

The Grant Dispatch

April/May 2018

Letter from the Principal

Dear Grant Families,

We are two weeks back from spring break and students have been displaying great examples of what it means to be a Grant All Star! While we only have a little less than six weeks left of school, it is important to remember a lot of learning has yet to be completed. Our students are hard at work on various projects, writings and end of the trimester projects. As you may know, our third through fifth grade students are preparing to take the MAP in April and May. This assessment is computerized and tests students in the areas of communication arts, math, and for fifth graders, science. Our students will be testing from April 17-May 12. Coming to school well-rested and having eaten a healthy breakfast supports students with their alertness and readiness for learning and being an All Star. When possible, please try to avoid scheduling appointments during testing days.

3rd Grade-testing April 16-20

4th Grade- testing April 30-May 7

5th Grade- testing April 23-27

Two of our biggest school events are right around the corner. Evening of the Arts is an opportunity to bring your family to learn about various mediums of art and music, get their creativity flowing, listen to music and see the talent of Grant students. This event is April 26th from 6-8 pm. The second family event is our annual carnival night, Funesta! Families are welcome to come and play games, enter in the teacher raffle, eat carnival food, and have a great time. We hope to see you at Grant on Thursday, May 10th from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Summer school is a wonderful opportunity for students to remain in the mode of learning over the summer time. Due to construction, this summer we will be at Rock Bridge Elementary for summer school. Many of our Grant School teachers will be teachers during summer school. I will be serving as the principal for part of the summer. CPS employee, Donny Silver, will serve as the Grant principal the remainder of the summer. RBE is an early start school. The school day begins at 7:40 am (doors open at 7:20) and dismissal at 2:40 pm. All students are encouraged to take part in summer school to continue their learning and there is still time to sign up! Open House for summer school will be May 31st from 4:30-6:00.

Finally, please join Grant School downtown on April 22nd starting at noon for Earth Day. Our talented Grant All Star Choir and Drum Ensemble will perform at Peace Park during the city's Earth Day celebration. Our students have been practicing and working hard to put on a fun and informative show for you addressing the importance of taking care of our Earth. Hope to see you there!

Quick reminders, dates to place on the calendar and ways to volunteer:

- Please use the crosswalk when coming to and going from school. Our students look to the adults for guidance and we want everyone to be safe. Please set a great example for all our students to follow...use the crosswalks!
- Our 3rd Annual Family Fun Run Walk 5K is May 5th! Everyone is welcome to sign up to run or walk. We will start and finish at Grant School's teacher parking lot. The run starts at 9:30 am, please arrive at 9:00.
- We have LOTS of lost and found items once again and they all need a home. Encourage your child to visit lost and found and collect what is theirs.
- We are in need of parent volunteers for our annual field day. Our field day is scheduled for May 18th from 9:30-11:00 for grades K-2 and 1:30-3:00 for grades 3-5. Field day is a fun time to play with the entire school outside, enjoying water balloons, games and popsicles! If you can help run games, please let us know!
- Tentatively, the last day of school is May 22nd and will be a half day with dismissal at 12:45 pm. It will be approved officially on April 26th.

Glad you are part of our school family,

—Jen Wingert, principal

Important Dates

April 14: Generals vs. RBE at West Middle School, 11:40 a.m.

April 18: PTA Meeting in Media Center, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

April 20: Spirit Day: Wear Neon

April 21: Generals vs. Russell at Smithton Middle, 9:00 a.m.

April 22: Grant Drum Ensemble and ALL Star Choir performs at Peace Park, noon

April 26: Evening of the Arts, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

April 28: Generals vs. Parkade at Smithton Middle, 2:00 p.m.

May 5: Family Fun Run/Walk 5K, 9-noon at Grant

May 5: Generals vs. Blue Ridge at Smithton Middle, 2:00 p.m.

May 8: Hall of Fame Art Reception, 11:30-12:30, Central Bank downtown

May 10: Funesta, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

May 11: Spirit Day: Beach Wear

May 12: Generals Basketball Tournament TBA, West or Smithton

May 16: PTA Meeting in Media Center, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

May 18: Field Day, grades K-2, 9:30-11 and grades 3-5, 1:30-3

May 22: Last Day of School, Early Dismissal at 12:45 p.m.

