



Grand Ridge Grade School

NEWSLETTER

Week of Jan 28 –Feb 3, 2018

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

"Do right for your own sake and be happy in knowing that your neighbor will certainly share in the benefits resulting."—Mark Twain

This past week the staff was trained again, as we do annually, on what to do in case of an active shooter in the building. For years we have not believed that in a small school like Grand Ridge we would ever be in danger of such an event; but every year there are more and more violent acts committed in schools. Just this week there were 2 school shootings, one in Texas and the other in Kentucky. Last year, closer to home, there was an event that did not result in a shooting outside of Leland. This week there was an event that did not result in a shooting at Streator HS. The times have changed and unfortunately we must change with them.

As security has gotten stricter here at the school we have heard many comments about how it is not the same. Parents used to walk in without having to be buzzed at the door. Coaches could come and go after hours without any concerns. Faculty didn't have to wear name badges. Classroom doors were usually open and unlocked. Those days are gone due to the heightened level of violent behavior in our state and our society. Each week we receive information from different sources about the need for certain safety precautions or individuals we must keep an eye on. We take these warnings seriously and make sure to have procedures in place to deal with the issues. The issues are not only student related, but far too often, adult related.

Last year we had an event unfold where a couple was having a domestic dispute at the gas station which then led to a high speed run through our parking lot during school hours with the man hanging on the hood of the car. We had to put the building on soft lock-down and administration and staff were dispatched to the car and notified the police who took control of the situation. Every day we are monitoring people who are on different lists that may or may not have custodial rights for their children that attend our school, and it is our duty to make sure that those laws are enforced.

Mr. Ahearn and I take the security of the building and your children's safety as our top priority. There is a lot of pressure to make sure that nothing happens to children while they are at our school each day, and we understand and respond to that pressure. We will continue to do so. Understand that our efforts to secure and protect are necessary. If we did not have to implement such measures, we would not employ them. Here are some statistics for you to understand the nature of what we deal with in education each day:

* Between 2013-15 Everytown identified 160 school shootings across 38 states. Nearly 53 percent of the identified shootings took place at K-12 schools, and 47 percent took place on college or university campuses.

* In 95 incidents — over half — the perpetrator(s) intentionally injured or killed at least one other person with a gun.

* Between 2013 and 2015, an average of **two school shootings took place at K-12 schools each month**. Among shootings at K-12 schools in which the age of the shooter was known, 56 percent (39 of 70) were perpetrated by minors. This is consistent with an analysis of school-associated violent deaths between 1992-99 by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which found that 56 percent of students involved directly in a school-associated homicide or suicide used a firearm, and of those guns for which the source could be determined, 79 percent were obtained from the shooter's home or that of a friend or relative.—**Everytown Research.org**

It is not our goal to frighten parents or students; but it is our responsibility to inform you that we must take extra precautions to protect and serve your students here at our school. We cannot gamble with our most precious resource, and Mr. Ahearn and I plan to do all we can to protect our staff and your children.

Honor Roll for the 2nd 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	
*Sofie Offerman	*Hannah Galletti	
*Alexandria Snyder	*Franchesca Rodriguez	
	Jaron Black	
	Gavin Brock	
	Ethan Christie	
	Benjamin Domoleczny	
	Sadie Lechel	
	Declan O'Connor	
	Ryan Seibert	
	Marisa Vickers	

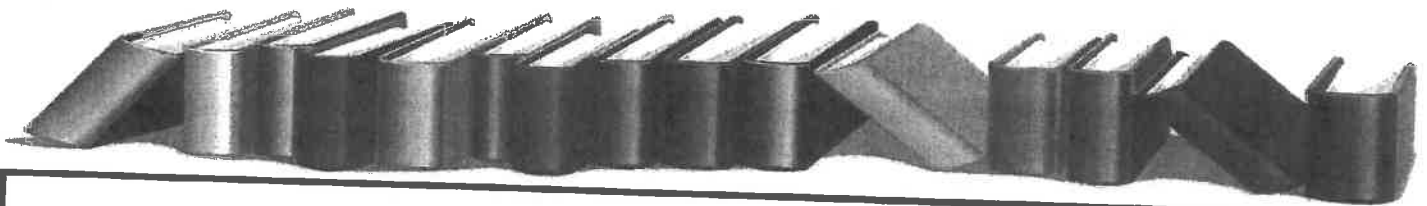
Honor Roll—Students Receiving 3.00–3.49 GPA

