



Grand Ridge Grade School

NEWSLETTER

Week of March 11-17, 2018

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Grand Ridge, IL

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"Large enough to educate you, small enough to know you."

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A Few Words from Mr. Sanders . . .

"Look and listen for the welfare of the whole people and have always in view not only the present but also the coming generations."— Native American Constitution of the Five Nations

Once upon a time there was an old man who had walked many miles and crossed many bridges in his life, whose step was slow but sure, whose eyes focused clearly with the look of an eagle perched high in the Douglas Fir, and hair the color of the frosted peaks in winter. As he leaned against his cane and stared away into the distance he looked from the passer-by to be more of a statue than a man, austere in purpose, yet somehow at ease.

There was also a young man who by his gate was fast and strong, also with keen eyes and a sense of purpose; yet confused and muddling along he ran into the old man by accident. Without a sense of humility he turned to the old man and said, "Watch where you are going old man!" This caused the old man to bow his head with a shameful look on his face. "Why are you in such a hurry?" he asked the young man. "What is it that makes you move so quickly but with such disregard for the wellbeing of others?" The young man replied, "What's it to you? I've got a lot to do and I am very important. I can't help it you were in my way." "No, I suppose you could not help me being in your way. So let me tell you something important. You are young and sure of yourself. You believe that you have all the answers and that someday people will tell stories about you and make statues of you to idolize to their children. But I am here to tell you that someday you will look like me."

The young man laughed, "Old man, I'll never look like you. You're wrinkled as a prune and you've lost all your energy. Who are you to tell me how to live?" The old man turned away as tears filled his eyes. "It has been said that the child is the father of the man. I did not believe this when I was younger; but now I realize the error of my ways. I realize what I could have done for others, what I should have done for others, and that my own importance was so.....unimportant."

When the man collected himself from his thoughts, he was middle-aged, staring at himself in the mirror, remembering his youth and looking forward to the inevitable future before him. In his mind he had learned a valuable lesson: that youth without direction is life wasted. Without love and humility, all that we gain is in vain. He also understood that the end of a good life is to look back and know that we have given of ourselves, expecting nothing in return. It is never too late to look at yourself and change. It is never too late to put others before yourself and to offer all that you have to make the world better. When we realize that we are the young man, middle-aged man, and old man all in one, we can understand the importance of today in making our decisions.

Have a Great Week!!

Good luck to our Band and Choir students who will be participating in Solo and Ensemble Contest at Marseilles on Saturday, March 17th!

Students include:

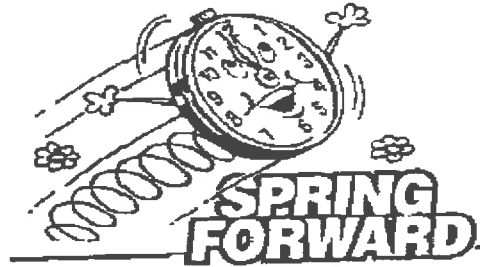
**Aubrey Bowman
Joseph Burke
Alec Darrow,
Ben Domoleczny
Hannah Galletti
Aiden Gordon
Steven Hladovcak
Lexy Jensen
Abby Johanson**

**James Maltby
Michael Mills
Ava Paris
Alyssa Purifoy
Andrew Ristau
Allie Snyder
Marissa Vickers
Sadie Lechel
Amelia King**



TIME CHANGE

Don't forget. . .Daylight Saving Time takes effect this Sunday, March 11th. During DST, clocks are turned forward an hour (A way to remember: Spring forward in the Spring and Fall back in the Fall), effectively moving an hour of daylight from the morning to the evening. You will lose a little sleep and it will take your body up to 5 days to adjust. A brief history of Daylight Saving Time shows that Benjamin Franklin has been credited with the idea of Daylight Saving Time, but Britain and Germany began using the concept in World War I to conserve energy. The U.S. used Daylight Saving Time for a brief time during the war, but it didn't become widely accepted in the States until after the second World War.



NATIONAL SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER MONTH



We would like to thank Michele Pacheco for all her hard work and dedication to the students and parents of Grand Ridge School. March is National Social Worker Month, and we want to recognize all the hard work social workers do for the schools. Social Workers provide a more accessible and affordable programming to help children who need help emotionally. They help children experiencing challenges in their environment (school or home), and can offer assistance in directing families to children services to ensure that children are safe. Michele is a dedicated social worker who helps these students through early identification, prevention, counseling and support. Thank You Michele Pacheco!



