that will donate sales to our district! All these fun events are brought to you by cePTA

**REMINDER: VISIT THE GRANT SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR SCHEDULES, BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS, AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION.**  
[www.marengo165.org](http://www.marengo165.org)



### Brrrrr.....

Students do go outside if the temperature is at 20 degrees with more than a 10-degree wind chill. Please make sure students are dressed appropriately to go outside for recess.

### Let it Snow!

District #165 has an automated phone calling system which calls your designated number to let you know if school is cancelled for the day. You should receive a call early in the A.M. You can also check radio station 105.5, and our website: [www.marengo165.org](http://www.marengo165.org) Please be sure to keep all primary numbers up-to-date as those are the numbers that are called.

School closings by texting was added last year. If you haven’t already done so, you can still participate in this free service just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, 67587. For those of you that have Caller ID this will be the number 844-588-8542 that shows up. Please add the number to your contacts so you recognize it. Thank you!



### MCMS Booster Club

Butter Braid fundraiser coming up! These would be great for Easter (or any day of the week ☺). Orders forms will be available February 22nd. Forms will be due March 4th and will be delivered on March 14th. Order forms can be picked up in the office or library. They have Apple, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Raspberry, Caramel Rolls, Strawberry & Cream Cheese and 4 Cheese & Herb. You know you want one!

### **GO GRIZZLIES!**

**Grant Grizzlies Show a...**

**Postive attitude**

**Are responsible**

**Work for success**

**Show respect**