8 th Grade	7 th Grade	6 th Grade
Jeffry LaFleur	Henry Alexander	Massimo Baietto
Hannah Rambo	Isabella Baietto	Tanner Baisz
Jaden Reilly	Lydia Fessler	Andrew Cavallini
Kendal Shelley	Amelia King	Nora Cave
Devon Snyder	Kyotee McNeill	Alec Darrow
Dylan Tredway	Reilly Bianca	Abigayle Gribbin
Dalton Walter		James Maltby
		Saige McNeill
		Cody Orsburn
		Alyssa Purifoy
		Kiley Rhodes
		Andrew Ristau Jenna Simmons

Registration Fees

If you had your registration fees spread over several months in May, 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.

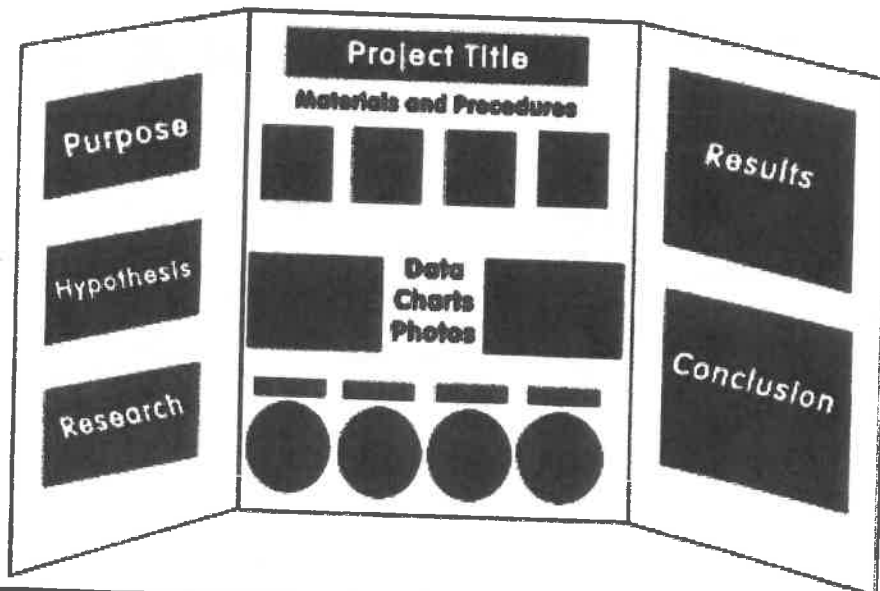


SCIENCE FAIR *Thursday, February 9th*

The 2018 Grand Ridge Science Fair will be on Thursday, February 8th. Students need to arrive between 5:30 and 5:45 p.m. to set up their projects in the multi-purpose room. Judging will begin at 6:00 and end around 7:15 p.m.

The public is invited to view the projects from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m. Presentation of ribbons and awards will be between 7:45 and 8:00 p.m. After the awards presentations, students will be free to leave.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS!!!





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

Calendar of Events

Mon. Jan. 29 - 8th Boys Basketball Regionals
5/6 Volleyball vs. Marquette 5pm

Tues. Jan. 30 - 7/8 Volleyball vs. Flanigan 5pm

Wed. Jan. 31 - 2:20 Dismissal
5/6 Volleyball @ Ransom 5pm
7/8 Volleyball @ Parkside 4:30pm

