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Grand Ridge Community Consolidated School, District 95
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Ted N. Sanders, Superintendent
Terry Ahearn, Principal

RE: Assessment Changes

Dear Grand Ridge Community and Staff,

You may have heard that changes are coming to PARCC, the Illinois state assessment for students in grades three through eight. PARCC has dissolved and New Meridian is now managing this assessment. The state assessment remains essentially the same, keeping the core features of PARCC, as well as having already been approved by the Department of Education as a tool that meets federal standards.

So what are the differences between PARCC and the New Meridian PARCC-like test? Illinois will continue to use PARCC questions to maintain the same level of rigor that we have come to expect from the PARCC exam. The assessment will continue to include complex tasks in reading and math that require strategic reasoning, extended investigation, and writing. The intention of PARCC's more complex questions is to give teachers information not only about what a student knows, but also what they can do with that knowledge.

At the same time, we are also committed to making improvements to our test. We plan to give educators, students, and families a more useful understanding of where students are in their learning journeys and how ready they are for the next level. To this end, ISBE developed a Request for Proposal (RFP) that gives test vendors a chance to revise and improve our state assessment tool. Based on feedback from Superintendents and teachers we are committed to making additional improvements.

The specific improvements we are targeting include:

- Returning results more quickly, providing teachers with time to adjust instruction;
- Providing a model that informs educators how much growth a student makes within a year's time.
- Building assessments from the ground up in more languages to increase accessibility and allow all students to demonstrate their true level of mastery;
- Reporting results on a common scale across all assessments, including local assessments, so educators can engage in deeper dialogue with each other and with families and students;
- Reaching full online assessment to support equity of access to rigorous instruction and return results faster; and
- Transitioning to a computer-adaptive format, meaning the test items become more or less advanced depending on the student's performance as they progress through, so we know not just whether a student meets the standards for their grade level but the upper and lower bounds of their mastery.

Illinois will phase in changes, as improvements are identified, carefully and slowly. Because the statewide accountability system focuses heavily on student growth, accurately measuring students' growth is incredibly important. A growth measure allows us to identify effective teaching practices.

The review of the timeline and specific details for all changes depend on the proposals potential vendors submit to the Illinois State Board of Education. There will be no changes to the formats of any assessments students taken this spring.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions to 815-249-6225 or sandet@grgs95.org.

Sincerely,

Grand Ridge Academic Team

Congratulations to Ryan Seibert, Reagan Bush, Ben Domoleczny, Steven Hladovcak, Declan O'Connor and Franchesca Rodriguez on being our regional champions!

The Academic Team defeated Woodland 150-185. They defeated Saunemin 85-145. In the championship round, they defeated Flanagan 105-135.

Toss-up totals:

Reagan-2
Ben-4
Declan-4
Franchesca-5
Leading all scorers: Steven-9

It takes more than a toss up to win a match.
It takes teamwork and a good captain who can think quickly and make good decisions.
It takes someone to tell you YOU CAN!

Congratulations TEAM!





Star-of-the-Quarter:

The 3^d Quarter 2018 Honorees Are...

Kindergarten: Anna Reed

1st Grade: Ruby Dittmer

2nd Grade: Garrett Christensen

3rd Grade: Libbey Kerekes

4th Grade: Payton Blakemore

5th Grade: Caden Walter

6th Grade: Alyssa Purifoy

7th Grade: Reagan Bush

8th Grade: Brian Gutierrez

Congratulations!

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!*



GRADUATION

8th Grade Graduation Ceremony
Wednesday, May 30TH ~ 7:00 pm



****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

Mon. April 30 - Track @ OHS 4:30 p.m.

Tues. May 1

**Weds. May 2 - PTO Meeting 6 p.m.
2:20 Dismissal**

Thurs. May 3 - Track OHS 4:30 p.m.

