

Grant at a Glance

Timothy T. Bruns, Principal

March 2009

Carnival Time!!!

Thursday, March 26th
5:30-8:00 p.m.

All kinds of FUN and GAMES for the WHOLE family.

- * Game Tickets \$.50 each
- * Wristbands-\$10 each for all ages
- * Basket Raffle items are \$.50/ticket or 5 for \$2.00
- * Raffle tickets are \$1.00 a ticket or 6 for \$5.00

We are also having a dinner menu of Rocky Rococo's pizza and more!

Please remember a donation for the cake-walk :) Bring donations to the office on Thurs. March 26th, or bring to the carnival.

Spelling Bee Winners!

1st Place

Ashley Bauer

2nd Place

Heidi Duxbury

Congratulations!!!



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

It has come to my attention that some parents may not have received a Monday folder note from my office dated February 17, 2009, regarding the use of student electronics at school. Parents are asked to carefully read the following information.

Due to the investigative efforts of our school's safety officer, Sgt. Mike Lucas, of the Portage County Sheriff's Department, the two stolen gaming systems have been recovered. This recovery was made possible through confidential tips from students and Sgt. Lucas's time and effort in interviewing a number of individuals. Grant School and the families whose gaming systems have been recovered are appreciative of these efforts.



**Have a happy St. Patrick's Day!!!
From the Grant School Staff**

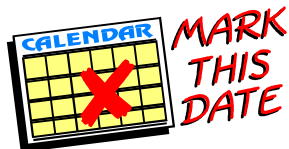
It is important to understand that valuable learning time is lost when staff and students must investigate the loss of a valuable item. Our school does not have secured lockable areas for valuables to be stored and protected. Today's electronic games are not only expensive, but also sought after by many students. When brought to school, they can prompt unnecessary temptations to be taken and create learning distractions for our students.

The Grant staff believes strongly that electronic devices such as DS games, PSPs, iPods, and Mp3 players have no educational value or place in our school. We respectfully ask **that all gaming systems, cell phones (unless critically important) and other electronic items and toys be left at home.** As a school, we will not be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged equipment while in a student's possession. When a student is observed having an electronic device, our school will take the item to the office where the student can pick it up at the end of the day. I will discuss the need to keep this item at home and will contact the parent regarding the electronics being present at school.

Grant School is a wonderful place in which to learn, play and work. As parents, your assistance in helping our school remain safe and focused on learning is appreciated.

Attendance:

For the month of February, our student body achieved an overall 95% attendance level.



MARCH

24	Market Day pickup
26	School Carnival 5:30-8:00
30-April 3	Spring Break – No School
April 8	Donuts with Dad

Parent Placement Requests

1. Parents are welcome to express placement concerns before classes are formed for the next school year.
2. Consideration of all educational factors, academic and social, are the primary determinants in placement decisions. The final decision on all placements rests with the principal after due consideration of staff recommendations and parent requests.
3. Parents wanting a specific class placement are welcome to make a request in writing to the principal by May 1st. Parents may request that a child be placed in a particular classroom environment (highly structured, male or female teacher, etc.) with a particular teacher. Parents should understand that teacher assignments may be changed and that a requested teacher may not be available.
4. Requests for a child not to be placed with another student, for whatever reason, should be noted in writing to the principal. Parents should be aware that other considerations might prevent the honoring of such requests.
5. A written request, or lack of such a request, will have no effect on the care given to each child's placement.
6. Parents are cautioned not to request placement based on what they may have heard about a teacher from others. Just as each child is unique, so is each teacher. An experience that other parents may have had with their children may be totally different from what your children could have with the same teacher.
7. All parents' requests will be strongly considered, but there will be no individual responses. Please do not ask to be called if your request is not honored.
8. All requests should be submitted in writing using the school's classroom placement request form. Failure to use this form or meet the stated deadline may affect a child's requested placement. Forms can be requested from the school office.

Please address your request to Mr. Bruns.

KIDZART 2009

Come one, Come all!!!

To celebrate YOUTH ART MONTH, an exhibition of art work from district elementary students will be on display at McMillan Library.

The exhibit opens March 2nd and continues through March 31st.

Stop in anytime during the month to enjoy the colorful display of wonderful artwork from our elementary –age children.



Immunization Rule Changes

Last Year the Wisconsin Legislature passed several immunization rule changes. New requirements are aimed at preventing cases of pertussis (whooping cough) and chickenpox occurring among school-age children. These requirements include:

- **A Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis booster vaccine (TDaP) for students entering grade 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12 in Sept. 2009.** If your child had a Td (tetanus/diphtheria booster) in the last five years that did not include the pertussis vaccine, it is not necessary to get the TDaP at this time;
- **A second dose of the Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine for students entering grade K, 1, 6, 7 and 12 in Sept. 2009** (unless the child has already had chickenpox disease).

If you have children entering Kindergarten, Grade 1, 6, 7, 9, 10 or 12, please check their immunization records to determine if their immunizations are up to date with the change. Immunizations can be obtained from your child's health care provider or from the Wood County Health Department (421-8911). **Required immunizations should be received prior to the start of the school year.** Please notify the school nurse when immunizations are received.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Join your friends at Summer School! Classes will be held at Mead and Grove Schools. Session I will begin on Wed., June 17, and end on Tuesday, July 7. Session II will begin on July 8, and end on July 24. Registration at Grant School will be on Tuesday, March 10th, from 3:45-5:45 p.m. Check your summer school booklet for more details.

