

# The Grant Dispatch

November 3, 2017

## Letter from the Principal

Dear Grant Families,

This weekend brings the end of Daylight Savings (don't forget to set your clocks back!) and the end of our first trimester. With this comes the very important parent/teacher conference times! Our Grant students have been working hard this trimester learning new concepts, creating projects and being a member of their classroom community. All this hard work is ready to be shared with you during your conference with their teacher. Teachers have been preparing for the conferences, ensuring communication has been made to welcome you for a conference at convenient times. Our policy calls for 100% conference attendance so please let us know if we need to arrange a different time for your conference to occur. Conferences are a priceless opportunity for parents and teachers to come together as a team to discuss the first trimester. Be sure to visit the book fair in the media center!

The construction is progressing quickly and nicely. You may have noticed that one of the elevators is nearly complete. The crew has been great to work with thus far. At this time, the public library is also experiencing some construction near the parking lot. With construction at both sides of Garth, please be extra cautious when crossing Garth during arrival and dismissal times. It is important to utilize the crossing guards on Garth and Broadway to ensure safe crossing of the street. Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.

The Grant staff is working on various academic and social focuses through professional development. Grade level teachers and specialists meet bi-monthly to discuss academic progress as well as to develop cross-curricular learning opportunities. With our project-based work, authentic learning is planned, incorporating music, art, PE/movement, technology and field trips to enhance student learning. In addition, the staff is doing a yearlong book study focused on trauma-informed care. As a staff, we strive to continue our learning across multiple areas to best support all our students.

Thank you for your role in making this first trimester so successful. We look forward to seeing you at parent/teacher conferences.

Happy Fall!  
Jen Wingert



## Important Dates

- Nov. 7:** Flu Clinic, 8:30-11:30
- Nov. 7:** Veterans Day Assembly, 1:25-2:00
- Nov. 9:** Parent/Teacher Conferences and Book Fair, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- Nov. 10:** NO SCHOOL, Parent/Teacher Conferences and Book Fair, 8:00-11:30 a.m.
- Nov. 15:** PTA Meeting, 5:30-7:00, Media Center
- Nov. 17:** Spirit Day: Crazy Hair
- Nov. 22-24:** NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving break
- Nov. 28:** Dental Clinic, 8:30-10:30

**Be sure to check the Lost and Found while you are here for conferences. All items will be donated to charity following conferences.**

## Hall of Fame



Students, we need your art for the Hall of Fame art contest! To enter, write your name, a title, and your teacher's name on the back of your best art and turn it in to the office. Any original art you have created at home or school can be submitted. There is no limit to the number of items you can submit, but only two pieces will be chosen from each grade level (KD-5) to be framed by our Partners in Education, Central Bank of Boone County. The entry deadline is March 2.

—Ms. Christiansen, Art Specialist

## PIE News

The fifth grade has started another year of the Bank Shadowing program at Central Bank of Boone County. Two groups of fifth graders have visited the bank and five more groups will continue visits during the month of November. The students are led through the bank to the different departments by Mrs. Griffith or Mr. Salanski to see the interworking's of the banking industry. The first two groups have shared great stories about their visits with the class. Thanks to our great Partner in Education for supporting our fifth grade students.

—Mr. Kuensting



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## Nurse's Notes

This is just a reminder that our student flu clinic is on November 7. If you have filed a consent for your child to receive the vaccine, please discuss with them what to expect prior to injection day.

Also, our free dental screening is scheduled for November 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have not signed your consent and returned it to your child's teacher, your child will miss out on this free preventive oral health program.

Lastly, 'tis the season for colds and coughs. Please stress with your child the importance of hand washing at home and at school. Their health is vital to their education!

Thanks so much,

Nurse Jac

## Conference with Specialists



If families would like to schedule an appointment with specialists during conference time, please contact them by email to arrange a time or you can drop by and take a chance that they are available.

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## Success in School

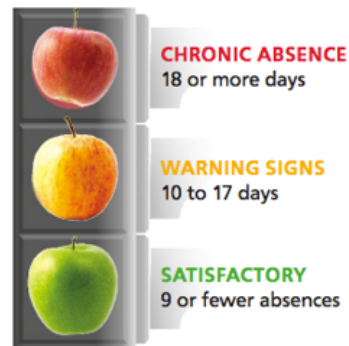
### Did you know?