Thur. Feb. 1 - 5/6 Volleyball vs Parkside 5pm
8th Boys Basketball Regionals

Fri. Feb. 2 - 8th Volleyball Burash Tournament

Special Birthdays

Jan 28 Alec Darrow	Jan. 29	Jan. 30	Jan. 31	Feb. 1	Feb. 2 Damon Myers	Feb. 3
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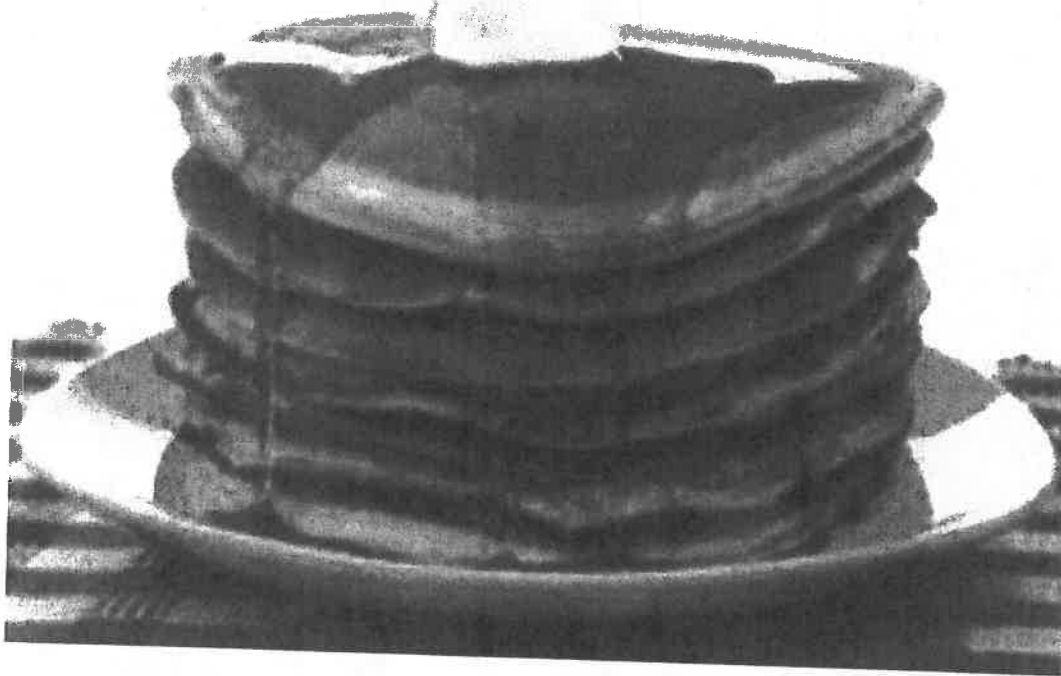
Lunch & Breakfast Menus

	Monday Jan. 29	Tuesday Jan. 30	Wednesday Jan. 31	Thursday Feb. 1	Friday Feb. 2
Breakfast Menu	Cereal Cheese Toast Fruit Juice	Cereal Bar Yogurt Fruit Juice	Omelet Toast & Jelly Fruit Juice	Mini Cinnis Fruit Juice	Cereal Granola Bar Fruit Juice
Lunch Menu	Broccoli Soup Crackers Celery w/ PB Applesauce	Chicken Noodle Casserole Vegetable Fruit Bread / Butter	Nacho Supreme Salsa Pineapple Refried Beans	Chicken Fingers Wedges Orange Smiles Condiments	Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Broccoli Mandarin Oranges

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5 6/5 Volleyball @ Northlawn 5pm 7/8 Volleyball vs Northlawn 5pm	6 5/6 Volleyball vs Waltham 5pm 7/8 Volleyball @ Waltham 5pm Winter Sports Pictures	7 5/6 Volleyball vs Saunamin 5pm 8th Boys Basketball Sectionals 2:20 Dismissal 6pm PTO Meeting	8 5/6 Volleyball vs Parkside 5pm 8th Boys Basketball Regionals	9 8th Volleyball Burash Regionals	10 6th Grade Volleyball Parkside Tournament 7/8 Volleyball VGSC Tournament 8th Boys Basketball State County Spelling Bee @ OHS
11	12 PBIS Store 7/8 VGSC Tournament	13 5/6 Girls Volleyball @ Milton Pope 5pm 7pm School Board Meeting	14 Valentines Day 2:20 Dismissal	15 5/6 Girls Volleyball @ Gardner 5pm 7/8 VGSC Tournament 8th Boys Basketball State Midterms	16 5/6 Volleyball @ Cornell 5pm	17 7/8 VGSC Shootout
18	19 No School Presidents Day	20 6/7 & 8th Volleyball @ Tonica	21 12pm Senior Lunch 2:20 Dismissal	22 5/6 Volleyball @ O Washington 5pm 7/8 Volleyball @ MVK 4:30pm	23	24 7th Volleyball Regionals
25	26 7th Volleyball Regionals	27 7th Volleyball Regionals	28 7th Volleyball Regionals 2:20 Dismissal			

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



GRAND RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP HALL, 300 SYLVAN AVENUE

FEBRUARY 13, 2018 4:30 to 7:30 pm

Free Will Offering Taken

SENECA IRISH PRIDE

SENECA YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEER

Contact Nicole Wilda
with any questions
815-258-1437

fightingirishpridefootball@gmail.com

REGISTRATION

JANUARY 27TH 1-3 PM @ SENECA

VILLAGE HALL

Coaches Welcome

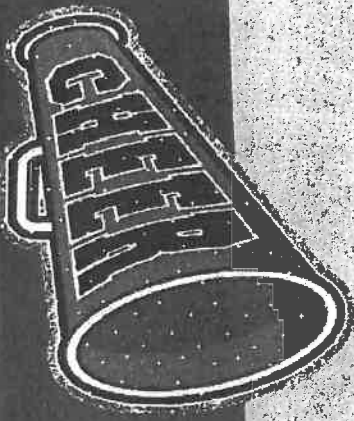
Registration paid in full on Jan 27th will receive \$25 off!!!

