



Grand Ridge Grade School

NEWSLETTER

Week of Dec. 10-20, 2017

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"A good judge conceives quickly, judges slowly."—English Proverb

December is upon us! The school year is zipping along and we are approaching midterms of 2nd quarter. It is hard to believe we are this far on the road, but the time is moving quickly as always.

GOOD NEWS!!!!

We have some good news to report. Our students have placed at the top of the county on our Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) test. Your children scored a composite score of 47.1 cumulative math and reading scores as opposed to the State's average of 34.5. The next closest schools were tied for second at 46.9. We are proud of the teachers and students for doing so well. It has been challenging to keep up with the demands of the State regarding the tests, but through education of staff and students in the new expectations, and a plan to achieve our goals, we are seeing the results we knew our kids were capable of. We celebrated this information with them at a Pep-rally earlier last week.

John Finley Commons Project

After many years of waiting, we are finally back to completing the work of installing the brick pavers in the commons area of the John Finley memorial in the new entrance of the building. We have located a list that had the donors of the current bricks in place, but we noticed that there are some bricks that were not on that list and a few others that purchased a brick or bricks that have not been installed yet. If you or someone you know purchased a brick and did not see it placed, please let us know so we can make good on the purchase. We would appreciate a copy of a canceled check or receipt to verify the purchase. The plan is to work with Glen Gery Brick in Marseilles to get the bricks made and then we will install. Once we are caught up on those that need to be placed first, we will look into opening them up for sale and will keep you posted on how that process will work. Please contact the office at 815-249-6225 if you did not see your brick in the paved area in front of the Finley memorial bust.

Changes to Attendance and Enrollment

As part of the new Evidence Based Funding Model (EBFM) the state passed as an improved way to fund public education, there will be new attendance and enrollment procedures to secure the funding we get each year called General State Aid (GSA). The numbers will be based on school enrollment at 2 different checkpoints in the year, the first in October and the second in March. The state will look at enrollment data only on those dates as the determining factor for how we receive money in our calculation. That is a change from the best 3 month average daily attendance (ADA) number that was used in the past. Using enrollment rather than attendance may help with our total numbers; however, they are also in the process of gathering more data regarding student excused and unexcused absences, which leads us to believe there may be more coming in the future with the attendance issue.

To hold a school accountable for the funding they receive, the state verifies those attendance data through our reporting process we complete daily throughout the school year. Now that everything is computer driven, it is easier for the state to request an audit of our attendance data. Long story short, it is important for all of our students to attend every day and to avoid unexcused absences. Mr. Ahearn has worked very hard to drive those numbers down, along with the cooperation of the students and families involved. We are making strides in reducing absenteeism. For us, it is a simple goal to have students present so they are exposed to the great teaching that is going on each day in the classrooms. That is being expressed in our scores on the state test and our own local testing. When students are here, they are learning. When they are not here, we play catch up.

It has been said that "it is easier to keep up than to catch up," and we believe that old saying. Whether it is through our determined efforts to keep up with curriculum changes, RtI, PBIS, or the countless other hurdles that have been placed in front of us over the past few years, or the sheer determination, will, and stamina of our staff, Grand Ridge District 95 is leading the pack. This is where we want to be. We want the best behaved, most sincere, hard-working, caring children to graduate from these halls; and we are producing that for the community. Be proud of your children and of your school. They are becoming the future leaders we hope for.

Have A Great Week!!!!

Calendar of Events

- Dec. 11 - PBIS Store
5/6 Boys Basketball @ Odell 5 pm
7/8 Boys Basketball vs Flanagan 5pm
- Dec. 12 - 5/6 Boys Basketball @ Central 4:30pm
School Board Meeting 7pm
- Dec. 13 - 5/6 Boys Basketball @ Parkside 4:30pm
Senior Lunch 12pm
2:20 Dismissal
- Dec. 14 - 8th Grade girls Basketball State
5 - 8 Band / Choir Concert 6:30pm
- Dec. 15 - 8th Grade Boys Basketball Harding Tournament
- Dec. 18 - 5/6 Boys Basketball vs Lincoln 5pm
- Dec. 19 - 5/6 Boys Basketball @ Putnam 4:30pm
- Dec. 20 - 11:50 pm



