

Grand Ridge Grade School

NEWSLETTER



Weeks of Dec. 23, 2018 - Jan. 12, 2019

400 W. Main Street
Grand Ridge, IL 61325

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

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A Few Words from the Superintendent . . .

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Our children are fast becoming anxious for a well-deserved break from their studies. Our winter break comes at a great time when students are looking forward to time with their friends and families. For the next couple weeks they will put down their books for a while and have a little time to play games, attend parties and get-togethers, and spend time with those they love. Teachers as well get to have some much needed reconnection time with their loved ones. It has been a busy year already, and everyone deserves a little rest this time of year.



Our third grade class led by Mrs. Purcell, and music led by Mrs. Sanders, took time on Wednesday to visit Friendship Village and Pleasant View Lutheran Home in Ottawa to spread some cheer by playing bingo, making crafts, and singing with the residents. Everyone learned a lot from the event, and we are happy that Grand Ridge could be represented in such a way, showing our kindness and caring attitudes in the community. Lessons like these are just as important as any we teach in the classroom.

Survey Deadlines!!

As we wrap up December, we ask that everyone try to finish their surveys by the end of this month. We appreciate the feedback we are getting, and we have had a good number of people respond. Thank you!

Just to let you know, there will be another survey coming out for parents when we return to school in January called the **5 Essentials survey**. This survey is conducted by the State of Illinois and is now another requirement annually for us to offer to our parents. I will have more information for you in the future.

Happy Holidays!

As we close out another calendar year and look forward to the year **2019**, we look back on all the trials and accomplishments of the past year. It is our hope that this year has seen more happiness than sorrow, more joy than pain, and more love than anger and hostility. We wish you and yours a Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas, and a bright and Happy New Year!

HOOP SHOOT CONTEST

Blaize Bressner is the 1st place winner of the 12 - 13 year old Division. Blaize shot 22 out of 25 and will be headed to Dekalb for the District Competition.

CONGRATULATIONS BLAIZE!!!



PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Parent volunteers are needed to become part-time substitute cafeteria workers or part-time sub janitors.

If interested, please email Mr. Sanders at:

sandet@grgs95.org



We're
Searching for
Volunteers



MOHAWKS

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Ted N. Sanders, Superintendent
Terry Ahearn, Principal

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
Principal

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

GRAND RIDGE GRADE
SCHOOL PTO

CASH
PRIZES

70'S TRIVIA

JAN 18TH 2019

New Location:
Roamers Lounge
2110 N Bloomington St
Streator

Doors Open 5pm
For Food & Raffles
Catering by BullPen
Food/Drink proceeds go to PTO
Trivia Starts 7pm

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL
Katie 678-772-3191 Kirsten 815-674-1722



CHRISTMAS BREAK BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

December 27th - Trace Campbell

December 28th - Dante Cave

December 29th - Deacon Knott

December 31st - Skyleigh Speirer
Emma Wilson

January 3rd - Mrs. Crabb
Ms. Killelea

January 4 - Michael Mills

January 5th - Brandon Rogers

January 8th - Vincent Chapman
Mrs. Schrik
Mrs. Ericzon

Calendar of Events

Dec. 28 - 5th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament Holy Family

*Jan. 2 - 7/8 Boys Basketball VGSC Tournament @ Cornell
PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.*

Jan. 3 - 6/7/8 Volleyball @ Marseilles 5:00 p.m.

Jan. 4 - 6th Grade Boys Basketball Harcar Tournament

*Jan. 7 - 7/8 Boys Basketball VGSC Tournament @ Cornell
5/6 Volleyball vs. Holy Family 5:00 p.m.*

*Jan. 8 - 5/6 Volleyball @ Wallace 4:30 p.m.
7/8 Volleyball vs. Wallace 5:00 p.m.*

*Jan. 9 - 7/8 Volleyball vs. Shepard 5:00 p.m.
2:20 Dismissal*

*Jan. 10 - 5/6 Volleyball @ Marquette 5:00 p.m.
7/8 Volleyball @ Flanagan 5:30 p.m.*

Jan. 11 - End of Quarter

Jan. 12 - 7/8 Boys Basketball VGSC Shootout

SCHOOL DISMISSES AT 11:50 A.M.

ON FRIDAY, DEC. 21, 2018

FOR CHRISTMAS VACATION - CLASSES RESUMES JAN. 7th, 2019

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

BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENU

	Monday Jan. 7	Tuesday Jan. 8	Wednesday Jan. 9	Thursday Jan. 10	Friday Jan. 11
Breakfast Menu	Cereal Pop Tart Fruit Juice	Pizza Fruit Juice	Cereal Granola Bar Fruit Juice	Strawberry Chex Yogurt Fruit Juice	Cereal Honeymaid Fruit Juice
Lunch Menu	Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Applesauce Pudding Condiments	Brunch for Lunch French Toast Sticks Hashbrown Fruit Condiments	Chili Cornbread or Crackers Fruit Sorbet	Hamburger Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Bread and Butter	Chicken Patty on Bun Salad w/ Dressing Fruit Condiments

