

Grand Ridge Grade School

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~NEWSLETTER~



Ted Sanders, Supt. --- Terry Ahearn, Principal
"Large enough to educate you, small enough to know you."

May 13 - 19, 2018

"I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore there can be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to a fellow being, let me do it now, and do not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again."—William Penn

Teacher Appreciation Week

This week (May 7-11th) is teacher appreciation week. We are so proud of our teachers and the hard work they do each day. We celebrate them and their accomplishments. We also honor and celebrate the following teachers for being awarded the *Excellence in Education* award at the ROE #35 Excellence in Education Banquet held on May 3rd:

Dan Mulinazzi, JH Special Education Teacher
Kara Ericzon, 5th Grade Teacher
Peggy Baxter, Title I Paraprofessional
Retiring Educator Award
Marge Fulton, 4th Grade teacher with 25 years at GR

Mother's Day

Another group of people who deserve our love and respect are the mothers out there. Mother's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, May 13th; but it really should be celebrated more often throughout the year. Mothers form the foundation of love, empathy, and kindness for their children as shown through their selfless actions and hard work they do for their family. Strong families are needed now more than ever, and good mothers have perhaps the most important role in shaping their children's lives and personalities. We appreciate our mothers and want them to know they too are loved.

Closing Thoughts

As we draw closer to the end of the school year, we look back at the challenges, trials, and joys we celebrated. This year has really gone by faster than most due to the very busy schedule of events. The quote above reminds us that we pass this way but once. William Penn, for whom Pennsylvania was named, understood that this life is short. We should take every opportunity to help those around us, relieve pain and suffering in the world, provide wisdom and guidance to young people, and shine a light of joy into the hearts of the depressed or downtrodden.

Our teachers and staff do just that every day. Of all professions, teaching is one of the most noble. When approached correctly, we can find ways to help a child learn who they really are and what they want to be in the future. Teachers point out the most beautiful, teach the best qualities, and open a world of knowledge to children that they may never see otherwise. Most teachers only get to be with their students for a few years, then the students move on; but watching these young adults come back to the school and hug their teachers and share stories with them about how they impacted their lives, touches a special place in the heart.

We wish a Happy Mother's Day to everyone who has earned that title. Enjoy yourselves and know how much you are appreciated for the hard work you do.

Have A Great Week!!!!

Calendar of Events

Mon. May 14 - PBIS Store →

Wed. May 16 - 6:00 p.m. All Sports Banquet
2:20 Dismissal

Thurs. May 17 - 6:00 p.m. 5 - 8 Band & Choir Concert

Fri. May 18 - 8:30 a.m. PBIS Breakfast (By Invite Only)

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Special Birthdays

May 13 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	May 14 Lynden Harvill	May 15 Marissa Vickers	May 16	May 17 Amelia King	May 18	May 19
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**PLEASE NOTE:
MENU IS SUBJECT TO
CHANGE WITH
AVAILABILITY**

BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENU

	Monday May 14	Tuesday May 15	Wednesday May 16	Thursday May 17	Friday May 18
Breakfast Menu	Cereal Banana Bread Fruit Juice	Biscuit w/ Jelly Granola Bar Fruit Juice	Cereal Toast / Jelly Fruit Juice	Frudel Fruit Juice	Donut Yogurt Fruit Juice
Lunch Menu	Tacos Lettuce / Cheese Cup Salsa Fruit	Chicken Tenders Salad w/ Dressing Fruit	BBQ on Bun Corn Fruit Fritos Cookie	Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Fruit Condiments	Sack Lunch