**FIFTH GRADE
GRADUATION AND
END OF YEAR
ACTIVITIES TBA**

Evening of the Arts--April 26

So much fun and creativity are planned for *Evening of the Arts*, Thursday, April 26...check out some of the activities below. Please note: the intention of the evening is for the student and parent/adult to participate in the activities together. Please stay with your student throughout the evening.

6:00 p.m. Grant Drum Ensemble and Grant ALL Stars Choir

PLUS a very special performance by **Yueheng Wang**, Grant student and first place winner of the *Elementary Instrumental Music Division of the Creating Original Music Project* at the University of Missouri will perform his winning composition on piano

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Activities throughout the building, Music Mansion, and Eco Schoolhouse

8:00 p.m. Grant Teacher/Staff Dance in the gym

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- **WELCOME AT THE GARTH DOORS**
- **"OLD GRANT SCHOOL" ORNAMENTS FOR SALE**
- **VISUAL ARTIST IN THE CORNER**
- **MUSICIAN IN THE CORNER**
- **DANCE WITH THE MO CONTEMPORARY BALLET**
- **MAKING RECYCLED INSTRUMENTS AND ART**
- **FOOD ART**
- **COOKIE ART**
- **WATER COLOR WORDS**
- **DRUM CIRCLE**
- **ZENTANGLE CREATIONS**
- **COLUMBIA ART LEAGUE "MEET THE MAD HATTERS"**
- **ZUMBA**
- **FACE PAINTING**
- **MAKING MUSIC WITH THE PENTATONIC**
- **SHOWCASE OF TALENT**
- **CHALK UP THE COURTYARD**
- **ACCESS ARTS POTTERY WHEEL**
- **VISIT WITH TEACHER/ARTIST DR. GENNIE AND HER BEAR**
- **STRING BAND MUSIC**
- **FUN WITH THEATER GAMES**
- **GHANIAN ADINKRA SYMBOLS MINI POSTERS**
- **ART BOOKS READING NOOK**
- **PERSONALIZED CHINESE BOOKMARKS**
- **ORIGAMI PAPER CRANES**
- **AND MORE!!**



LIMITED
EDITION
"OLD GRANT
SCHOOL"
ORNAMENTS
FOR SALE FOR \$5
EACH
CREATED BY
ARTIST
PEG CRAIG,
DR. WINGERT, AND
COMPANY

2018 Hall of Fame Winners

Kindergarten

Tommy Turtle by Stella Sexton

Little Cardinals by Tina Nguyen

1st grade

The Spotted Frog by Maryam Al-Sharify

My 100 Made a Cat by Bella Nguyen

2nd grade

Bangladesh House by Alman Shafique

Moon Beach by Piper Plues

3rd grade

The Day it Rained Rainbow by Kate Page

A Still Moment by Emery Jorgensen

4th grade

Bubbles by Louise Evelev

Northern Lights by Cyler Mitchell

5th grade

Black and White Sunset by Pierce Plues

Ladybug and Fairy by Oliverly Ni

2018 Hall of Fame Honorable Mentions

We would like to thank these students who worked so hard on their artwork and received Honorable Mention: Mae Franzel, Harper Page, Yuki Ye, Kampbell Jensen, Aaradhya Sharma, Brooklyn Alexander, Georgia Sexton, Lilah Wagner, Marilinda Smale-Murillo, Mary McCartney, Ella Beckett, and Lilly Jacks.

Earth Day-April 22



PIE News



The fifth graders at Grant School completed another terrific year of Money and Banking with our partner in education Central Bank of Boone County.

We had three lessons this year during the week of April 2-April 6. The topics included banking technology, how to perform during a job interview and the students were able to design and sell a toy to their classmates. The students learned a lot and the bank employees helped us understand the world of banking better.

—Mr. Kuensting

PTA News

Happy Spring Grant All Stars!

On behalf of the Grant PTA board, thank you to all of our volunteers for making Grant a wonderful place to learn; your volunteerism makes a positive impact on each child at Grant. The Grant PTA board would like to specifically honor and recognize the following volunteers for their All Star efforts: **Laura and Kurt Kingsley** who have organized and hosted monthly teacher luncheons and Teacher Appreciation Week for the past two years; **Carin Grinch** who single-handedly launched and executed our 2018 Brick Campaign; and **Stephony Stelzer and Genalee Alexander**, they know all and do all. These folks will be presented with honors at a recognition ceremony at the CPS administration building on April 26.

