



# Grand Ridge Grade School

## NEWSLETTER

Week of Jan. 13 –19, 2019

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### A Few Words from Mr. Sanders . . .

**“The person who says it cannot be done should never interrupt the person who is doing it.”**

—Chinese Proverb

Happy 2019! We hope that you had a fantastic break for the holidays and are excited to move forward with a brand new year. A new year brings new plans and resolutions for action. The proverb above is a great example of the enthusiasm that can be generated by people when they choose to accomplish their goals, and how difficult it is to deal with people who say it cannot be done. However, there is a big difference between those who say “can’t” and those who say “can’t yet.”

You have probably heard the saying that “there is no can’t.” The scene of a mother standing over her 7 year old telling them to fold their clothes comes to mind. “I’ve taught you how to fold, and now it’s your turn to fold and put away your clothes,” says the conscientious parent, followed by “I can’t” by the less than conscientious 7 year old.....which prompts a very quick statement from the mother, “There is no can’t! You get your work done.” In this example, it is not really about the child being unable to do something, it is more that they *will not* do something. The will power of the individual must be in line with the ability for them to complete the task. If there is an imbalance between the will and the ability to do something, the task will likely not be done. In this example, the child’s will changed quickly when dad got involved.

For example, if a child wants to slam dunk a basketball and he/she is only 4’ 6” tall, the will outweighs the ability to jump that high. Therefore, it is very unlikely that he or she will slam dunk the ball. However, if the will is such that they will find any way they can to dunk the ball, including a trampoline or other apparatus, and they are not confined by the rules of basketball, then yes they can likely dunk the ball. Without the confinement of rules, many things are possible. So a parent may say to the child, “don’t say you can’t, just say you can’t yet!”

Sometimes the will is not enough. We must follow certain rules or procedures. Sometimes if the will is strong we must even go about changing the rules and procedures before we can move forward. The important thing is that we realize that can’t just means can’t yet. The Wright brothers dealt with that topic. They found many ways that did not work for flying an aircraft before they found the correct formula. Even then, there were many changes and developments that needed to be made. The science of flight is always adapting and changing; and so are the rules that go along with flying as more and more people take to the sky. These rules are there to protect people, not to make it more difficult. And so it is with many of the rules and obstacles we face in trying to do things. The important virtue is to persevere at something we feel is important. Change what can be changed, and wait patiently for the timing to finish the job when the road blocks are finally out of the way.

As you enter a new year and prepare for all it holds, look at the things in your life that have held you back or kept you from pushing forward. Instead of dreading the obstacles, embrace them as an opportunity to affirm your will to accomplish the task. Change what you can change, and be patient with yourself with what you cannot change “yet.” It is not that it cannot be done, you may just need some time to accomplish your goal. Good luck with your resolutions this year!