Special Birthdays

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| Dec. 12 - Payton Blakemore | Dec. 27 - Trace Campbell |
| Dec. 13 - Noah Bockelman
Kyron Forsyth
Emma Rambo
Gabriel Spencer | Dec. 31 - Skyleigh Speirer
Emma Wilson |
| Dec. 14 - Leah Kearfott | Jan. 3 - Sandy Crabb
Ms. Killelea |
| Dec. 15 - Hannah Rambo
Mrs. Knott | Jan. 4 - Micheal Mills |
| Dec. 16 - Sadie Lechel | |
| Dec. 17 - Clay Christoff | |
| Dec. 20 - Liam O'Connor | |
| Dec. 21 - Joseph Burke
Gunner Grammer | |
| Dec. 22 - Levi Laasch | |



- **Christmas Program Grades K,1,2- Thursday,
December 7 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room**
- **Winter Concert- Thursday, December 14 @ 6:30 p.m.
in the Multipurpose Room**
(Fifth grade Choir, JH Choir, and Band will perform.)
- **Spring Program Grades 3,4,5- Thursday, April 26 @
6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room**
- **Spring Concert- Thursday, May 17 @ 6:30 p.m. in
the Multipurpose Room**
(Fifth grade Choir, JH Choir, and 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 student's grade. Please plan to attend!**



HOMEWORK PROGRAM

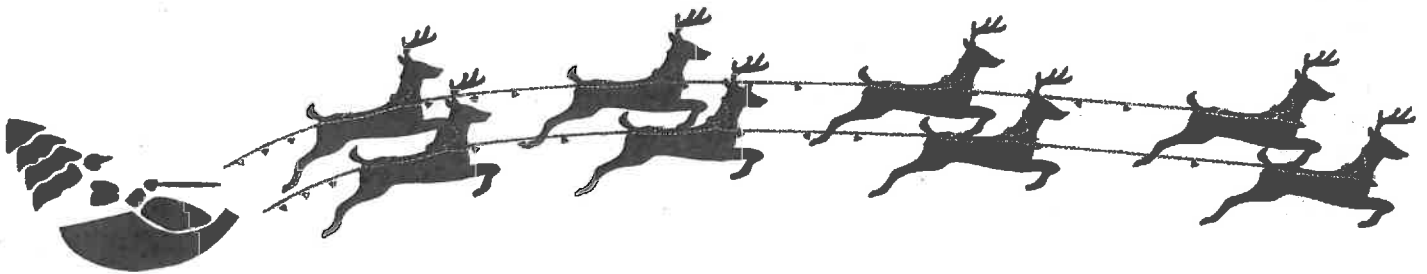
Effective Tuesday November 28th, students that stay for the Homework Program will follow new dismissal procedures for locations where they are to be picked up.

Walkers will be dismissed as usual to proceed out Door E 2 down the alley.

Car riders will exit the building out of Door N 1 on the Northside of the new addition. All students that are picked up by a parent or guardian will only exit out this door.

LOST & FOUND

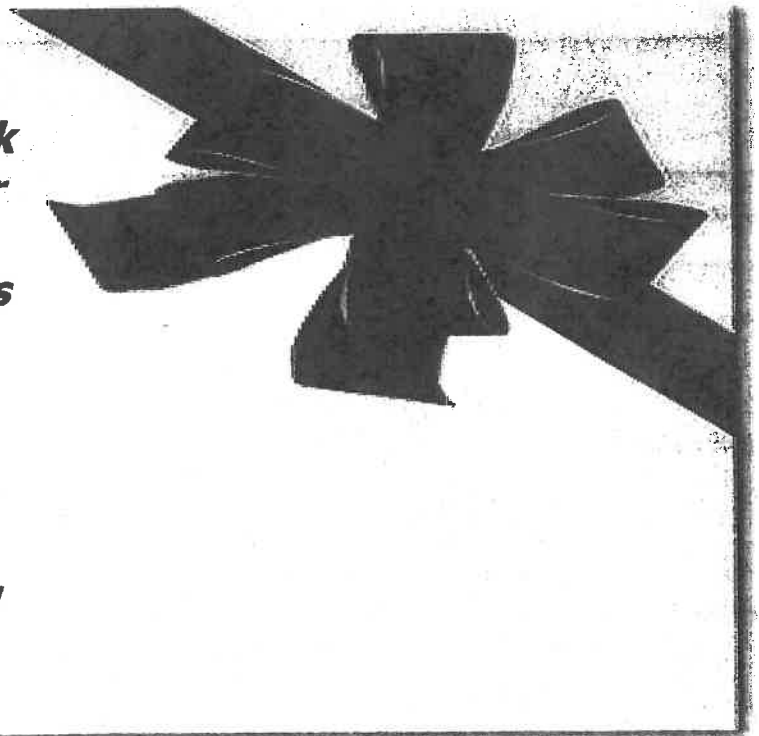
- * Our LOST AND FOUND
- * pile is growing! Please have
- * your child check out our lost
- * and found table located
- * down the hall from the
- * office if he or she has
- * misplaced an item.