Our last PTA meeting is April 18 5:30-6:30 p.m. We will be putting the final touches on Funesta. If you are on the Funesta committee, please make plans to attend. Childcare will be available if you RSVP. **FUNESTA will be Thursday May 10 5:00-7:00 p.m. This carnival requires lots of energy and many volunteers. A Funesta signup genius will be going out shortly.**

Lastly, our slate of incoming officers for 2018-2019 is: President Carrie Elliott, Vice-President Petie Holder, Secretary TBD, Treasurer Lisa Tye.

Chrissy McCartney, —PTA President

KMOS Writers Contest

Congratulations to our third grade students in Mrs. Jacoby's class, winners of the KMOS Writers Contest:

Third Place—Kate Page, "Will's Big Adventure"

Honorable Mentions—Georgia Sexton, "Paige's Journey to the Attic" and Lily Hu, "Lily's Teddy Bear"

Coach's Corner

In P.E. we are finishing up our fitness unit and getting ready to start our soccer unit soon. The students have been very focused and determined to improve on their fall fitness testing scores. I am always impressed with their motivation and enthusiasm when we are fitness testing. They are doing an awesome job!

As it begins to warm up and students want to start wearing sandals to school please continue to remind your child to wear or bring tennis shoes and socks to P.E. class.

Thank you for all of your support and everything that you do to make Grant the amazing place that it is!

—Coach Wagner

Go Grant Girls!/Family Fun Run



The Go Grant Girls! (G3!) running program has been going for a few weeks now and we are so lucky to have such an amazing group of young ladies involved. We have

been having discussions during our lessons on visualization/mindfulness, positive self-talk, team building activities, and how to live a healthy lifestyle. It is very empowering for Dr. Wingert and me to be a part of such an amazing group of young ladies and we learn so much from them at each session.

Come join the G3! running club for the 3rd Annual Grant School 5K Family Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, May 5, 2018. Registration for all 5K participants will take place on the morning of the race from 9:00-9:20 and the race will begin at 9:30 a.m. The 5K is free and open to everyone in the Grant School community. We hope to see you all there!

—Coach Wagner

P.E. All Stars of the Month

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

KD-A'lexia Whitaker

1st Grade-Alex Gingrich

2nd Grade-Caitlin Dong

3rd Grade-Aditi Poudel

4th -Griffin Byrne

5th-Kevin Wu

Congratulations to each of them on all of their hard work so far in P.E. class!

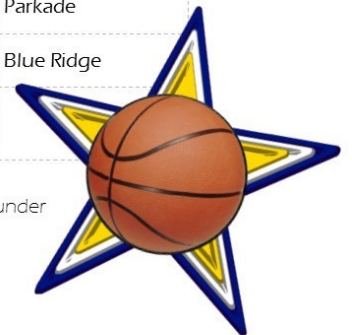
Grant Generals Basketball

The Grant Generals season started on Saturday, April 7 with a game against Battle Elementary. I was really proud of the way that the team worked together and fought to the very end. The result wasn't what we wanted, but I am excited to get back on the court and practice on the areas that we need to improve on. This is a fun team to coach! Also, I want to thank the BEST FANS in the district! You inspire the players to do their best and you make each of them feel important. Our next game is Saturday, April 14 at 11:40 a.m. at West Middle School. We will be playing Rock Bridge Elementary. Go Generals!

