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.



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

Happy Fall! Jen Wingert

Be sure to check the Lost and Found while you are here for conferences.

All items will be donated to charity following onferences.

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



Strong roots. Endless possibilities."

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 28th. 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

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 6th 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
- Maintain proper dental hygiene
 Ensuring that your child dresses appropriately during the winter months
- Disinfect qerm 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.

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.

- *Ms. Sheets, Counselor lesheets@cpsk12.org
- *Ms. Hughes, Media chughes@cpsk12.org
- *Ms. Christiansen, Art achristiansen@cpsk12.org
- *Ms. Sisson, Music psisson@cpsk12.org
- *Mrs. Wagner, P.E. lwagner@cpsk12.org

P.E. All Stars of the Month

Coach Wagner would like to recognize this month's Grant P.E. All-Stars:

KD - Dominick H. 1st grade-Noah P. 2nd grade- Gabriel M. 3rd grade- Megan N. 4th grade-Ojima A. 5th grade-Kamri N.

 $\stackrel{\wedge}{\sim}$ Congratulations to each of them on all of their hard work so far in P.E. class! Go All-Stars!

Coach's Corner

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October has been a challenging month in P.E. class as we were very busy completing our fitness testing unit and working on jump roping skills. I am so proud of all of the students here at Grant for doing their very best on all of the fitness tests and keeping a positive attitude while working to become better at jumping rope. We have most recently been working on our tumbling skills on the mats. I am always so impressed with the amazing skills and abilities that Grant students bring to class during this unit. It has been so much fun! Our next unit will be our striking unit and volleyball skills.

Our Jogging Generals club came to an end towards the end of October. I had such an amazing group of runners in Jogging Generals this season! The students were eager to come every week, enjoyed being active, and worked towards their goal each time. I really enjoyed our season this year and want to thank each of the students and parents for their hard work, dedication, and for making it so much fun!

The weather is starting to turn cooler and some students are starting to wear boots to school. Please help remind your child to either wear or bring tennis shoes on P.E. days to be ready for

Thank you for all of your support!

-Coach Wagner

PTA News

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The fall Box Tops for Education contest concluded October 20. \$325.50 was raised with those little coupons. Miss Grove's kindergarten class was the top collector with 339 Box Tops. For their efforts they received a golden trophy and an apple cider and cookie party on the front lawn. Round two of Box Tops collecting is now underway and concludes February 23. The winning class will claim the golden trophy and celebrate with hot chocolate and donuts. Keep collecting!

The annual PTA Fall "Non-Fundraiser" kicks off November 3. The "Non-Fundraiser" and Readathon are Grant's primary fundraisers. The funds raised are used to pay for all PTA hosted social events at Grant, in addition to classroom support, technology, teacher appreciation, and everything else in between. So ... pull out your checkbook and let us know how grateful you are to not be selling magazines!

Grant PTA membership forms and Volunteer Registration forms are available in the office. As always, don't hesitate to reach out to the PTA with any questions, suggestions or to volunteer in any way.

Find us on Facebook at Grant Elementary PTA or reach us by email: grantallstarpta@gmail.com.

Thank you for making Grant great.

Chrissy McCartney, PTA President

Math Club

Math Club has had three meetings and we are off and running with our learning. The work that the students have been completing is well beyond elementary school math learning. The students have great attitudes and they are trying to understand all of the material. I am proud of the 17 All Stars that have shared their math talents with each other and with our club. We will continue to have meetings until the math contest at Beulah Ralph Elementary on December 9.

—Mr. Kuensting



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
- <u>Integration Inspires</u>, \$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



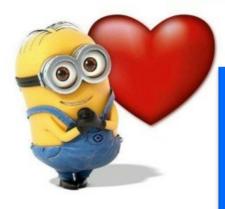
The Assistance League of Mid-Missouri
(ALMM) is a non profit service organization
whose members identify, develop,
implement, and fund ongoing philanthropic
projects to serve specific needs of children
and adults in Columbia. Some of the
programs that directly affect the students
at Grant School are:

- 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.

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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
6 A 3:15-4:45 Choir	7 B 7:25 Language Club 8:30-11:30 Flu Clinic 1:25-2:00 Veterans Day Assembly 3:30-5:00 Math Club	8 C	9 D 7:25 Language Club 8:45-11:15 3rd gr. field trip to CCUA 11:30-2:30 4th-5th gr. field trip to Annie (BHS) 4:00-8:00 Parent/Teacher Conferences & Book Fair	Parent/Teacher Conf. and Book Fair
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20 B 3:15-4:45 Choir	21 C	NO SCHOOL	WE'RE CLOSED!	NO SCHOOL
27 D 3:15-4:45 Choir	28 A 7:25 Language Club 8:30-10:30 Dental Clinic 3:30-5:00 Math Club	29 B	30 C 7:25 Language Club 3:15-4:30 Grant Mentoring Club 3:15-5:20 College Mentors for Kids	1 D 7:20 Chess Club
4 A	5 B	6 C	7 D	8 A 7:20 Chess Club
3:15-4:45 Choir	3:30-4:30 Math Club	3:35-4:30 Book Club		