Fri. May 4

Sat. May 5 - Track Sectionals

Special Birthdays

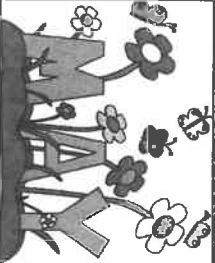

April 29	April 30	May 1 Alexis Fialko Breckin Winter	May 2	May 3 Owen Kearfott	May 4	May 5 Mrs. Bernadoni Mrs. Purcell

****PLEASE NOTE: MENUS IS
SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH
AVAILABILITY****

Lunch Menu

	Monday April 30	Tuesday May 1	Wednesday May 2	Thursday May 3	Friday May 4
Breakfast Menu	Cereal PB Toast Fruit Milk				
Lunch Menu	Walking Taco Lettuce / Cheese Cup Cowboy Salsa Orange Smiles	Rotini Salad w/ Dressing Pears Bread / Butter	Turkey Wrap w/ Lettuce & Cheese Strawberry Cup Cheese Puffs Condiments	Breaded or Grilled Chicken Sandwich Curly Fries Fruit Condiments	Chicken Fajita Lettuce / Cheese Cup Refried Beans Pineapple Churro

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 2nd Grade Field Trip 4th Grade Field Trip 7p School Board Meeting	9 2:20 Dismissal	10 Track @ OHS 4:30 p.m.	11 Track State Kindergarten Trip	12 Track Sectionals Cinco de Mayo
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16 6p All Sports Banquet 2:20 Dismissal	17 6 p.m. 5 - 8 Band / Choir Concert	18	19
20	21 5th Grade Field Trip	22 8th gr. Awards Ceremony / Graduation Walk 7:30 a.m. Honors Breakfast	23 2:20 Dismissal	24	25 3rd Grade Field Trip 6, 7, 8 Grade Field Trips	26
27	28 Memorial Day No School	29 Field Day	30 * Graduation 7 p.m. * 2:20 Dismissal	31 End of Quarter Report Cards Talent Show 11:50 a.m. Dismissal		



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Dear Grand Ridge Parents and Guardians,

Grand Ridge Grade School invites you to have lunch with your child. Each grade level has been assigned a month for parents/guardians to enjoy lunch with their child. In order to have enough space, we ask that you choose only one time during the assigned month to dine with your child.

If you wish to eat lunch with your child, please send a note to school by the morning of the day you wish to visit. We kindly ask that you bring a sack lunch for yourself. We ask that you do not bring food from restaurants into the school, as this will upset your child's classmates. Also, we ask that this special invitation is for parents or legal guardians only. We cannot accommodate extended family members during the lunch hour as space is limited. Your child's lunch is exactly 20 minutes. Parents must sign in at the office and then will be escorted to the multi-purpose room where the lunch is served. You will meet your child at his or her lunch table.

We hope that many parents can take advantage of the opportunity to see their child during the school day and can experience a typical day in the lunchroom.

Sincerely,

Terry Ahearn

Terry Ahearn
Principal

Month	Grade	Arrival Time
January	Kindergarten	11:40
February	5 th	12:00
	1 st	11:40
March	6 th	12:05
	2 nd	11:40
April	7 th	12:05
	3 rd	11:40
May	8 th	12:05
	4 th	11:40

20th Annual Free Kid's Fishing Expo

Saturday,
May 19, 2018
9am - 2pm

Don't miss the fun
at Baker Lake!

Baker Lake is located in
Peru on Airport Road north
of Shooting Park Road and
½ mile south of Wenzel Road.

Sponsored by:

The Better Fishing Association
of Northern Illinois,

Illinois Department of
Natural Resources,

Illinois Valley Sunrise Rotary Club,
and the LaSalle Rotary Club.

In association with:

Cities of Peru and LaSalle
and Peru Rescue Squad

For more information
please contact:

Mark Dudek at 815-220-3901,
Tom Wall at 815-223-3671,
or find us on the web at
www.better-fishing-assoc.org

FREE!

