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~NEWSLETTER~



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

Weeks of
April 8—14, 2018

A Few Words from Mr. Sanders....

"Ye men of courage, industry, and goodness, continue thus in well doing; and if you grow not ostentatious, it will be thought by every good man who sees your performances; here are brave men, men of spirit and humanity, good citizens, or neighbors, capable and worthy of civil society, and the enjoyment of a happy government."---Benjamin Franklin

The following is "A Decalogue of Canons for Observation in Practical Life" by Thomas Jefferson with commentary by the author:

Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

Seems pretty simple, but being slothful in our work has become almost an accepted practice in our modern world. You see pictures of the "new work environment" with people lounging on couches and plugging away at their laptops. They take basketball breaks and social breaks and meditation breaks. The experts say this is the new wave of the workplace and encourages high levels of creativity. Some call it the Google Model. It is very likely that Jefferson would not have viewed that kind of work environment as work. Instead, he insisted that we max out each day to its fullest in work completion.

Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.

Now-a-days this has been completely reversed. We are encouraged to rely on others for everything in making decisions and completing projects. Very few work environments state that they are looking for an independent person who finds solutions on his/her own.

Never spend your money before you have it.

Ever heard of credit cards? Jefferson hadn't.

Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap; it will be dear to you.

Ever hear of Amazon? Jefferson didn't.

Pride costs us more than hunger, thirst, and cold.

We pride ourselves in so many things, yet humble ourselves in so few. Our pride causes us to make poor decisions that end up costing us in the future.

We never repent of having eaten too little.

Enough said. So that means no doughnuts before bed I suppose.

Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.

If we enjoy what we do, there is no work in it. Work only becomes a way to express ourselves through our activity.

How much pain has cost us the evils which have never happened.

Worry and doubt are the biggest destroyers of individuality. Fear that we cannot achieve on our own causes us to give up on our hopes and dreams and listen to the vain crowd. To avoid this kind of pain, we must stop worrying about what might happen and focus on the moment.

Take things always by their smooth handle.

That isn't to say always take the easy way out.....the phrase merely says that you can avoid a lot of misery if you take a look at what you are getting ready to do and start with the part that is the easiest to handle. Hard problems can be solved by finding their "smooth handle."

When angry, count to ten before you speak; if very angry, an hundred.

Once we have become angry we cannot take back what we say or do; therefore, be careful to take a deep breath and wait before reacting. You may not be able to control the actions in the world; but you can control your reactions to the world.

Have a Great Week!!!!

Honor Roll for the 3rd Nine Weeks
 High Honor Roll – Students Receiving 3.50 GPA or Higher
 * Denotes Straight A's

8 th Grade	7 th Grade	6 th Grade
*Jaelyn Blakemore	*Reagan Bush	*Christina Snook
*Connor Novotney	*Thomas Durdan	Nora Cave
*Sofie Offermann	*Hannah Galletti	Abigayle Gribbin
*Alexandria Snyder	*Franchesca Rodriguez	Kiley Rhodes
Kendal Killian	Jaron Black	
Dalton Walter	Benjamin Domoleczny	
	Lydia Fessler	
	Declan O'Connor	
	Ryan Seibert	
	Marisa Vickers	
	Kyotee McNeill	

Honor Roll—Students Receiving 3.00–3.49 GPA

8 th Grade	7 th Grade	6 th Grade
Hailee Applebee	Gavin Brock	Andrew Cavallini
Brody Burress	Ethan Christie	Alec Darrow
Brian Gutierrez	Sadie Lechel	Lexy Jensen
Jeffry Lafleur	Faith Maltby	James Maltby
Benjamin Pond	Bianca Reilly	Saige McNeill
Hannah Rambo		Michael Mills
Jaden Reilly		Cody Orsburn
Devon Snyder		Hadley Richardson
Angela Sustek		
Nolan Swartzmiller		
Dylan Tredway		

8TH GRADE GRADUATION PICTURES

8th Grade Cap and Gown pictures will take place on Wednesday, April 18th from 2:20-3:30 p.m. The cost of the Caps and Gowns is \$30.00; this fee as well as any other fees owed will need to be paid before we can release the cap and gown to the student.
Payment due by Friday, April 13, 2018.