**Have a Great Week!!**

## 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](mailto:sandet@grgs95.org)

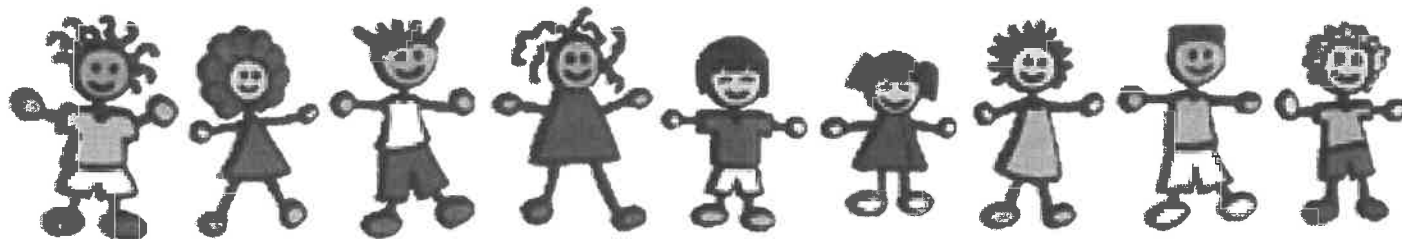


We're  
Searching for  
Volunteers

## 8TH GRADERS

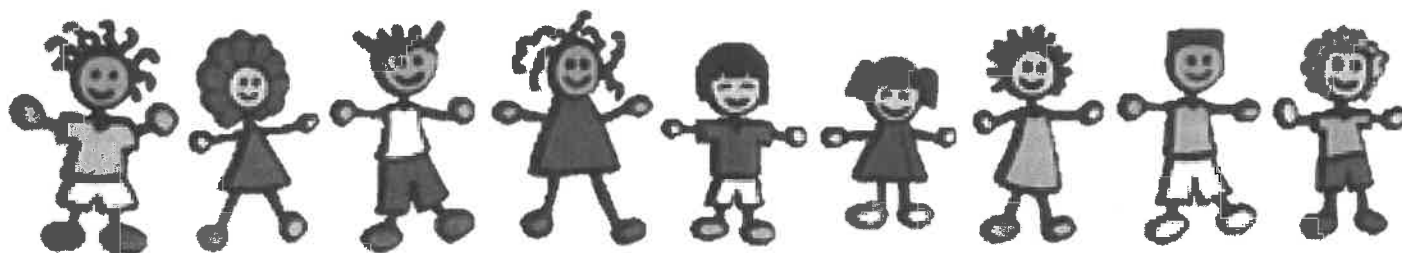
**KINDERGARTEN PICTURES** for the Mohawk Head need to be turned in by Friday, January 31st.

They will not be returned and should have the name of the student printed on the back.



## SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

Solo and Ensemble Contest for interested Band and Choir students is Saturday, March 16th at Milton Pope School



## REGISTRATION FEES DUE

If you had your registration fees spread over several months,  
it is now time to pay in full.

All registration fees must be paid in full by February 1st or they will be turned over to our collection agency.



Attention

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Students:

Baby Photos

For the

Yearbook

Due:

January 31, 2019

Your photo should have your name on the back. It will not be returned to you. Please bring it to Mrs. Thorson. THANKS!

# Calendar of Events

Mon. Jan. 14 - 7/8 Boys Basketball vs. Wallace 5:00 p.m.  
PBIS Store

Tues. Jan. 15 - 5/6 Volleyball @ St. Michaels 5:00 p.m.  
7/8 Boys Basketball @Oglesby Washington 5:00 p.m.  
7/8 Volleyball vs. St. Michaels 5:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

Wed. Jan. 16 - 7/8 Volleyball vs. Waltham 5:00 p.m.  
Dismiss 2:20 p.m.  
Senior Lunch

Thurs. Jan. 17 - 5/6 Volleyball vs. Gardner 5:00 p.m.  
7/8 Volleyball @ Odell 5:00 p.m.

Fri. Jan. 18 - Trivia Night

Sat. Jan. 19 - 6th Grade Volleyball Tournament @ Milton Pope  
7th Grade Boys Basketball Regionals



## Special Birthdays

Jan 13	Jan. 14	Jan. 15	Jan. 16 Annika Michlik	Jan. 17	Jan. 18 Gianna Harvill	Jan 19 Mrs. Krueger

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

## Lunch & Breakfast Menus

	Monday Jan. 14	Tuesday Jan. 15	Wednesday Jan. 16	Thursday Jan. 17	Friday Jan. 18
Breakfast Menu	Cereal Bar String Cheese Fruit Juice	Donut Yogurt Fruit Juice	Cereal Strawberry Chex Fruit Juice	Oatmeal Cinnamon Toast Fruit Juice	Mohawk Sub Fruit Juice
Lunch Menu	Chicken Nuggets Hashbrown Orange Smiles Condiments	Pizza Munchable Carrots w/ Ranch Fresh Pear	Creamy Chicken over Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Sliced Peaches Bread / Butter	Under the Sea Baked Beans Applesauce Ice Cream Sandwich Condiments	Try Day Friday Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich Wedges Ketchup Fruit



# 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	11:40
	5 <sup>th</sup>	12:00
February	1 <sup>st</sup>	11:40
	6 <sup>th</sup>	12:05
March	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11:40
	7 <sup>th</sup>	12:05
April	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:40
	8 <sup>th</sup>	12:05
May	4 <sup>th</sup>	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



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Today we started a program called Project ALERT in your son/daughter's class. Project ALERT is an age-appropriate substance abuse prevention curriculum proven effective in reducing experimentation among teens, and in reducing usage among teens who experiment.