- Food • Games
- Drinks • Snacks

Featuring:

- A free beginning fishing "How-To" Clinic for boys & girls ages 6 and up. Sessions will start every 15 minutes!
- Free fishing games with prizes!
- Casting games!
- Live fish displays!
- Bait will be provided.
- Free fishing literature & door prizes!
- Learn to cast, tie a knot, bait a hook, tie a fly, identify your catch, clean a fish, and lots more!
- Tips from local fishermen!
- A limited number of fishing poles will be available for loan.
- B.S.A. Fishing Merit Badge.
- Games by the Pouncing Panthers 4H Club.
- Safety information by Peru Police Dept.



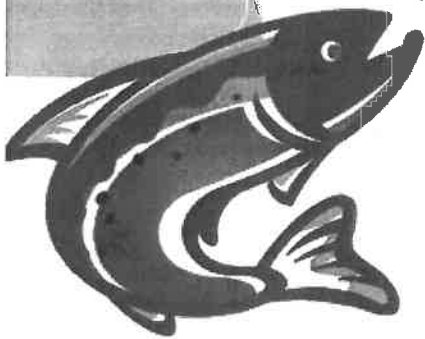
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Don't forget about the "Lock 14 Kid's Fishing Tournament" on Saturday, June 2nd!

Kid's Free Fishing Tournament

33rd Annual Event at Lock #14 - LaSalle

Saturday,
June 2, 2018



FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

2 Different Age Groups:
4-12 and 13-15

Registration: 8:00 am

Fish: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

I&M Canal Lock 14 - LaSalle

Bring Your Own Tackle

(One Pole & One Hook)

No Artificial Lures

Snacks & Drinks provided!

Bait provided!

Prizes will be awarded!

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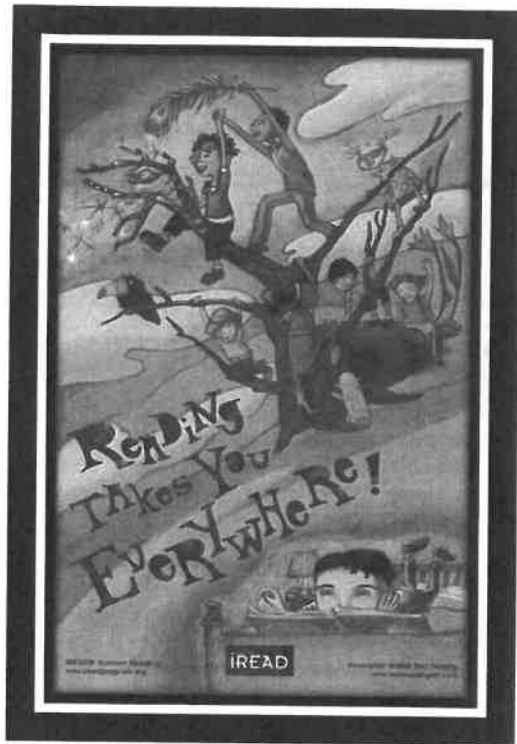
Cities of LaSalle and Peru and Peru Rescue Squad

For More Information, Please Contact:

223-2382 or 223-3671 • www.better-fishing-assoc.org

Make sure you attend the Kid's Fishing Expo
on Saturday, May 19th to practice for the Tournament!

**Summer
Reading
For Families**



Where: School Library

When: Monday's in July

Time: 10:00-12:00 or

1:00-2:30

Games, crafts, books

**Return books or check out
new books on Wed.'s**

in July

NEW!!!

