

# Grand Ridge Grade School

## NEWSLETTER



Weeks of Dec. 6 - 12, 2020

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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 . . .

*"Liberty without learning is always in peril and learning without liberty is always in vain."—John F. Kennedy*

#### COVID-19 Updates:

At present we are on the other side of a spike that occurred after Halloween and prior to Thanksgiving. This spike in COVID numbers sparked the return to full remote learning for many districts, but GRGS is still persisting. As we have stated before, the reason we are able to keep moving forward with hybrid learning and ½ day in-person teaching is because everyone is doing their part to keep us open. Continue to practice good hygiene, mask wearing, and social distancing when out and about. And thank you to everyone who stays home when they are not well. We need to make it through 2 more weeks before Christmas break, so keep that goal in mind. You're doing great! Mr. Ahearn and I are watching the numbers in the county very closely, as well as with our own staff, and we will notify you when we can resume our afternoon recovery program. We hope to get back to that as soon as possible.

#### Giving and Helping:

You may not know it, but our staff here at the school is pulling together in coordination with the PTO to do a lot of giving and fundraising to help families in our district. It does the heart good to see the dedication and generosity of those helping out. From Paula Krohe and those volunteers from PTO helping with the Santa's Secret Shop to each and every teacher and staff member who is giving of their time and resources to help the children in need this year, your school is stepping up in ways that would make you proud. After moving here with my family in 2005 one thing I have always known about this community is that everyone pulls together to help each other. You can't say that about all communities, but you can say that of Grand Ridge. It's not just the monetary support from everyone, but also the community support like farmers helping other farmers when times are tough and people just pitching in to help others in any way they can. Regardless of your financial situation, everyone here tries to help in some way, and it makes me proud to be a part of it. And you should be proud as well. If you are reading this newsletter you have a lot to be thankful for in this community.

#### Decorating for the Season:

A big shout out to the following students for helping with decorating for the holiday:

**Mason Jaegle, Evelyn Grady, Landon Sawin, and Blaize Bressner**

*Have a Great Week!!!!*



# MOHAWKS

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December 3, 2020

Dear Parents,

Ashlynn Blacklaw, a student from Grand Ridge School, was diagnosed with a rare cancer called DIPG (diffuse intrinsic glioma). The Grand Ridge School and PTO are selling bracelets, sporting Ashlynn's favorite colors, in support of Ashlynn and her family. The bracelets will begin to be sold at Grand Ridge Grade School in each classroom on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. The PTO will be providing one bracelet for all students. Additional bracelets can be purchased with a minimum donation of \$3.00. The proceeds from the bracelets will be provided to the Blacklaw family. Most importantly, the bracelets will symbolize our outgoing support for the entire Blacklaw family. If you are wishing to purchase additional bracelets, please fill out the bottom of the attached letter. Any checks can be made payable to Grand Ridge Grade School. If you have any questions please call the office @ 815-249-6225 or email [bernarn@grgs95.org](mailto:bernarn@grgs95.org).

Thank you for your support

~Grand Ridge School Faculty/Staff and PTO

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ bracelets at \$3.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Adult's \_\_\_\_\_ Child \_\_\_\_\_

I do not need a bracelet, but would like to donate \_\_\_\_\_.

Name of family: \_\_\_\_\_

# Calendar of Events

Dec. 7 - 11:50 Dismissal

Dec. 8 - 11:50 Dismissal  
7 p.m. Board Meeting

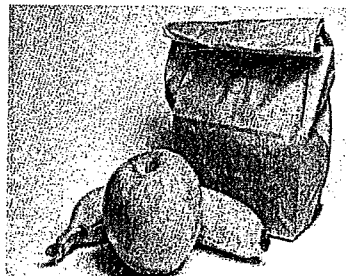
Dec. 9 - 11:50 Dismissal

Dec. 10 - 11:50 Dismissal

Dec. 11 - 11:50 Dismissal

## Special Birthdays

Dec. 6	Dec. 7	Dec. 8	Dec. 9	Dec. 10	Dec. 11	Dec. 12
	Xander Shelton	Kieran Black	Ruby Dittmer			Payton Blakemore





## Lunch Reminder

Even though you will be pre-ordering free lunches each week, that menu will be subject to change. Therefore we ask you to simply sign up if you want lunches to be provided for the week.

Thanks!

# December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11:50 Dismissal	2 11:50 Dismissal <i>PTO Mtg. 6:00 p.m.</i>	3 11:50 Dismissal	4 11:50 Dismissal	5
6	7	8 11:50 Dismissal <i>7p.m. Board Mtg.</i>	9 11:50 Dismissal	10 11:50 Dismissal	11 11:50 Dismissal	12
13	14	15 11:50 Dismissal	16 11:50 Dismissal <i>Booster Club Mtg</i>	17 11:50 Dismissal	18 11:50 Dismissal	19
20	21 <i>Christmas Break</i>	22 <i>Christmas Break</i>	23 <i>Christmas Break</i>	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 	 <i>happy holidays</i>	26
27	28 <i>Christmas Break</i>	29 <i>Christmas Break</i>	30 <i>Christmas Break</i>	31 <i>New Years Eve</i>		