

Grand Ridge Grade School

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~NEWSLETTER~



Ted Sanders, Supt. --- Terry Ahearn, Principal
"Large enough to educate you,
small enough to know you."

Weeks of
April 22—28, 2018

A Few Words from Mr. Sanders . . .

"If you instill in your child a love of the outdoors and an appreciation of nature, you will have given him a treasure no one can take away."—Ted Trueblood

11:50 Dismissal on Wednesday, April 25th

Just a reminder that we will be dismissing early on Wednesday for a PBIS refresher course here at the school, paid for in part by a grant from the Regional Office of Education. This is a professional development opportunity for our staff and others in attendance to improve our understanding of PBIS strategies and implementation, presented by Rebecca Harris.

Safety Protocol for Visitors

This time of year starts to get busy at the school. We often have lots of people in and out for different events. Please remember to sign in and get a visitor badge at the main office or you will be asked to do so. This is not only for the protection of students and staff, it is also for your protection in case of an emergency. Our office staff must keep records of those people in the building in case of an emergency evacuation or code red. We know that things have changed over the years with all of the practices and procedures we have had, but we appreciate parents and visitors understanding that these practices are truly in the best interest of everyone in providing safety and security. We love seeing people visiting the school, and don't want that to change. However, times have changed and we must do a couple things to insure safety.

Drop-off and Pick-up

We just wanted to thank everyone for your adjusting with pick-up and drop-off procedures. This was also an area of safety concern that is really working well now. We can usually measure the effectiveness of the routine by how many times we have to call the office at the end of the day regarding students being picked up by adults, and it has gotten much better. Remember, we understand that sometimes you cannot write a note if it is late in the afternoon and something comes up quickly that you have to pick up your child. So if you have to pick up late without giving prior notification to the office, you must come in and sign your child out, the same as if they were leaving for an appointment or for illness. We need written verification of who a child goes home with at the end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Quote Above

As the weather begins to warm children begin to get outside and enjoy Mother Nature. One of the most important gifts you can give your child is to teach them a love of nature. No matter where you live, having an understanding of the natural environment is such an important escape from modern stressors. It is always such a joy to see young children learning about the natural world, seeing a caterpillar for the first time, climbing a tree, or going on a campout with family and friends. Nature has a way of healing us that video games and computer time can never compete with. Whether on a beach or deep in the woods, there are so many little lessons that nature has to share with us if we only take the time to look and learn.

Have a Great Week!!