GRAB & GO

Jr.High, Teens and Adults

**Stop by for a
visit, grab a book
for the week and
enjoy a good
Summer Read.**

**Bring a book,
take a book, or just borrow.**

Wednesday's

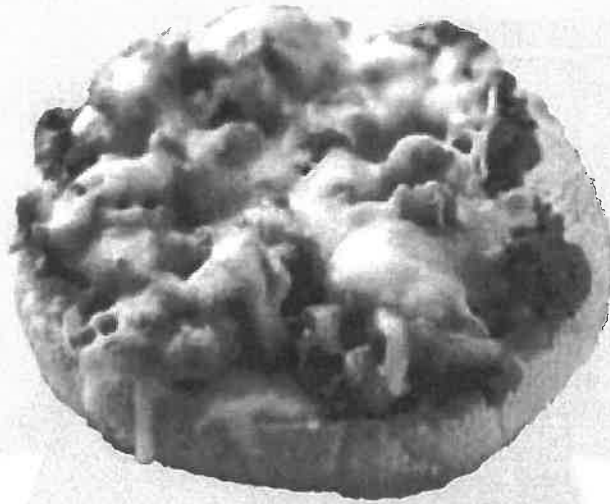
In July

Time: 11:00-12

or

1:00-2:00

COME AND GET 'EM!



PIZZA BURGERS ARE BACK!

**Saturday, May 12
1:30 - 4:00**

**Farm Ridge Township Hall
Carry-Out Only**

1 - \$3.00

5 - \$12.00

20 - \$45.00

Pre-Order: Cindy Davis (815) 674-5275

Joyce Miller (815) 249-6201

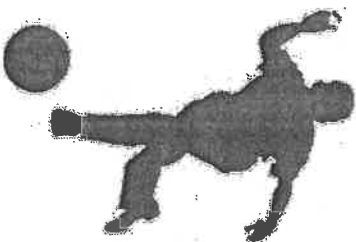


Sponsored by Grand Ridge Fest, a registered 501(C)3 in the State of Illinois

CAMPERS:
GRADES 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9
June 13th and 14th
(Wednesday and Thursday)
3:00 P.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

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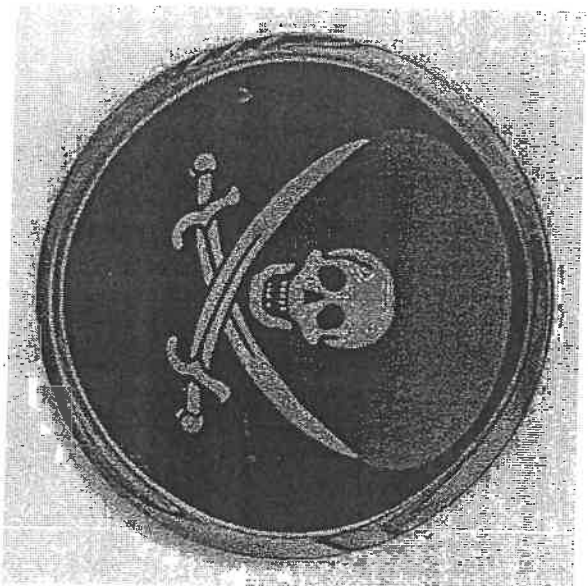


IN CONSIDERATION OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS ENTRY, I INTEND TO BE LEGALLY BOUND HEREBY FOR MYSELF, MY HEIRS, EXECUTORS, AND ADMINISTRATORS, WAIVE AND RELEASE THE OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL, THEIR AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS FOR ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OR RIGHTS TO DAMAGE FOR INJURIES OR LOSS SUFFERED BY ME DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN TRAINING OR TRAVELING TO OR FROM OR IN COMPETING IN OR ATTENDING THE OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING CAMP.

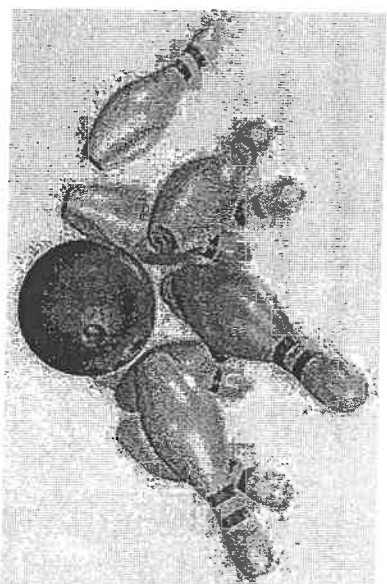
NO STUDENT CAN PARTICIPATE WITHOUT THEIR PARENT'S SIGNATURE:

2018-19 BOWLING HIGH SCHOOL INFO

Bowling was established during the 2009-10 school year at OTHS. During that time our program has grown to a successful program. We have both boys and girls bowling teams at OTHS. The boy's season starts October 22. The girl's season starts November 12. All home meets are at Dettores West, downtown Ottawa.