- Healthy students have more success in school and demonstrate better behavior, attitudes, and cognitive skills.
- Children who wash their hands at least four times a day experience 24% fewer sick days due to colds and the flu, and 51% fewer sick days due to stomach illnesses.
- Missing 10 percent of class time can make it more difficult to learn to read and negatively impacts a child's school performance.
- By 6<sup>th</sup> grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

### What you can do to help:

- Encourage children to wash their hands frequently
- Set a regular bed time and ensure kids are getting sufficient sleep
- Make sure your child is up to date on all vaccinations
- Encourage adequate amounts of physical activity
- Do not let your child stay home unless he or she is truly sick
- Maintain proper dental hygiene
- Ensuring that your child dresses appropriately during the winter months
- Disinfect germ hot spots in the home, including phones, door handles, and counters

### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.





## Grants Funded

The Assistance League of Mid-Missouri awarded Grant Elementary school teachers with three grants in October. Congratulations to **Amy Neal, Kerry Franz-Quinn, and Kacey Cottrell.**

- Social Skills Intervention Materials, \$195.88—Mrs. Neal  
Provides curriculum, books, and equipment
- Integration Inspires, \$694.20—Miss Franz-Quinn  
Provides a variety of books to enhance learning
- Expanding Expression, \$433.88—Mrs. Cottrell  
Provides sensory tools to help students access their knowledge to better express themselves verbally and in their writing



*The Assistance League of Mid-Missouri (ALMM) is a non profit service organization whose members identify, develop, implement, and fund ongoing philanthropic projects to serve specific needs of children and adults in Columbia. Some of the programs that directly affect the students at Grant School are:*

- *Links to Learning*
- *Book Bags*
- *Parent Packs/Bundles for Babies*
- *Kaboodle Kits*
- *Operation School Bell*

*For more information on how to become more involved with ALMM or to donate visit [www.almm.org](http://www.almm.org).*

## Tulaliloo ti amo We love you



Thank you for another great Halloween parade. Even with construction, we were able to have an incredible parade! The costumes this year were outstanding and some were very unique!



# November

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>6 A</p> <p>3:15-4:45 Choir</p>	<p>7 B</p> <p>7:25 Language Club 8:30-11:30 Flu Clinic 1:25-2:00 Veterans Day Assembly 3:30-5:00 Math Club</p>	<p>8 C</p>	<p>9 D</p> <p>7:25 Language Club 8:45-11:15 3rd gr. field trip to CUA 11:30-2:30 4th-5th gr. field trip to Annie (BHS) 4:00-8:00 Parent/Teacher Conferences &amp; Book Fair</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Parent/Teacher Conf. and Book Fair</p> 
<p>13 A</p> <p>3:15-4:45 Choir</p>	<p>14 B</p> <p>7:25 Language Club 9:30-11:15 3rd gr. to Missouri Theater 3:30-5:00 Math Club</p>	<p>15 C</p> <p>5:30-7:00 PTA Mtg.</p>	<p>16 D</p> <p>7:25 Language Club</p> <p>3:15-4:30 Grant Mentoring Club</p>	<p>17 A</p> <p>SPIRIT DAY!</p> 
<p>20 B</p> <p>3:15-4:45 Choir</p>	<p>21 C</p>	<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p> 
<p>27 D</p> <p>3:15-4:45 Choir</p>	<p>28 A</p> <p>7:25 Language Club 8:30-10:30 Dental Clinic 3:30-5:00 Math Club</p>	<p>29 B</p>	<p>30 C</p> <p>7:25 Language Club 3:15-4:30 Grant Mentoring Club 3:15-5:20 College Mentors for Kids</p>	<p>1 D</p> <p>7:20 Chess Club</p>
<p>4 A</p> <p>3:15-4:45 Choir</p>	<p>5 B</p> <p>3:30-4:30 Math Club</p>	<p>6 C</p> <p>3:35-4:30 Book Club</p>	<p>7 D</p>	<p>8 A</p> <p>7:20 Chess Club</p>