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 8th – 14th is National Library Week. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our library and librarian Rachel Woodyer. She continues to work very hard updating the library. She always makes the children feel welcome when they come in, and she even knows what books a child likes to read. She also helps the children find information about a topic or project they have to do for class. We all appreciate what Mrs. Woodyer does for the children and the teachers here at Grand Ridge. So, Mrs. Woodyer...

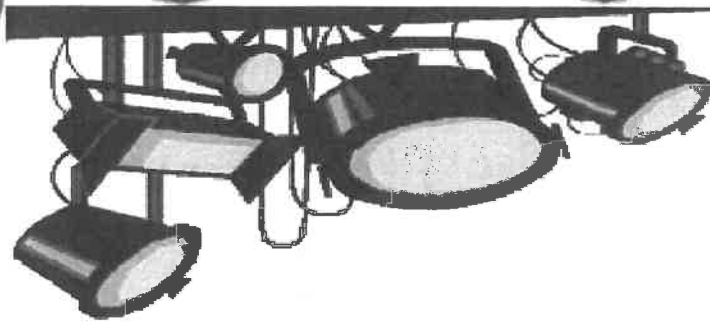
"Happy National Librarian Week"

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you know of any child in our district that will be entering kindergarten next year, please tell the parent that registration is . . .

*Wednesday April 11, 2018
from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.*

The child must be 5 before September 1, 2018.



****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!!**



SOLO/ENSEMBLE CONTEST

Congratulations to the following students who received a Division One rating at the Solo and Ensemble Contest:

Aubrey Bowman, Joseph Burke, Alec Darrow, Ben Domoleczny, Hannah Galletti, Aiden Gordon, Steven Hladovcak, Abby Johanson, Sadie Lechel, James Maltby, Michael Mills, Ava Paris, Alyssa Purifoy, Allie Snyder and Marisa Vickers

Congratulations to Joseph Burke, Steven Hladovcak and James Maltby for receiving **PERFECT SCORES** on their vocal solos!!!!!!

~~You were all a wonderful representation of Grand Ridge Grade School!~~

Calendar of Events

Mon. Apr. 9 - Track @ Seneca 4:30 p.m.

Tues. Apr. 10 - School Board Meeting 7 p.m.

*Wed. Apr. 11 - Kindergarten Registration 2:30 - 4 p.m.
Track @ Seneca 4:30 p.m.
2:20 Dismissal*

Thur. Apr. 12 - Track @ SHS 4:30 p.m.

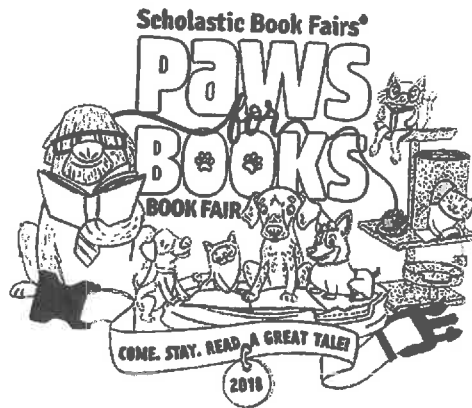
Special Birthdays

Sun. April 8 Faith Maltby Anna Swango	Mon. April 9 Hailee Applebee	Tues. April 10	Weds. April 11	Thurs. April 12	Fri. April 13	Sat. April 14
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****PLEASE NOTE: MENUS IS
SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH
AVAILABILITY****

Lunch Menu

	Monday April 9	Tuesday April 10	Wednesday April 11	Thursday April 12	Friday April 13
Breakfast Menu	Cereal Poptart Fruit Juice	Cereal Granola Bar Fruit Juice	Pizza Fruit Juice	Cereal Honeymaid Fruit Juice	Strawberry Chex Yogurt Fruit Juice
Lunch Menu	Sub of the Day Deli Turkey Sub Salad w/ Dressing- Fruit Condiments	Chicken Patty on Bun Coleslaw Mandarin Oranges Condiments	Brunch for Lunch Omelet Choice of Potato Orange Smiles Toast / Jelly	Pepperoni Pizza Carrots w/ Ranch Fresh Fruit Cookie	Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Applesauce Condiments



We are adding something fun to the Spring Book Fair! It will also benefit Scholastic's ALL FOR BOOKS program. We will be providing the opportunity for students to participate in dress-up days! We ask that each student bring \$1 each time that they would like to participate.