LOST AND FOUND

OUR LOST AND FOUND PILE IS HUGE!!! PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD CHECK OUT OUR LOST AND FOUND TABLE LOCATED DOWN THE HALL FROM THE OFFICE. ITEMS NEED TO BE COLLECTED BY THE LAST SCHOOL DAY BEFORE SPRING BREAK (MARCH 23RD). ANY ITEMS LEFT AFTER THAT DATE WILL BE DONATED TO GOOD WILL.



Calendar of Events

Mon. March 12 - PBIS Store →

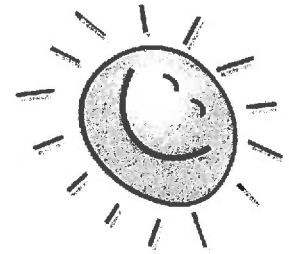
Tues. March 13 - 7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting

Weds. March 14 - 2:20 Dismissal
PTO Meeting 6pm

Thur. March 15

Fri. March 16 - End of Quarter

Sat. March 17 - Solo and Ensemble Contest



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Special Birthdays

March 11	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17
Saige Shelton	Nicholas Raices	Mrs. Carlson				

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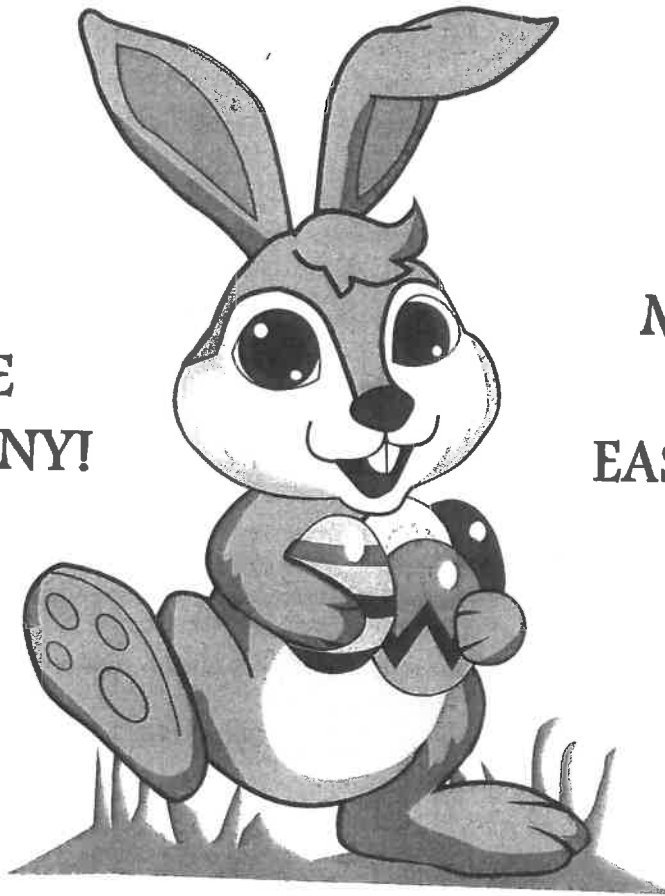
**Menu is subject to change
with availability****

Lunch Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16
Breakfast Menu	Cereal Banana Bread Fruit Juice	French Toast Sticks Diced Potatoes Fruit Juice Condiments	Cereal Cheese Toast Fruit Juice	Biscuit w/ Jelly Yogurt Fruit Juice	Cereal Granola Bar Fruit Juice
Lunch Menu	Breaded Pork Chop Celery w/ PB Cup Orange Smiles Condiments	Popcorn Chicken Potatoes w/ Gravy Fruit Ketchup	Cheeseburger on Bun Salad w/ Dressing Fruit Condiments	Chicken Fajitas Lettuce / Cheese Cup Cowboy Salsa Refried Beans Pineapple	Cheese Pizza Corn Appleslices w/ Carmel Dip

THE EASTER BUNNY

PHOTOS
WITH THE
EASTER BUNNY!



MAKE YOUR
OWN
EASTER BASKET!

IS COMING TO TOWN!

MARCH 17, 2018

10 AM

FARM RIDGE TOWNSHIP HALL
GRAND RIDGE, IL

Donut holes, juice and coffee
will be served.

Sponsored by Grand Ridge Fest, a registered 501(C)3 in the State of Illinois



