



Grand Ridge Grade School

NEWSLETTER

Week of March 4 - March 10, 2018

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A Few Words from Mr. Sanders . . .

"The highest spiritual quality, the noblest property of mind a man can have, is this of loyalty ... a man with no loyalty in him, with no sense of love or reverence or devotion due to something outside and above his poor daily life, with its pains and pleasures, profits and losses, is as evil a case as man can be." -- Algernon Charles Swinburne

Spring is almost here! The first robins have arrived and the temperatures are beginning to lift up, wrapping around us like a warm wool blanket after a cold winter. It is nice to see the sun again and hear the children outside playing, running off their excess energy reserves.

This newsletter's focus is on an important quality, long forgotten by some, called loyalty. In our modern times people flit from one occupation to another, one relationship to another, or one place to another without much thought or consideration. Time invested in others is easily revoked and transitions become the norm for life, with little settling, but constant movement. Media helps people to feel somewhat connected to the friends of the past, but the world instead of growing with each new adventure, seems to shrink. Why is it with all this adventure and change and newness that people seem more detached than ever? It may have to do with this word, loyalty.

What is loyalty, you may ask? It goes beyond simply being friendly and communicating with emojis. The concept is that of undying dedication to a person, belief, or a cause. Merriam-Webster defines being loyal as : *unswerving in allegiance: faithful in allegiance to one's lawful sovereign or government: faithful to a private person to whom faithfulness is due: faithful to a cause, ideal, custom, institution, or product.* In our modern world loyalty and allegiance have been challenged. Loyalty was a holdover of a long-distant past whereby people would pledge their allegiance to the flag or to their company or to their partner in such a way that both parties felt a connection, bonding them one to another in a unified endeavor.

In the military, men and women experience strong loyalty to each other, their country, their God, and their families. Day in and day out these men and women trust in the loyalty of their brothers and sisters in arms to protect and defend them in combat. They must be unwavering and willing to sacrifice themselves.

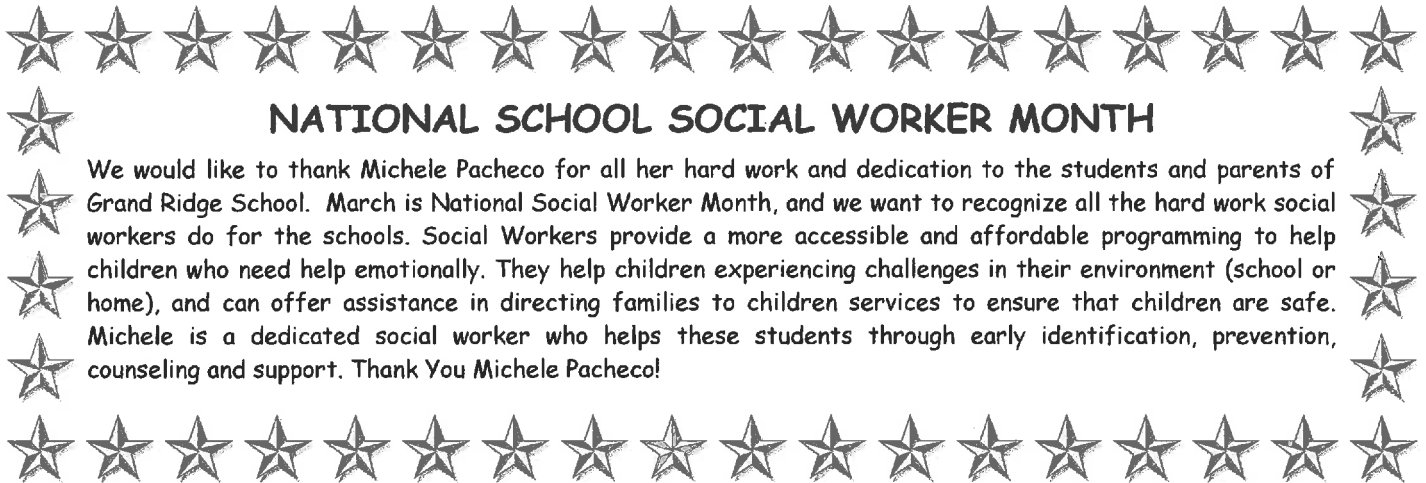
At the heart of loyalty is the concept of sacrifice, because you cannot truly show loyalty to someone unless that loyalty is challenged. When it is challenged, often there is a sacrifice that must take place. For an everyday example, when a person begins to speak poorly about a friend of yours, you may feel the desire to agree or join in with the negativity; but showing loyalty to your friend would mean stopping the rumors and not participating in the discussion. You may have to sacrifice the chance of deepening your relationship with someone else in order to show your loyalty to your friend. This may not sound like a big deal, but what happens when you show loyalty to someone is that you are strengthened inside, and your relationship with your friend is made stronger because you chose to defend them.

The loyalty one has for his or her country, religion, or spouse, all stems from the small sacrifices made each day. Whether it is sacrificing your time and skills to help others, or spending time with those you care for, loyalty is best shown through actions. It may seem to be an old-fashioned value that the modern world has abandoned, but loyalty is timeless and reflects the ability to put love of another ahead of love of self.

Have a Great Week!!

TIME CHANGE

Don't forget. . .Daylight Saving Time takes effect on 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 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. ITEMS INCLUDE SHIRTS, SHOES, COATS, HATS, GLOVES, LUNCH BAGS, BOOKS ETC.



