

News from the Den

Grande Park Elementary School

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Important Dates

4-7 PTA Dance 7-10pm@OEHS

4-7 Culver's Night (Plainfield) 4-8pm

4-13, 4-14 & 4/17 - No School

4-20 Potbelly's Night 5-8pm

4-19 3rd Grade Musical 7-8pm

4-21 Variety Show 6:30-8pm

**Grande Park
Elementary
School... Positively
working together
to achieve our
goals with Grizzly
Pride!**

Spirit Wear Winners!

Congratulations to Mrs. Fitzgerald's first grade classroom! Students are encouraged to wear their Grande Park spirit wear or red and blue to school every Friday. Who will get the winning wreath next week to hang outside their door?



Positive Staff Recognition Winners

Congratulations to Mr. Renteria & Mrs. Harrell as our winners last week! We acknowledge all entries over our morning announcements and then they are placed in our raffle drawings. **Click here to acknowledge a staff member for the great work they do:** [GP Staff Recognition](#)

This link is also available on the Grande Park website under "Announcements."

Character Counts Winners!

Congratulations to the following students for being our latest *Character Counts* winners:

Pictured Below: Makaylie Malburg, Harper Dawe, Michael Muldoon (Grande Prize Winner), Jack Streicher and Gabriella Cantu.



Character Counts - Wednesdays

We celebrate our monthly *Character Counts* pillar by wearing the color of the month. **April** is **GREEN** and we will celebrate the pillar of **RESPONSIBILITY**. We encourage the children to dress in **GREEN** on all Wednesdays in **APRIL**.

Registration Information for the 17-18 School Year

Registration for returning students will take place online through Home Access Center. Registration documentation is attached and is also available on the District 308 website under Registration for Returning Students and will also be available on your Home Access account under Student Links. These documents contain step-by-step instructions outlining the procedure to successfully register your student(s) for next year. You will not receive any official confirmation from the District. By completing the registration steps outlined in this documentation you are confirming that your child will be returning to School District 308 and that your family's information in the district's database is correct and up-to-date. Please take a moment to update your child's information before April 18, 2017.

If you have any questions about your Home Access Center account or would like to request a paper registration packet, please call the school directly. Thank you.

Attendance Reminders

As a reminder, it is district policy that if a child is absent and not reported on the attendance line, the office must verify their absence with a "safety check phone call" to ensure that no harm has come to the student. Often, this means contacting parents at their place of work. To avoid these phone calls/interruptions to your day, **PLEASE CALL THE ATTENDANCE LINE AT 630-551-9701 IF YOUR CHILD**

WILL BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL. This line is open 24 hours for messages. Emails to individual teachers are not guaranteed to be forwarded to the office. Always contact the office as well. Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe.

Grizzly Gazette Publishing – April 10th – FINAL SUBMISSION DATE

The Grizzly Gazette Publishing Company has extended the end of year book submission date to Monday, April 10th. So there's still time to publish your book before the end of the school year! 5th grade students, this is your last chance to leave your legacy at Grande Park by publishing your very own book for the library!!

Story submission forms are available in the LRC, GP office and PTA website.

Field Day – Volunteer Sign-Up

Grande Park will be hosting their annual "Field Day" on **Friday, May 19th**. The rain date is Monday, May 22nd. Mr. Bock is using SignUp.com (the leading online SignUp and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming SignUps.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com:
<http://signup.com/go/Hj7ygf>

2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Mr. Bock (mbock@sd308.org) and he can sign you up manually.

**All volunteers will be accepted!
We appreciate your support!**

PTA Barn Dance

The Grande Park PTA Barn Dance is this Friday, April 7th from 7-10pm at Oswego East High School. Please enter through the main entrance at door 1. One ticket per family for the dance will be distributed on Thursday, April 6th with your oldest child. The night will feature a BBQ dinner, dancing, photo booth and more.

Cowboy/cowgirl attire is encouraged, but not required. Cowboy hats and bandannas will be provided at the dance.

Thank you to all families that donated to the raffle baskets! In addition to the grade level baskets, Disney World tickets and sports memorabilia will also be raffled off. The raffle tickets will be sold at the event- CASH ONLY. All proceeds from the raffles will go to *Feed My Starving Children*.

Volunteers are still needed for set up prior to the dance. If you are interest in helping, please sign up through the following link: tinyurl.com/gpebarndan
[ce.](http://tinyurl.com/gpebarndan)

Field Day Shirts

Last call for field days shirts for students, parent volunteers and staff is next Tuesday, April 11th. Please place your order online at napervillespiritwear.com. Shirts are \$10 and will be delivered the week of field day to students' classroom.

PTA Potbelly's Night – April 20th 5-8pm

On April 20th from 5-8pm, PTA is hosting a restaurant night. A percentage of money spent will go back to the PTA. We hope you can make it!

Fine Arts Night – Save the Date

Our annual “Fine Arts Night” will take place on Thursday, April 27th from 6-8pm. Please see the attachment for additional information.

2017-18 Southbury Elementary Student Presentation

On Wednesday, April 19th, the Southbury Elementary School administrative team will be meeting with all outgoing students who will be attending Southbury Elementary next year due to boundary changes. There will be a short presentation to students and information will go home inviting them to visit the school at a later date.



Drawing Classes for kids

Classes held afterschool at
GRANDE PARK ELEMENTARY in Plainfield

Afterschool Alliance **arts**
YR is a proud partner of these non-profit organizations supporting art education.