THANK YOU!!

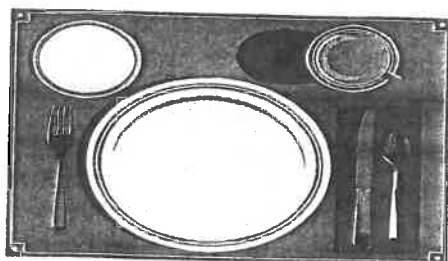
***We would like to thank
Mrs. Krohe and all her
helpers for the great
Santa Secret Shop this
year and for making
this a great year of
shopping for the
children.***

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!







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

SCHOOL LUNCH Menus



	Monday Dec. 11	Tuesday Dec. 12	Wednesday Dec. 13	Thursday Dec. 14	Friday Dec. 15
Breakfast Menu	Cereal Banana Bread Fruit Juice	Egg Wrap Sweet Potato Tots Fruit Juice	Honey Squares Yogurt Fruit Juice	Frudel Fruit Juice	Omelet Toast / Jelly Fruit Juice
Lunch Menu	Ham Sandwich Wedges Fruit Condiments	Chicken Nuggets BBQ or Ketchup Cup Fresh Broccoli Ranch Cup Orange Smiles	Creamed Ham over Biscuit Green Beans Strawberries	Under The Sea Baked Beans Applesauce	Pizza Corn Fruit

	Monday Dec. 18	Tuesday Dec. 19	Wednesday Dec. 20	Thursday Dec. 21	Friday Dec. 22
Breakfast Menu	Mini Cinnis Fruit Juice	Sausage Biscuit Fruit Juice	Cereal Granola Bar Fruit Juice	Winter Break 	Winter Break 
Lunch Menu	Chili Dog w/ Bun Baked Beans Fruit Pudding Condiments	Chicken Patty on Bun Salad w/ Dressing Mandarin Oranges Condiments	No Lunch Served 11:50 Dismissal	Winter Break 	Winter Break 

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Years Day	2 7/8 Boys Basketball VGSC 7/8 Volleyball @ TCA 5pm	3 5/6 Girls Volleyball @ Saunamin 5pm	4 6, 7 & 8 Volleyball @ Marseilles 5pm	5 6th Boys Basketball Harcar Tournament 7th Volleyball Tournament @ TCA	6 7/8 Boys Basketball VGSC Shootout
7	8 7/8 Boys Basketball vs TCA 5pm 7/8 Volleyball @ Parkside 4:30pm	9 5/6 Volleyball vs Wallace 5pm 7/8 Volleyball @ Wallace 5pm 7pm School Board Meeting	10 OHS Open House 2:20 Dismissal 6pm PTO Meeting	11 5/6 Volleyball @ ICS 4:30pm 7/8 Volleyball vs ICS 5pm	12 End of Quarter	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Day No School	16 PBIS Store 6, 7 & 8th Volleyball vs Woodland 5pm	17 7/8 Boys Basketball vs Tonica 5pm 8th Graders - Sreator High School Registration 8am Senior Lunch 12pm 2:20 Dismissal	18 5/6 Volleyball @ St. Michaels 5pm 7/8 Volleyball vs St. Michaels 5pm	19 Report Cards	20 7th Boys Basketball Regionals
21	22 7th Boys Basketball Regionals 5/6 Volleyball vs Holy Cross 5pm	23 6/7/8 Volleyball @ Odell 5pm	24 5/6 Volleyball vs TCA 5pm 7/8 Volleyball @ Shepard 5pm 2:20 Dismissal	25 5/6 Volleyball vs Central 5pm 7/8 Volleyball @Cornell 5pm	26 Spelling Bee 2pm	27 8th Boys Basketball Regionals
28	29 8th Boys Basketball Regionals 5/6 Volleyball vs Marquette 5pm	30 7/8 Volleyball vs Flanagan 5pm	31 7th Boys Basketball Sectionals 2:20 Dismissal			