Calendar of Events

Tues. Mar. 6 - 8th Grade Volleyball Regionals

Wed. Mar. 7 - 8th Grade Volleyball Regionals
2:20 Dismissal
6pm PTO Meeting

Thur. Mar. 8 - 8th Grade Volleyball Regionals

DON'T FORGET!!
TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD
ON
SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018



Special Birthdays

Mar. 5 Will Swango Malachi Williams	Mar. 6 Henry Alexander	Mar. 8 Liam Christiansen Walker McClellan Cessily Patton	Mar. 9 Tanner Baisz	Mar. 10 Franchesca Rodriguez Iyanna Smith
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****Please Note: Menu is
subject to change with
availability****

Lunch & Breakfast Menus

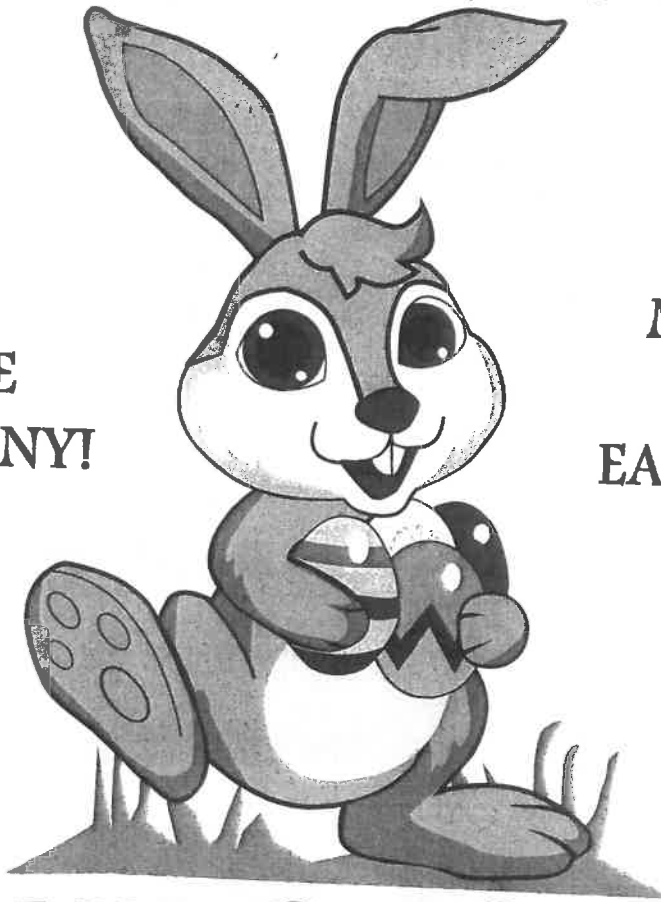
	Monday Mar. 5	Tuesday Mar. 6	Wednesday Mar. 7	Thursday Mar. 8	Friday Mar. 9
Breakfast Menu	Cereal PB Toast Fruit Juice	Sausage Biscuit Fruit Juice	Breakfast Boat Fruit Juice	Cereal Toast / Jelly Fruit Juice	Donut Yogurt Fruit Juice
Lunch Menu	Chicken Tenders Salad w/ Dressing Fruit	BBQ on Bun Corn Peaches Fritos	Mini Corndogs Baked Beans Fruit Condiments	Soft Shelled Tacos Lettuce & Cheese Cup Salsa Orange Smiles	Pizza Munchable Carrots Sticks w/ Ranch Pineapple

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7pm Beginning Band Concert	2	3 8th Volleyball Regionals
4	5	6 8th Volleyball Regionals	7 8th Volleyball Regionals 2:20 Dismissal 6pm PTO Meeting	8 8th Volleyball Regionals	9	10
11 Daylight Saving Time Starts	12 PBIS Store 8th Volleyball Sectionals	13 7pm School Board Meeting	14 2:20 Dismissal	15	16 8th Volleyball State End of Quarter	17 8th Volleyball State Solo and Ensemble Contest (5-8)
18	19	20	21 12pm Senior Lunch 2:20 Dismissal	22	23 Report Cards	24
25	26 No School Spring Break	27 No School Spring Break	28 No School Spring Break	29 No School Spring Break	30 No School Spring Break	31

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

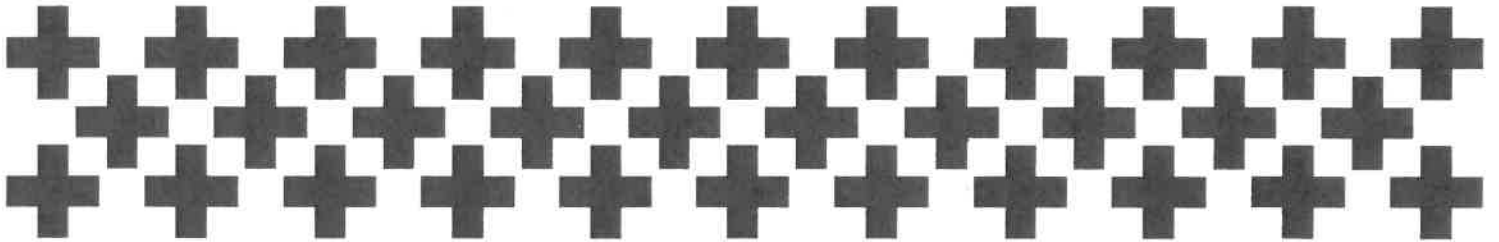
Donut holes, juice and coffee
will be served.

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American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



**Village of Grand Ridge
Blood Drive
Farm Ridge Township Building**

**228 W. Penn
Grand Ridge**

**Saturday, March 3, 2018
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM**

For an appointment call 815-249-6640.

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Scan to schedule
an appointment.

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