OTTAWA PIRATES

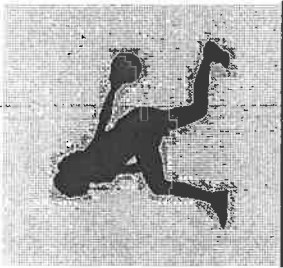


BOWLING CAMP

June 13th and 14th, 2018
(Wednesday and Thursday)

SPONSORED BY: OTHS BOWLING STAFF

HEAD COACH
MARK ANDREWS
ASSISTANT COACH
KATHY LONG



CAMP GOALS:

LEARN NEW DRILLS
PROPER TECHNIQUES AND MECHANICS FOR
BECOMING A BETTER BOWLER

COST:

- 1 CAMPER \$30
- 2 CAMPERS \$50
- 3 CAMPERS \$65

CHECKS:

MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO
OTHS BOWLING

FREE:

EACH CAMPER WILL RECEIVE WITH ADMISSION
AN OTHS BOWLING TOWEL

REGISTRATION:

DETACH AND RETURN FORM BY MAY 18 TO
MARK ANDREWS @ OTHS 211 E. MAIN,
OTTAWA, IL 61350
OR REGISTER @ THE DOOR THE DAY OF THE
CLINIC @ 2:30 P.M.

CAMP DATE:

June 13th and 14th, 2018
(Wednesday and Thursday)
5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th GRADES
@ 3:00 P.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M.

CAMP SITE:

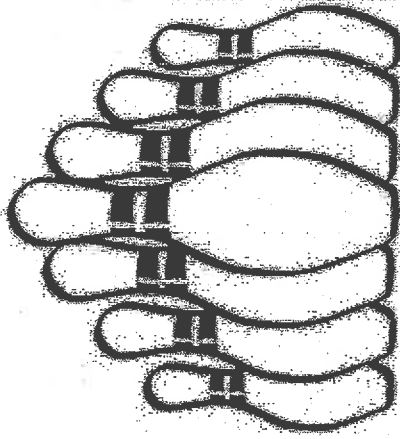
DETTORE'S WEST
DOWNTOWN OTTAWA

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

PLEASE BRING BOWLING BALL AND SHOES. IF
YOU DO NOT HAVE EITHER, THEY WILL BE
PROVIDED

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

MARK ANDREWS AT
815-488-9893



COMPLETE AND RETURN SIGNED WITH YOUR
PAYMENT

NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

SCHOOL: _____

CITY: _____

PHONE: _____

EMERGENCY
PHONE: _____

***If bowling was offered in your school
would you be interested in participating on the
team? (Please Check one)

Yes: ()

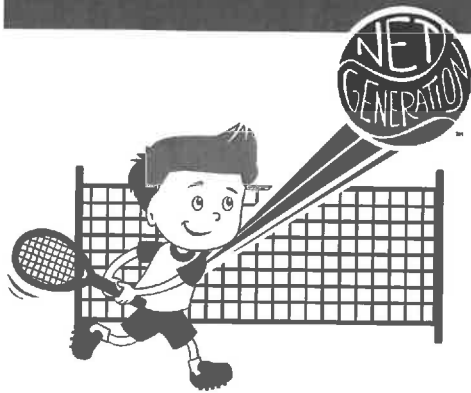
No: ()

INSURANCE:

EACH PARTICIPANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR
OWN INSURANCE.

COMPLETE BOTH SIDES, DETATCH
AND RETURN TO MARK ANDREWS AT
OTHS 211 E. MAIN, OTTAWA, IL
61350

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.



MIDWEST
MID-SOUTH ILLINOIS



Registration closes June 3rd

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

Program Contacts: Katie McGraw
Jack Marvel

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jackthm11@gmail.com | (815) 343-8474