Young Rembrandts

We're back! **BRAND NEW** weekly step-by-step afterschool **DRAWING** classes.
PARENTS: If your child is new to ART—or a seasoned pro—give them the gift to draw! All supplies included. **FUN** interactive classes that bolster ART vocabulary and creativity. **NEW** lessons every week!
CLASSES take place once a week **AT** school. **CLASS SIZE LIMITED. DON'T MISS OUT. ENROLL TODAY.**

WHEN: FRIDAYS

TUITION: \$36
(4 Week Session)

Starting: 4/28/2017 through **5/19/2017**

Classes take place for 60 minutes immediately afterschool **AT** school.
INSTRUCTOR DEMONSTRATES STUDENTS AT: 4:40 PM
PARENTS are responsible for sending a **WEEKLY NOTE** to school the day of class to remind child to stay after school. **Parent pick up. IDENTIFY** yourself to the instructor.

Enrollment options

ENROLL ONLINE with credit or debit card
www.YoungRembrandts.com/SWSuburbs

or **MAIL FORM + PAYMENT** DO NOT SUBMIT TO SCHOOL
 YOUNG REMBRANDTS P.O. Box 184 Mokena IL 60448
 or **CALL (844) DRAW-184** (that's 844-372-8184 M-F)

TO ENROLL with your personal check, money order or cash, **MAIL** the bottom portion of this form along with your payment which is due 3 days **BEFORE** to session start date. YR will not be held responsible for late, lost or redressed mail. **CONFIRMATION** will be sent by email. **IF CLASS IS FULL**, we will contact you.

DO NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL. MAIL THIS FORM + PAYMENT TO: YOUNG REMBRANDTS P.O. BOX 184, MOKENA IL 60448

FRIDAYS @ GRANDE PARK ELEMENTARY in Plainfield Start Date: 4/28/2017 Amount Enclosed: \$ 36 check #:

Print **STUDENT's** full name: _____ **GRADE:** _____ Teacher's **LAST Name:** _____

Tell us how to RELEASE your child once the drawing class is dismissed.

- My child will be promptly **PICKED UP** by this person:
 circle MOM DAD OTHER: _____
YOU MUST provide their cell number: (_____)
 A late fee may be charged if this person is more than 5 minutes late picking up my child.
- I give the instructor permission to escort my child to the school's **afterschool CARE CENTER** (if one is provided inside the school).
- My child is 10+ years old and has my permission to **WALK HOME** only if allowed by the school. **NOTE:** No crossing guard on duty. *Children under the age of 10 must be escorted by supervisor, adult or older sibling.*

For your child's SAFETY, tell us WHO we can contact after school.

MOM's name _____ Call (_____)
 DAD's name _____ Call (_____)
 Other: _____ Call (_____)

Provide PARENT/Grandparent's email address to receive enrollment confirmation.

You will also receive a reminder email the night prior and email to enroll for future classes. YR will not release your information to anyone outside the YR organization. **PERMISSION** signature by parent is required below.

I, _____, the parent or legal guardian of this child, release all claims to YR. All information on this form is carried to my knowledge. I understand that no food/beverages will be permitted and all personal valuables are forfeited. NSF fee of (\$25) will be incurred if my payment does not clear. **NO** resale or sale on premises. I will call Young Rembrandts if my child requires any special classroom considerations due to health conditions.

**** DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM OR PAYMENT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE. MAIL TO: Young Rembrandts P.O. Box 184 Mokena IL 60448 ****

Grande Park Elementary Fine Arts Night 2017



Grande Park PTA invites you to enjoy a free family evening celebrating the arts.

**Thursday April 27th,
6 - 8pm**

A creative piece of **art work** from every student will be on display throughout the school.



Grande Park Elementary's very own **4th and 5th Grade Honor Choir** will showcase their musical talents.

DanceQuest will feature some of their **Classical Ballet and Pointe** students. Then end the evening with an **Interactive Dance** performance performed by their Dance company.



The **Legacy Step Team** of Oswego East High School will amaze you with their highly rated energetic performance.

An **A Cappella performance** from two Oswego East High School students will fill the library with song along side the **Used Book Sale** Fundraiser.



PTAG 308

Partners for Talented & Gifted Education

**Expert Speaker Event –
Dr. Rhoda Rosen of
Northwestern University CTD Presents:
“How to Nurture the Academic Talent of a Gifted Child”**

Your 6-year-old builds elaborate Lego structures for hours. Your 11-year-old reads everything he can get his hands on. As a parent or caregiver you can do a lot to help your child identify and pursue their interests and passions. But, how do you encourage and support your child's interests in a healthy and productive way?

PTAG 308 proudly presents Expert Speaker Event: **“What Parents Need to Know to Nurture the Academic Talent of a Gifted Child”**.

Center for Talent Development's **Dr. Rhoda Rosen** talks about strategies and approaches that nurture children's strengths, interests, and creativity, putting them on a path to talent development and self-fulfillment.

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm -9:00 pm

Location: Oswego High School, Community Room (Enter through Door # 1)

Cost: FREE (RSVP is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** due to **LIMITED SEATING**)

RSVP at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ptag-308-expert-speaker-event-tickets-33359052825>

Guest Speaker Bio:

Dr. Rhoda Rosen is Associate Director at Center for Talent Development; Northwestern University. Dr. Rosen oversees Northwestern University's Midwest Academic Talent Search (NUMATS) program, CTD's Weekend Enrichment Programs, Creative Studies, CTD's parent outreach initiatives and outreach for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Young Scholars and College Scholarship Program. She has received her BA and MA from the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg and a PhD from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Visit <http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/team-bios/rhoda-rosen> for Dr. Rosen's bio.

Contact PTAG 308 with any questions at: ptag308@gmail.com

PTAG 308 Vision:

To advocate for all high achieving and gifted students in school district 308, Kindergarten through high school.