

Grant School News

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CONFERENCES

We are pleased that so many of our parents attended parent/teacher conferences. Thank you for taking the time to understand how your children are doing at school.

THANK YOU

As the year 2008 comes to a close thanks are in order. To all the volunteers who give of their time. To our PAG officers and to all the parent committees who make things happen at Grant School. And...to everyone who helps to make Grant School a caring and special place for all students.

PENNY DRIVE

Thank you for supporting our United Way Penny Drive. Our students and all who donated should be proud of themselves. We had an awesome total donation of \$547.78. All monies raised will be used to support programs for children and families in South Wood County.

Two student representatives, Savannah Stevenoski and Bailey Williams took part in a student allocation panel. They did an outstanding job in making decisions regarding where the money would be best spent.

Holiday Greetings to our Wonderful Grant School Families!

From the Desk of Mr. B.....

The holiday season is rapidly approaching! While it may be that I have three young children at home, who for several weeks have been watching such classic movies as A Year Without A Santa Claus or Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, the fascination, mystery, and spirit of jolly old Saint Nick has bitten me.

December's great food, family fellowship, and under the tree surprises make the month a special time for young and old. These festivities allow us to enjoy the most precious gift of all - - our children and their holiday excitement. It also presents a perfect time to share a valuable lesson - - "the importance of giving to others." As I watch my own children, Aidan, Ella, and Taylor approach the season and their "want list" grow, I am reminded of the value



Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

in teaching them to think of others who are less fortunate. Children benefit from experiencing not only the joy that comes from receiving gifts but also the satisfaction of giving to those who need holiday support. This lesson can not be found in a commercial or heard from a sports star on television, but instead for it truly to be learned, the message must come from the most important people in life - - a child's parents.

As the holidays approach, I encourage you to consider the "gift of giving" as a special present to your child this year. Model for your child the "giving spirit" by showing you care for others through a gift or donation of time to an individual or group who is in need. It will be a lasting example and special gift to your young loved ones that will benefit everyone.

Happy holidays,
Mr. B.....

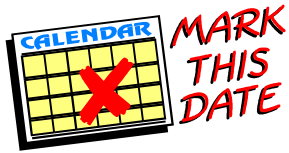
Grant Attendance:

School attendance is vital to the educational success of your child. For the month of November, our student body achieved an overall 96% attendance level.

Parent Tip:

Class instruction continues until the end of the school day. Parents are asked to consider the loss of learning time when a child is picked up early from school. Could your child's learning be affected by when you pick them up?





- December 15 Santa's workshop
- December 16 Market Day
- December 16 Band/Orchestra Concert 2:30
- December 19 Christmas Sing-Along
- December 19 Holiday parties
- Dec. 22-Jan. 2 Holiday Break**
- January 05 Students Return to School
- January 06 P.A.G. meeting, 6:00
- January 26 Recordkeeping Day/No School
- January 27 Market Day

Read with your child at least 20 min. daily



WELCOME TO GRANT SCHOOL....

- Raeanna Zivicki – 3rd**
- Brandon Winters – 5th**
- Tyra Akkerman – 1st**



Your Help Is Needed...
When children are unable to attend school, parents/guardians are expected to call the school before 9:00. We care very much about the health and safety of all our children. Your cooperation with this matter is most important.

Did You Know.....
14 out of 15 cases of diarrhea could be avoided if people just washed their hands after using the restroom? 97% of women said they washed their hands but when observed, only 75% actually did it. 92% of men said they washed their hands, but when observed only 58% actually did it! When you use the bathroom, wash your hands—every time! Use warm water and soap, sing the ABC's, and wipe dry.



Winter Weather

It is time for us to start thinking about the colder weather and how to dress to stay cozy warm. We have a rule, when the wind chill is below 0 degrees the students will not play outside for more than ten minutes at a time. If the wind chill factor is below -10 degrees, the children will not go outside at all. Regardless, the children **MUST** have hats/hoods, gloves/mittens, snowpants, boots and a warm coat.

As a general rule, when children are too sick to go outside for a 15-20 minute break, they are probably too sick to be present in school. The fresh air is better for the child than the recirculated air in any building.

From the nurse....

Influenza Information

The flu (influenza) is an infection of the nose, throat and lungs that is caused by the influenza virus. Most people with flu are sick for about a week and then feel better; however, some people (especially young children, pregnant women, older people, and people with chronic health problems) can get very sick.

Most people with the flu feel tired and have fever, headache, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and sore muscles. Some people, especially children, may also have stomach problems and diarrhea.

The flu can be contagious up to 5 days after getting sick. This can be longer in children and in people with weak immune systems.

A flu vaccine is the best way to protect against the flu. This vaccine may be available at Wood County Health Department. Take steps to prevent the spread of germs. This includes cleaning hands often, covering coughs and sneezes, keeping hands away from the face and staying away from people who are sick.

If your child gets sick, consult your doctor and make sure the child gets plenty of rest and drinks a lot of fluids. There are antiviral drugs that can make your child feel better, be less contagious, and get better sooner. Your doctor can discuss with you if these drugs are right for your child. You may also buy medicine (over-the-counter) without a prescription that might make your child feel better. Carefully follow the dosing instructions on the package. **Never give aspirin or medicine that has aspirin in it to children or teenagers who may have the flu** because of the possibility of Reye's Syndrome.

Do not send your child to school if he or she is sick. Keep your child home from school until his or her temperature has been normal for 24 hours.

Information from: www.cdc.gov/flu