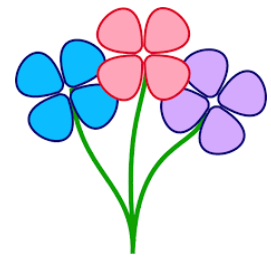
—Coach Kuensting

Date	Location	Time	Opponent
Saturday, April 7	Smithton Middle School	12:00 pm	Battle
Saturday, April 14	West Middle School	11:40 am	Rock Bridge
Saturday, April 21	Smithton Middle School	9:00 am	Russell
Saturday, April 28	Smithton Middle School	2:00 pm	Parkade
Saturday, May 5	Smithton Middle School	2:00 pm	Blue Ridge
TOURNAMENT PLAY Saturday, May 12	Smithton Middle School or West Middle School	TBA	

Admission: \$2 adults; \$1 student 18 and under



April/May



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15	16 B 3:15-4:45 Choir 3:30-5:00 G3! Running	17 C 7:25 Language Club 8:10-2:45 4th gr to Jefferson City BE ON TIME! 3:30-5:00 G3! Running 6-7:30 Generals Bball	18 D 7:15 Drum Ensemble 5:30-7 PTA Meeting	19 A 7:25 Language Club 12:50-2:45 KD to CCUA 3:15-4:30 Ment. Club 3:15-5:20 College Ment. 6-7:30 Grant Cheer	20 B SPIRIT DAY: WEAR NEON 7:15 Drum Ensemble 8:40-1:40 2nd gr to RB State Park 9-noon 4th gr to Eagle Bluffs Wetland	21 9:00 Grant Generals Basketball vs. Russell at Smithton Middle
22 12:00 Choir/Drum Ens. performs at Peace Park for Earth Day 	23 C 3:15-4:45 Choir 3:30-5:00 G3! Running	24 D 7:25 Language Club 3:30-5:00 G3! Running 6-7:30 Generals Bball 6-7:30 Grant Cheer	25 A 8:45 Drum Ensemble Assembly 3:35-4:30 Book Club (Tentative)	26 B 7:25 Language Club 3:15-4:30 Ment. Club 3:15-5:20 College Ment. 6:00-8:10 Evening of the Arts 	27 C 8:40-1 3rd gr to RB State Park	28 2:00 Grant Generals Basketball vs. Parkade at Smithton Middle
29 (Earth Day Rain Date)	30 D 3:15-4:45 Choir 3:30-5:00 G3! Running	1 A 7:25 Language Club 8:00-5:00 5th gr to Hannibal 3:30-5:00 G3! Running 6-7:30 Generals Bball	2 B 3:30-4:30 Make a Difference Club	3 C 7:25 Language Club 6-7:30 Grant Cheer	4 D	5  9-noon G3! Family Fun Run/Walk 5K 2:00 Grant Generals Basketball vs. Blue Ridge at Smithton Middle
6	7 A	8 B 11:30-12:30 Hall of Fame Art Reception, Central Bank, downtown 6-7:30 Generals Bball 6-7:30 Grant Cheer	9 C	10 D 5-00-7:00 Funesta 	11 A SPIRIT DAY: Beach Wear 8:45-1:00 KD to MU	12 Grant Generals Tournament TBA 
13 	14 B	15 C 8:00-2:00 5th gr Civil War Day 9:30-1:15 3rd gr to MU	16 D 5:30-7 PTA Meeting	17 A 9:00-2:00 2nd gr to Runge Nature Center	18 B 9:30-11 K-2 Field Day 1:30-3 3-5 Field Day 	19
20	21 C	22 D LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (TENATIVE) EARLY RELEASE AT 12:45 P.M.	FIFTH GRADE GRADUATION AND END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES TBA			

COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS: 2018-19 School Year Calendar

First Day of Classes..... August 14
 First Day of Kindergarten August 16
 End of First Semester December 20
 End of First Trimester October 26
 End of Second Trimester February 1
 *Last Projected Day of Classes..... May 29