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Years Day	2 7/8 Boys Basketball VGSC Tournament @ Cornell PTO MTG 6 p.m.	3 6/7/8 Volleyball @ Marseilles 5:00 p.m.	4 6th Grade Boys Basketball Harcar Tournament	5
6	7 7/8 Boys Basketball VGSC Tournament @ Cornell 5/6 Volleyball vs Holy Family 5:00 p.m.	8 5/6 Volleyball @ Wallace 4:30 p.m. 7/8 Volleyball vs Wallace 5:00 p.m.	9 7/8 Volleyball vs Shepard 5:00 p.m. Dismiss 2:20 p.m.	10 5/6 Volleyball @ Marquette 5:00 p.m. 7/8 Volleyball @ Flanagan 5:30 p.m.	11 End of Quarter	12 7/8 Boys Basketball VGSC Shootout
13	14 7/8 Boys Basketball vs Wallace 5:00 p.m.	15 5/6 Volleyball @ St. Michaels 5:00 p.m. 7/8 Boys Basketball @ Olgeby Washington 5:00 p.m. 7/8 Volleyball vs St. Michaels 5:00 p.m. 7p School Board Meeting	16 7/8 Volleyball vs Waltham 5:00 p.m. Dismiss 2:20 p.m. Senior Lunch	17 5/6 Volleyball vs Gardner 5:00 p.m. 7/8 Volleyball @ Odell 5:00 p.m.	18	19 6th Grade Volleyball Tournament @ Milton Pope 7th Grade Boys Basketball Regionals
20	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School	22 7th Grade Boys Basketball Regionals 5/6 Volleyball @ Waltham 5:00 p.m. 7/8 Volleyball vs Saunamin 5:00 p.m.	23 Regional 5/6 Volleyball @ TCA 5:00 p.m. 7/8 Volleyball vs TCA 5:00 p.m. Dismiss 2:20 p.m.	24	25	26 8th Grade Boys Basketball Regionals
27	28 8th Grade Boys Regionals 5/6 Volleyball @ Central 5:00 p.m.	29 5/6 Volleyball @ Parkside 4:30 p.m. 7/8 Volleyball @ Cornell 5:00 p.m.	30 7/8 Volleyball vs Parkside 5:00 p.m. 7th Grade Boys Basketball Sectionals Booster Club Meeting 7:00 p Dismiss 2:20 p.m.	31 6/7/8 Volleyball vs Woodland 5:00 p.m. 8th Grade Boys Basketball Regionals		

Grand Ridge CCSD #95 Parent Survey

Reason for Survey:

Periodically it is important for the school district to survey parents and community members to help inform decision-making. As part of this process we have developed an electronic survey that can be taken on your computer or mobile device. The answers we receive from this survey will help us in making decisions for the school and the children of Grand Ridge. The opinions of our community, parents, and guardians are very important to us.

How to Access the Survey

There will be several ways to access the survey online:

- **Use the information at the bottom of this sheet to take the survey. Simply read and follow the instructions for taking the survey, submit, and you are done!**
- **Parents and Guardians who gave us an email address in the registration packet will be invited via email to participate in the survey**
- **The instructions and link for the survey will be added to our webpage at grgs95.org.**
- **The weekly newsletter will also include all of the information for accessing the survey.**
- **If you need help taking the survey, we will have a station set up in the main office of the school for parents and community members to log in and take the survey. Call ahead to set up an appointment!**

Timeline for Results

After taking the survey during the month of November, we will compile the data and meet with our District Vision Committee in January. The committee will help us to determine priorities from the survey results and will give the Board of Education the information to use in helping to set our long-range goals for the school. We will share the results in future publications of our newsletter and on our website www.grgs95.org, so make sure to watch for updates!

Access the Survey!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N8JBSK6>



Grand Ridge Grade School Community Survey

Grand Ridge District 95 is issuing a community survey for everyone in the Grand Ridge school district. We want your input and will use your comments and survey results to help direct and guide our decision-making. There are a couple different ways to access the survey:

1. Go to our website: www.grgs95.org and click on the community survey link. Follow the directions when you are prompted.
2. If you would like to take the survey on your device or phone, you may enter the survey into your browser bar at this address:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/JKRLQMO

Thank you again for taking time to fill out our brief survey that takes less than 10 minutes. For any questions please call the office at 815-249-6225.

Grand Ridge
Booster
Club

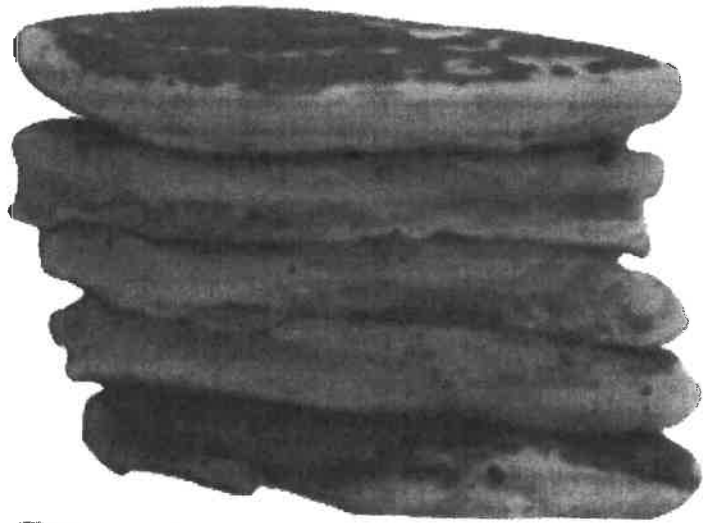
All You
Can Eat
Pancakes

Sat Jan 5th 2019

730-1030

Grand Ridge School

Includes Sausage,
Coffee, Juice or
Milk



Thank you for supporting
the Booster Club



\$8 ADULTS
\$5 Kids 4-12

FOR INFO CALL Jodi Stehl 815-712-8296