Grand Ridge 6
Lady Mohawk
Volleyball

2018

<i>Level</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Place</i>
5/6	1/3/2018	5:00	Saunamin	Saunamin
6/7/8	1/4/2018	5:00	Marseilles	Grand Ridge
5/6	1/9/2018	5:00	Wallace	Grand Ridge
5/6	1/11/2018	4:30	ICS	Morris
6/7/8	1/16/2018	5:00	Woodland	Grand Ridge
5/6	1/18/2018	5:00	St. Mikes	St. Mikes Streator
5/6	1/22/2018	5:00	Holy Cross	Grand Ridge
6/7/8	1/23/2018	5:00	Odell	Odell
5/6	1/24/2018	5:00	TCA	Grand Ridge
5/6	1/25/2018	5:00	Central	Grand Ridge
5/6	1/29/2018	5:00	Marquettee	Grand Ridge
5/6	2/1/2018	5:00	Parkside	Grand Ridge
5/6	2/5/2018	5:00	Northlawn	Northlawn
5/6	2/6/2018	5:00	Waltham	Grand Ridge
5/6	2/7/2018	5:00	Saunamin	Grand Ridge
6	2/10/2018	TBA	Parkside Tourney	Peru
5/6	2/13/2018	5:00	Milton Pope	Marseilles MP
5/6	2/15/2018	5:00	Gardner	Gardner
5/6	2/16/2018	5:00	Cornell	Cornell
6/7/8	2/20/2018	5:00	Tonica	Tonica
5/6	2/22/2018	5:00	Oglesby Washington	Oglesby

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Grand Ridge 7/8
Lady Mohawk
Volleyball

2018

<i>Level</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Place</i>
7/8	1/2/2018	5:00	Holy Cross	Mendota
6/7/8	1/4/2018	5:00	Marseilles	Grand Ridge
7 th	1/5-6/2018	TBA	TCA Tourney	Trinity Catholic
7/8	1/8/2018	4:30	Peru Parkside	Peru
7/8	1/9/2018	5:00	Wallace	Wallace
7/8	1/11/2018	5:00	ICS	Grand Ridge
6/7/8	1/16/2018	5:00	Woodland	Grand Ridge
7/8	1/18/2018	5:00	St. Mikes/Ransom	Grand Ridge
6/7/8	1/23/2018	5:00	Odell	Odell
7/8	1/24/2018	5:00	Shephard	Ottawa
7/8	1/25/2018	5:00	Cornell	Cornell
7/8	1/30/2018	5:00	Flanagan	Grand Ridge
8 th	2/2,3/2018	TBD	Burash Tourney	Grand Ridge
7/8	2/5/2018	5:00	+Northlawn	Grand Ridge
7/8	2/6/2018	5:00	Waltham	Utica
7/8	2/12-15/2018	TBD	VGSC Tourney	Grand Ridge
7/8	2/17/2018	TBD	VGSC Shootout	Marseilles
6/7/8	2/20/2018	5:00	Tonica	Tonica
7/8	2/22/2018	4:30	MVK	MVK
7	2/24-3/1/2018	TBD	Regionals	TBD
7	3/5/2018	TBD	Sectionals	TBD
8	3/3-8/2018	TBD	Regionals	TBD
8	3/12/2018	TBD	Sectionals	TBD
7	3/9,10/2018	TBD	State	TBD
8	3/16,17/2018	TBD	State	TBD

+Denotes 8th Grade Night

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2017-2018 Final deadlines for Labels for Education®

With the Labels for Education Program coming to a close, please keep these dates in mind so your school can maximize all the points it can collect and redeem.

January 2, 2018 - Final date to submit UPCs into your school's bank account. All UPCs with the Labels for Education logo must be mailed & postmarked by 1/2/18 for acceptance.

May 31, 2018 - Last day to redeem merchandise for your school from the 2017-2018 Merchandise Catalog - be sure to get your orders in and postmarked no later than 5/31/18.

Please be sure to share these dates with your school and community. For any questions call 1-800-424-5331. And also, please continue to visit LabelsForEducation.com for full details.

A heartfelt thank-you to all the schools and all the families who have made Labels for Education so special over the years.

Sincerely,

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