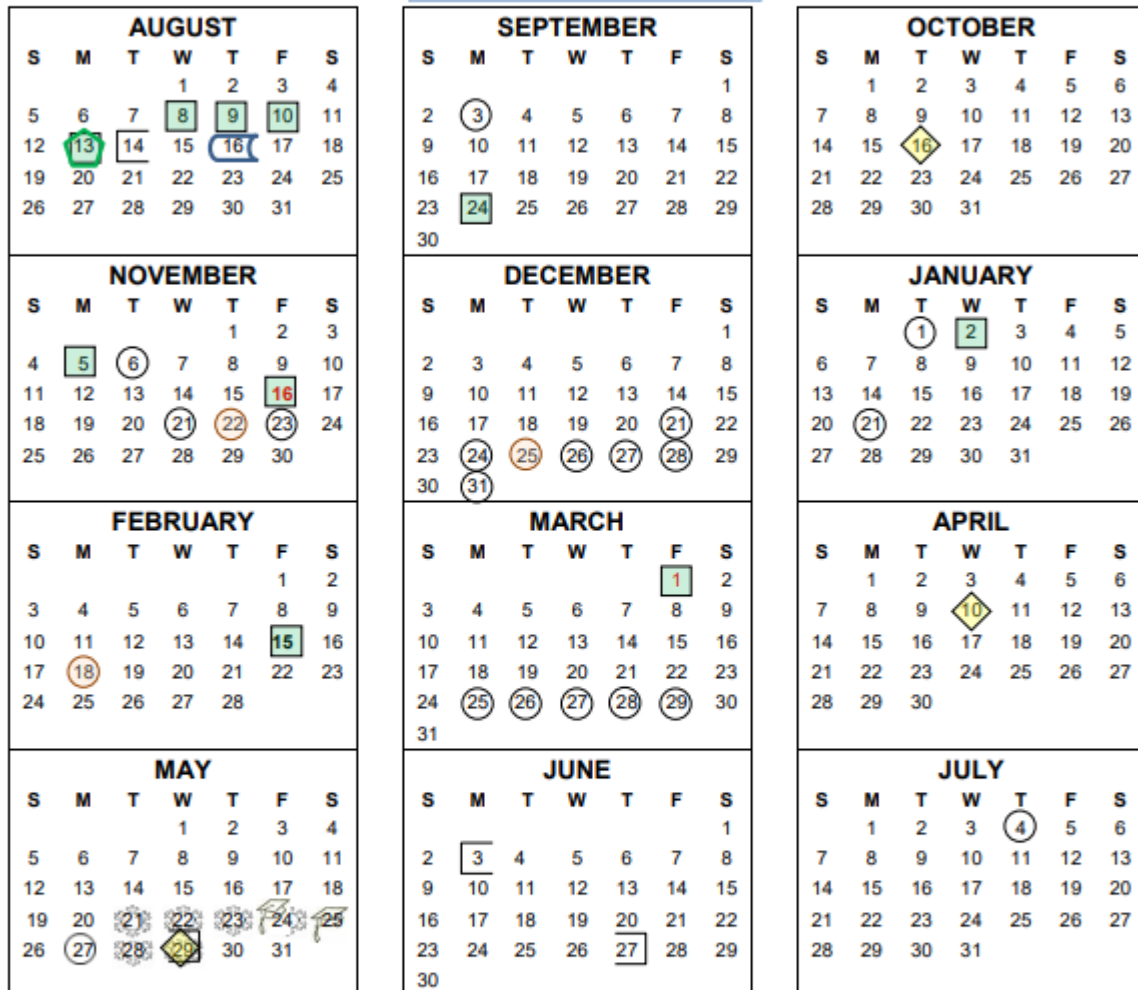


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 1/8/18

First Day of Summer School 2019..... June 3
 Last Day of Summer School 2019..... June 27

High School Summer School 2019*

- First Day HS Summer School June 3
- Last Day HS Summer School..... June 27



Dates School NOT in Session

Legal Holidays November 22, December 25, February 18, July 4
 Labor Day September 3
 Election Day November 6
 Thanksgiving Vacation November 21 – 23
 Winter Recess December 21 – January 1
 Martin Luther King's Birthday January 21
 Presidents' Day February 18
 Spring Recess March 25 – March 29
 Memorial Day May 27



*6 snow days are built into the calendar (May 21-29). If the district uses fewer than 6 inclement weather days during the year, the unused days will be removed from the end of the school year.

- Opening Day of School
- Closing Day of School
- Jump Start Day (Grades 6 & 9)
- First Day for Kindergarten
- School Not in Session
- Teacher Paid Holiday – School Not in Session
- Teacher Work Day – School Not in Session

Key

- Built in Snow Day on Calendar
- Classes Dismissed 2 ½ Hours before Normal Dismissal Times for Staff Planning and Collaboration
- Graduation Dates
 - BHS 5/24 Evening
 - DHS 5/24 Morning
 - HHS 5/25 Evening
 - RBHS 5/25 Morning

November 16 and March 1 are Parent / Teacher Conference Days in Elementary and Middle Schools