Project ALERT contains eleven lessons in its initial year that focus on alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana. Project ALERT's focus is on motivating non-use, learning to recognize pressures to use, and on developing and practicing skills to resist these pressures.

Our school district is committed to providing the most effective approaches to preventing the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in our schools and communities. We know that prevention of drug use and abuse is most effective when it is a partnership between the community, the home, and the school.

Research consistently shows that teens who learn a lot about the risks of drugs at home, from parents, and from other caregivers, are up to 50% less likely to use drugs than teens who report learning nothing about the risks at home. However, getting the message across is not easy. According to a nationwide survey released by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, virtually all parents (98%) reported talking to their kids at some point about drugs, but just 68% of the kids remembered the conversation, and only 27% reported learning a lot at home on the issue of drug use. Here is where the structured home learning opportunities within Project ALERT can help to focus discussion between you and your kids.





# Ottawa National Little League

## SOUTH SIDE BASEBALL SIGNUPS



### Where and when do I Register my Player?

Saturday January 19, 2019	9am to 12pm	Trinity Lutheran Church (717 Chambers St)
Wednesday February 6, 2019	5pm to 8pm	Trinity Lutheran Church (717 Chambers St)
Saturday February 9, 2019	9am to 12pm	Trinity Lutheran Church (717 Chambers St.)

Payment Can be Made By **CASH, CHECK, or CREDIT CARD** add \$3

**February 9th is the FINAL REGISTRATION DATE!!** If you cannot make any dates, contact us at 815-228-6173

### What age Level is My Child ?

<b>Tee Ball</b>	<b>(ages 5-6)</b>	Player born on or between the dates of	<b>9/01/12 and 8/31/13</b>
<b>Instructional</b>	<b>(ages 7-8)</b>	Player born on or between the dates of	<b>9/01/10 and 8/31/12</b>
<b>Minor League</b>	<b>(ages 9-10)</b>	Player born on or between the dates of	<b>9/01/08 and 8/31/10</b>
<b>Major League</b>	<b>(ages 11-12)</b>	Player born on or between the dates of	<b>9/01/06 and 8/31/08</b>
<b>Junior League</b>	<b>(ages 13-14)</b>	Player born on or between the dates of	<b>9/01/04 and 8/31/06</b>

### How Much Do I Pay ?

<b>5-6 year old</b>	\$50	<b>7-8 year old</b>	\$100	<b>9-12 year old</b>	\$125	<b>13-14 year old</b>	\$150
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### When are Tryouts ?

Tryouts will be on **March 16th 2018** at **Marquette High School**

<b>Instructional (7-8):</b>	9:00am to 10:15am	Wear gym clothes and bring baseball glove
<b>Minor League (9-10):</b>	10:30pm to 11:45am	Wear gym clothes and bring baseball glove
<b>Major League (11-12):</b>	12:00pm to 1:15pm	Wear gym clothes and bring baseball glove

All times subject to change. Please watch for notifications or check [www.ottawanationalll.com](http://www.ottawanationalll.com) for latest updates!!

**All bats must be USABaseball stamped. See [www.usabat.com](http://www.usabat.com) for list of certified bats!!!**

#### TEE BALL DIVISION :

Emphasizing fun in baseball and teaching the basic fundamentals.. Teams will be made after Registration Dates

#### JUNIOR LEAGUE DIVISION:

Tryouts will be at a later date that will be announced.

REAL baseball rules to prepare all the players for High School Baseball.

Get a team together and help support us at our annual Trivia night Saturday March 9th at Shoreline Boat Club! Doors open at 6pm and trivia starts at 7. Baskets, 50/50, and lots of Fun. See [www.ottawanationalll.com](http://www.ottawanationalll.com) for more info.

To sign up for league text alerts text @onll to 81010.