Talent Show Tryouts

DATE: Monday May 14th

TIME: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Music Room

**Have your ride ready to pick you up!*

**Students grades 3-8 only*

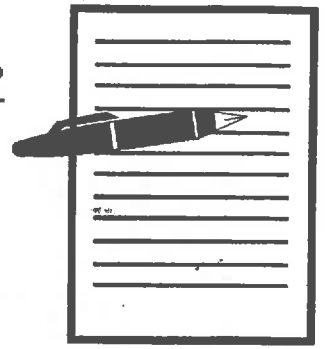
**No lip syncing!*

**3 minute time limit*

**Sign up outside of the music room & see Mrs. Sanders if you have questions!*



Young Author winners for this year are



1st Grade Winner: Cessily Patton

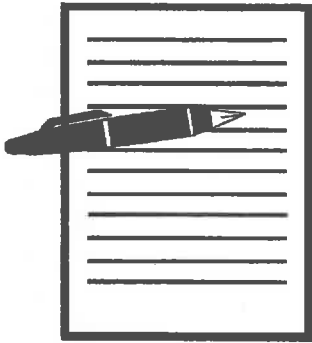
Runner Up: Brinley Winter

2nd Grade Winner: Leah Reed

Runner Up: Arya Shah

3rd Grade Winner: Breckin Winter

Runner Up: Jersie Lechel



4th Grade Winner: Katherine Bressner

Runner Up: Payton Blakemore

5th Grade Winner: Annika Michlik

Runner Up: Allen Trumbo

6th Grade Winner: Christina Snook

Runner Up: Saige McNeill

7th Grade Winner: Declan O' Connor

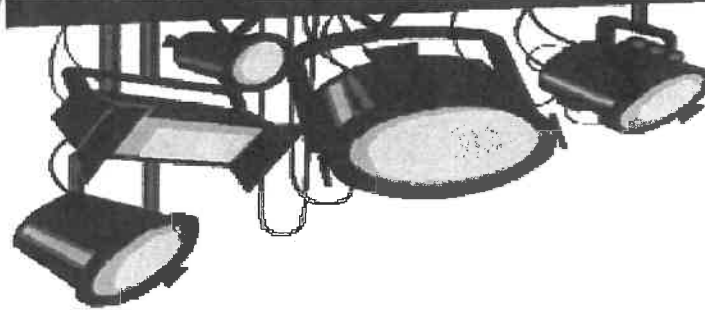
Runner Up: Reagan Bush

8th Grade Winner: Allie Snyder

Runner Up: Sofie Offermann

Congratulations to our Young Author's.





****Spring Program (*SUMMER CAMP!*) : Grades 3,4,5 –Thursday, April 26 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room**

****Spring Concert - Thursday, May 17 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room**

(Fifth Grade Choir, JH Choir & Band will perform)

**** Music classes are co-curricular. Information learned in Music Class each week is applied to our programs. Daily participation and performance attendance play an integral part in each students grade. Please plan to attend!!**



Calendar of Events

Monday April 23 - Track @ Seneca 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday April 24 - Track @ Woodland 4:15 p.m.

Wednesday April 25 - Midterms
11:50 Dismissal

Thursday April 26 - 3,4 and 5th Grade Choir Concert 6:30 p.m.
Young Authors

Friday April 27 - Track @ OHS 4:30 p.m.
8:30 a.m. - 7th Grade Trip - OHS

Special Birthdays

Apr. 22 Brody Burress Maya Scutt	Apr. 23	Apr. 24	Apr. 25	Apr. 26 Hayden Marvin	Apr. 27 Mrs. Walter Annabelle Larabee	Apr. 28 Garrett Christiansen
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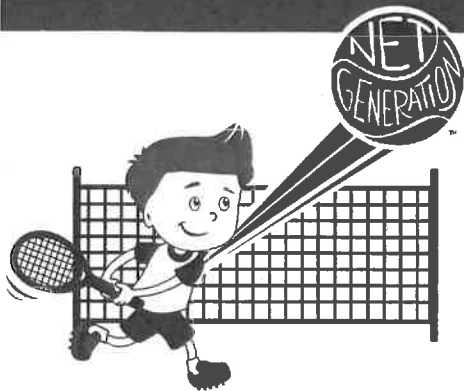
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WITH AVAILABILITY

Lunch Menu

	Monday April 23	Tuesday April 24	Wednesday April 25	Thursday April 26	Friday April 27
Breakfast Menu	Cereal PB Toast Fruit Juice	Cereal Churro Fruit Juice	Cereal String Cheese Fruit Juice	Cereal Toast / Jelly Fruit Juice	Donut Yogurt Fruit Juice
Lunch Menu	Chicken & Waffles Salad w/ Dressing Fruit Condiments	Soft Shell Tacos Lettuce / Cheese Cup Salsa Orange Smiles Refried Beans	11:50 Dismissal No Lunch	National Pretzel Day Ham on Goldfish Bread Wedges Cheese Sauce Pretzel Fresh Fruit Condiments	Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Applesauce Condiments

Sign up today at MidwestTeamTennis.com



OTTAWA YOUTH TEAM TENNIS

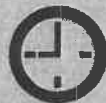
Using the USTA Youth Tennis play format, participants use modified equipment and courts, tailored to their age and size, making it easier to play, rally and succeed right from the start! Drills and games help develop core tennis skills within a fun, yet structured environment.



Ages 5-14 years old



Mondays & Wednesdays
June 25 - July 23, 2018
No class on July 4th



5:30 - 6:15 p.m. (Ages 5-8)
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. (Ages 9-14)



Ottawa High School Tennis Courts
211 E Main Street | Ottawa, IL 61350



\$69 per player
All players receive a team shirt, age appropriate tennis racquet, and a goody bag.



Registration closes June 3rd

If you have missed the registration deadline, contact Katie or Jack.

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