All fees due by 3/31

\$150 Registration (Adult Child Discount)

\$75 Member Fee per family

NEW LOCAL CONFERENCE





GRAND RIDGE SCHOOL WEAR SALE



Sizes Available

Youth: Small (6-8), Medium (10-12), Large (14-16)

Adult: Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, 2XL, 3XL

*Add \$1 for 2XL, \$2 for 3XL

*Please indicate YOUTH sizes with a "Y", ADULT sizes with an "A" (example Youth Medium = YM)
If no Y before Size then Adult Size will be made. NO RETURNS will be made if wrong size is listed.



Design: MOHAWK PRIDE

*Available in shimmer or non-shimmer design.

*Available on shirt options listed below.

*All shirts listed are maroon. Baseball tee is white with maroon sleeves.

MOHAWK PRIDE: Metallic Silver/Silver
Mohawk Logo: Metallic Graphite/Black

T-Shirt – Gildan (50/50) Cotton \$15.00 Each

Quantity _____ Size _____ Shimmer Design? YES _____ NO _____

Quantity _____ Size _____ Shimmer Design? YES _____ NO _____

Quantity _____ Size _____ Shimmer Design? YES _____ NO _____

Long Sleeve T- Shirt – Gildan (100%) Cotton \$18.00 Each

Quantity _____ Size _____ Shimmer Design? YES _____ NO _____

Quantity _____ Size _____ Shimmer Design? YES _____ NO _____

Quantity _____ Size _____ Shimmer Design? YES _____ NO _____

****NEW – V-Neck T-Shirt with Striped Sleeves - (50/50) Cotton \$20.00 Each**

Quantity _____ Size _____ Shimmer Design? YES _____ NO _____

Quantity _____ Size _____ Shimmer Design? YES _____ NO _____

Quantity _____ Size _____ Shimmer Design? YES _____ NO _____



****NEW - Baseball ¾ Length Sleeve T- Shirt – (50/50) Cotton \$20.00 Each**

Quantity _____ Size _____ Shimmer Design? YES _____ NO _____

Quantity _____ Size _____ Shimmer Design? YES _____ NO _____

Quantity _____ Size _____ Shimmer Design? YES _____ NO _____



ORDER DEADLINE: Monday, February 5th, 2018

(Please turn completed orders into the office.)

Tentative Delivery: Week of February 19th, 2018

Orders will be sent home with Student unless otherwise indicated on form.

Total Items Ordered: _____ Total Enclosed: _____
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CONTACT INFORMATION:

Student Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone Number (if different): _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

- Payment must be turned in with each order.
- Please make checks payable to "GRAND RIDGE BOOSTER CLUB".

Any questions, please call Angela Christoff at 815-674-7523.

***There are more items available in our
Spirit Booth opened up on Game days.***

Thank You for Supporting Grand Ridge School!

GRAND RIDGE YOUTH BASEBALL INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE

REGISTRATION FORM 2018

Registration @ Grand Ridge Grade School

Dates: Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018 from 5pm-7pm.

Saturday, February 10th, 2018 from 9am-12pm

Cost: \$75 for first child and \$50 for each additional child. Fee includes hat, shirt, and a beverage after each game. NO CANDY SALES!

Games will be held at Durdan Fields and Varland Park (by Kroger South)

INSTRUTIONAL PLAYERS: Boys 7-8 years old on or before August 31st, 2018

If you miss registration please contact Chad or Christine by March 1st, 2018

Shirt Size: _____ TEAM (if your child played last year): _____

Players Name _____ Birthday: _____

Address: _____ Current Age: _____

Telephone: _____ or _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Township of Residence: _____ Fall River _____ Bruce _____ Allen
_____ Grand Rapids _____ Farm Ridge _____ Otter Creek _____ Deer Park
_____ South Ottawa _____ Brookfield _____ Vermillion _____ Ottawa

I, hereby, give my permission for the child named above, to participate in the Grand Ridge Youth Baseball Instructional League program.

Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____

For any questions or concerns about the league, please feel free to contact:

Chad Christensen (815) 228-6173 or Christine Christensen (815) 228-8787

G.R.Y.B. President: Mike Jaegle- (815) 712-0134

Ottawa Little League

One Town



One League

Junior League Division

13 to 14 Year Olds (L.L Age Chart)

Facts of Junior League

ALL Players (North and South Side)

Play Teams in LaSalle County

REAL Baseball Dimensions and Rules

Play as a Travel Team **Without** the High Costs

Quality Leadership from Little League

Registration Fees

\$175 (includes a box of candy you can sell to offset costs)

Signup Locations and Dates

January 13th	9am to noon	Trinity Lutheran Church (717 Chambers)
January 24th	5pm to 8pm	Trinity Lutheran Church (717 Chambers)
January 27th	9pm to 12pm	Trinity Lutheran Church (717 Chambers)

For More Information

www.ottawanationall.com or Contact Tony (815-252-9388)



Ottawa National Little League

SOUTH SIDE BASEBALL SIGNUPS



Where and when do I Register my Player?

Saturday January 13, 2018	9am to 12pm	Trinity Lutheran Church (717 Chambers St)
Wednesday January 24, 2018	5pm to 8pm	Trinity Lutheran Church (717 Chambers St)
Saturday January 27, 2018	9pm to 12pm	Trinity Lutheran Church (717 Chambers St.)

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

January 27th is the FINAL REGISTRATION DATE!! If you cannot make any dates, contact us at 815-228-6173

What age Level is My Child ?

Tee Ball	(ages 5-6)	Player born on or between the dates of	9/01/11 and 8/31/12
Instructional	(ages 7-8)	Player born on or between the dates of	9/01/09 and 8/31/11
Minor League	(ages 9-10)	Player born on or between the dates of	9/01/07 and 8/31/09
Major League	(ages 11-12)	Player born on or between the dates of	5/01/05 and 8/31/07
Junior League	(ages 13-14)	Player born on or between the dates of	9/01/03 and 4/30/05

How Much Do I Pay ?

5-6 year old	\$50 per Player (Fee includes Ball Cap and T-Shirt)
7-8 year old	\$125 and 1 box of candy (\$50 candy sales is yours to keep) = Your total cost \$75.00
9-12 year old	\$150 and 1 box of candy (\$50 candy sales is yours to keep) = Your total cost \$100.00
13-14 year old	\$175 and 1 box of candy (\$50 candy sales is yours to keep) = Your total cost \$125.00

When are Tryouts ?

Tryouts will be on **February 24th 2017 at Ottawa High School (West Gym Entrance)**

Instructional (7-8):	12:30pm to 1:30pm	Wear gym clothes and bring baseball glove
Minor League (9-10):	1:30pm to 2:30pm	Wear gym clothes and bring baseball glove
Major League (11-12):	2:30pm to 3:30pm	Wear gym clothes and bring baseball glove

New BAT rules for 2018!!

All bats must be USABaseball stamped.

See 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:

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

For All your Little League Information and Updates go to: www.ottawanationall.com

MARSIELLES ATHLETIC CLUB

WORKING WITH THE MARSEILLES RECREATION BOARD

BASEBALL SIGN UP

Ages 4, 5, & 6 T-Ball \$50.00 (Co-Ed Local)

Ages 7 & 8 Instructional / Pinto \$60.00 Tri-County

Ages 9 & 10 Bronco League Tri-County \$75

Ages 11 & 12 Mustang League Tri-County \$90

Boys Pony League: Col valley conference: Ages 13 & 14 \$120 (Travel)

Girls' softball is an option with Tri-County as well.

We need coaches and players to pursue this route.

ALL COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, THANKS

Multi child discounts available.

Sign-ups will be held as follows:

Marseilles City Hall 209 Lincoln Street. / Saturday, January 13th 9am – 11:00am

Gleason & Co 385 Main street. / Monday, January 15th 4pm – 6:00pm

Saturday, January 27th 9am – 11:00am / Saturday, February 3rd 9am – 12:00pm

Questions: Call 815-343-4783

Additional sports information coming soon.

Adult softball leagues, adult flag football, youth flag football,
youth tackle football, and more.

**Early bird sign-ups for Flag and Tackle football will
be on Saturday, February 3rd at same location and
time as baseball.**