Superhero and Dog Man Day, April 19th – Dress up as your favorite superhero or wear your favorite superhero shirt (Be sure to keep your superhero gear on for our Fine Arts Night!)

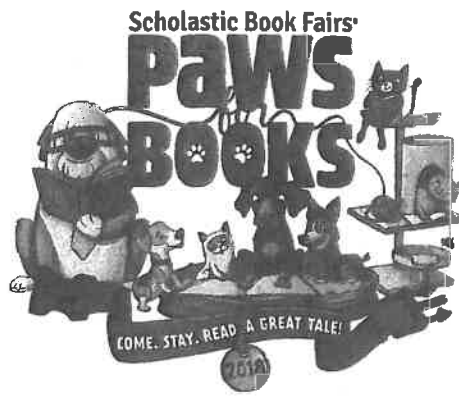
Clifford Day, April 20th – Wear red

Cat in the Hat Day, April 23rd – Wear your favorite hat

Pete the Cat Day, April 24th – Wear something blue and/or groovy

Hairball Day, April 25th – Crazy Hair Day

ALL FOR BOOKS is a wonderful fundraising opportunity through Scholastic. All of the money we raise can be used to purchase books for our classrooms and library. Scholastic will also match what we raise – and donate that to a facility in need (children's hospitals, low-income schools, etc.)



The theme for our Spring Book Fair is
PAWS FOR BOOKS.

The PTO is asking that you send in a picture of your child reading to their pet. It could be a dog, cat, horse, goat – whatever pets you have! These pictures will be on display during the Book Fair and Fine Arts Night.

Please have your picture turned in by April 16th so we have time to display them all. (Write the teacher's name on the back if you would like your picture returned to you.)

Thank you for your continued support!

~ GRGS PTO ~



**Grand Ridge
Grade School Presents
Fine Arts/Reading Night
Open House 2018**

Thursday April 19th
6:00-7:30

Grand Ridge Grade
School Multi-Purpose
Room

**CELEBRATING OUR AMAZING ARTISTS,
MARVELOUS MUSICIANS AND RADIANT READERS**

Your Super Hero Wardrobe is Welcome

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- * 6:15 Young Authors Awards on the Stage
- * 6:30 Book reading by Mrs. Kathy Geiger, former GRGS Teacher, In the Library
- * 6:45 Book Reading by Ms. Monica Soulsby, former GRGS student, In the Library
- * 7:00 Creating a GRGS Comic Book Mascot with Charlie Ellerbrock, In the Library
- * 7:15 Reading by "Super Sanders" or "Amazing Ahearn" on the stage
- * 7:30 Unveiling of the Mural *Starry, Starry Grand Ridge*
- * Solo and Ensemble performances throughout the night in the music room from 6:15-7:15
- * Book walk in the Gym from 6:00-7:15
- * Make and Take Projects in the Multipurpose Room
- * Get your Kryptonite Card Stamped at each station for a chance to win prizes!
- * View artwork from all of our Grand Ridge Grade School Amazing Artists
- * Bring a Camera for our *Super Hero Photo Booth*

*"It is not who I am, but
what I do that defines me."*

Batman





Spring Cleaning

Are you doing any spring cleaning? Grand Ridge is looking for new or gently used books in good condition.

Students will be collecting these books and using them to cast a vote. Students will be voting to see if they would like to see Super Sanders or Amazing Ahearn read a story to them on Fine Arts/Reading Night on April 19th. Students may bring their books to the Multi-Purpose room at lunch time to vote during the weeks of April 3rd and April 9th.

All books will be donated to Circuit Breaker School in Peru. "Circuit Breaker School serves children with Emotional Disabilities, Other Health Impairments, and Developmental Delays" throughout LaSalle County. "Programming is designed for students who require a more specialized setting than is available in their home school districts."

We hope we can make a difference helping another school, and have some fun while doing it!

So who will you vote for? Amazing Ahearn or Super Sanders?

Fine Arts/Reading Night is going to be on Thursday April 19th from 6:00-7:30. All "Super Students" are encouraged to attend with their families that night for an evening full of visiting authors, make and take art projects, super hero games, and prizes. The book fair will be open that evening also. Super hero attire is welcome! Look for more information to come soon!

