

# Grant at a Glance

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February 2009

## Kindergarten Registration

**Thurs. Feb. 12th**  
12:30-4:30  
**Friday, Feb. 13th**  
8:30-12:30

## Summer School 2009

The dates have  
been set.

## Session I

Wed. June 17-  
Tues. July 7

## Session II

Wed. July 8-  
Fri. July 24

## Note:

If your child is to have alternate arrangements after school, please send a note. If they don't have a note and they normally ride the bus, they will have to take the bus home

## Attendance

For the months of December/January, our student body achieved an overall 96% attendance level.

## *From the Desk of Mr. B.....*

The month of January marks the halfway point of the year and a time that WRPS must begin its budgetary planning for next year. As everyone understands, our national, state, and local economy have taken a tremendous downturn during the past year. Job losses, poor investments, mortgage mismanagement, and business shortfalls have made our current financial picture look very bleak. Obviously, our school district budgets have been challenged as well. But this story is not completely new.

Recently, I read an April 2005 edition of the Choice Comments from



Children's Choice School when I wrote to the school's parents of the "good news" that the district had met its challenge in overcoming a \$3.3 million dollar deficit for the 2004-2005 school year, and the "bad news" that our financial picture for the 2005-2006 school year with declining enrollment showed the need to reduce an additional \$1.5 million. My article ended with a detailed summary of the millions of dollars of reductions that the district had eliminated from their budget beginning in the year 2000-2001.

*Happy Valentine's Day!!*  
*From the Grant School Staff*

Unfortunately, another significant WRPS budget deficit looms ahead for the 2009-2010 school year. While the budget process is still in its early stages, due to our past history of reductions, it has become very difficult to identify as to what areas remain to be reduced. Required reductions to balance our district budget will likely change some district programs and affect school staff and students throughout the district. As I wrote in April of 2005, regardless of our budget environment, our district schools will continue their dedication and mission in nurturing and developing each child to his/her fullest abilities and potential. Grant School appreciates your past support and future understanding as we continue to address these difficult financial times in public education.

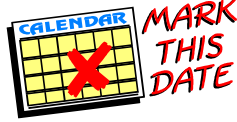
## Learning Community Loss

Recently, three DS gaming systems were taken from students' backpacks during the school day. As many parents know, these gaming systems not only are highly desirable but also very expensive. Unfortunately, one or more individuals in our learning community have chosen to violate our school's trust and security in this situation.

Each grade level of students from which the gaming systems were taken have discussed this situation. Students have been offered to have the stolen items returned with no questions asked or for the responsible party to come forward and return the missing games. Parents are asked to contact the school office or a student's teacher if they have information related to these lost or stolen items.

Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

## February



04-22	Open Enrollment
12	12:30-4:30 Kindergarten/4K Regist.
13	8:30-12:30 Kindergarten/4K Regist.
16	No School/Prof. Dev.
24	Market Day
March 6	Spring Pictures
March 26	Grant School Carnival

### **Summer School Registration**

The 2009 Summer School Registration booklets will be coming home shortly. This program offers students and families the opportunity to extend the learning that occurred during the regular school year for another three or six weeks. We offer a wide range of learning opportunities for our elementary students.

We continue to make a special attempt to really enhance the course opportunities for students in the fourth through sixth grades. We have added a few new courses that will really 'engage' this age group. In **Knights and the Age of Chivalry**, we have purchased kits that the students will use to build 'trebuchets' (siege weapons) that have become famous due to a local pumpkin throwing contest each year. In our **Lego Robotics** class, we have added robots that operate on 'hydraulics'. Students will build these robots and learn the theory behind the use of hydraulics to make them move and perform simple operations. Our **Rocketry** class already has students building and launching rockets, but some additions to this course will increase our students understanding of how rockets work and provide them with opportunities to enhance the flying ability of their rockets. Our **Sew What's New** class has been a very popular class for students in the fifth and sixth grades, and as a result, we have added a **Quilting** class for the same grade levels of students. Students in **Sew What's New** make a wide assortment of projects from shorts, to locker buddies, to Scrunchies, while our quilters make their own quilt! Our course on the use of GPS (**Geocaching**) has our students learning to use these handy devices by participating in 'caching' activities (sport using GPS) as they visit area parks and cache sites.

Registrations are held at most of the local schools. Booklets will be sent home (one per family) for you to review and to select the registration site and the date on which you wish to register your child. Please watch for the booklets to come home during the second week in February.

Summer Swimming and Tennis programs register their children at the LHS commons on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The registration materials for these two programs will not be found in the regular summer school booklets. However, the dates and levels are printed inside the booklet for you to review. Parents must register their children, if they wish to have them participate in these programs, at LHS on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

### **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION.....**

Grant School received a check for: **\$695.60**

**Way to go Grant!!!!!!!**

### **Geography Bee Winners**

**First Place: Katie Crotteau**

**Runner-Up: Sara Hanneman**



**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

### **Open Enrollment**

Open Enrollment allows students to attend schools in districts other than the one in which they live. Applications and brochures may be picked up in the school office. The form must be physically received in the school district office of the non-resident school district no earlier than February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, and no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009. On-line applications are strongly encouraged and can be located at the following web address:

<https://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/OpenEnrollmentApp/>

On-line applications are valid when the parent finishes and submits the application and receives a confirmation number. Parents should not fill out a paper form if the application is completed on-line.