Talent Show Tryouts

DATE: Monday May 14th

TIME: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Music Room

**Have your ride ready to pick you up!*

**Students grades 3-8 only*

**No lip syncing!*

**3 minute time limit*

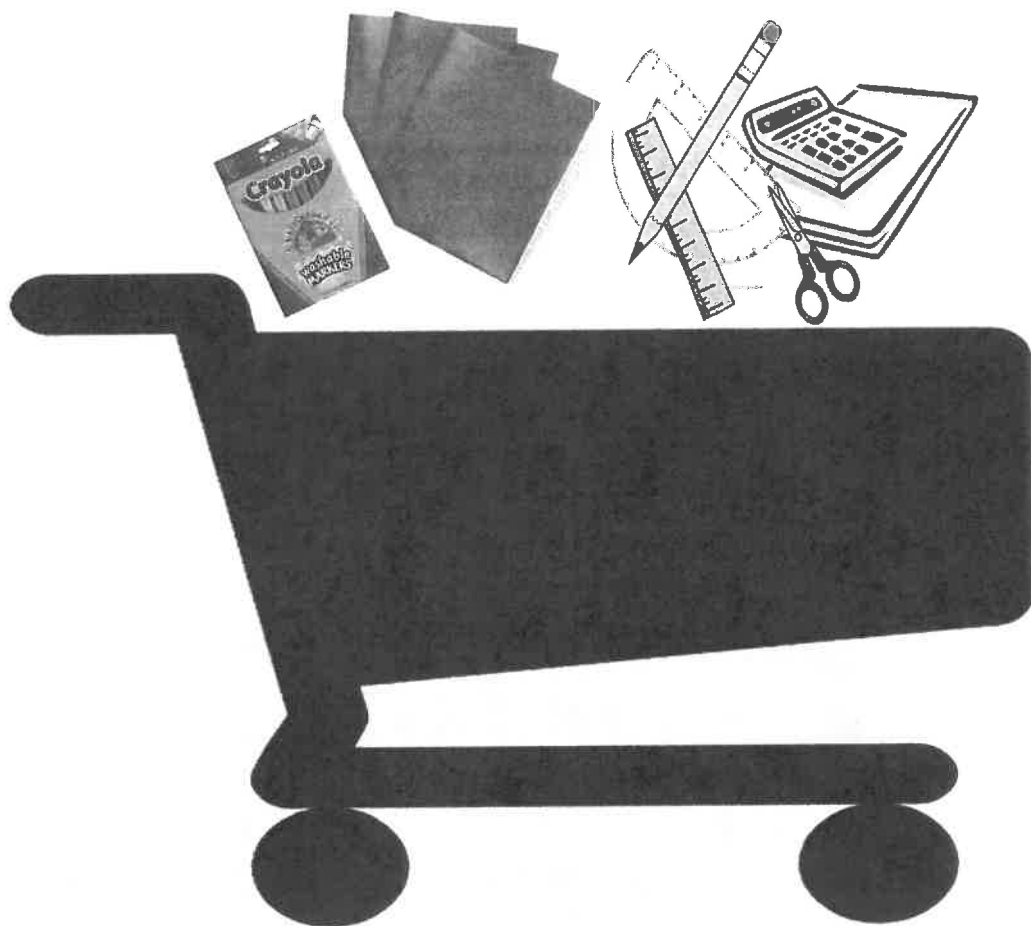
**Sign up outside of the music room & see Mrs. Sanders if you have questions!*



PBIS STORE

Last PBIS Store:

May 14th - 17th



GRADUATION

8th Grade Graduation Ceremony

Wednesday, May 30TH ~ 7:00 pm



****Spring Concert - Thursday, May 17 @
6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room**

(Fifth Grade Choir, JH Choir & 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 students grade. Please plan to attend!!

FALL SPORTS MEETING

FALL SPORTS INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR
BASEBALL, SOFTBALL AND GIRLS BASKETBALL

MAY 16TH - 5:15 P.M. - MULTI PURPOSE ROOM



Join us to kick-off the summer with Girl Scouts!

SPLASH INTO GIRLS SCOUTS

Ottawa's Riordan Pool

June 9, 2018 | 6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Free admission for girls entering Kindergarten through 3rd grade in the fall 2018. Parents are requested to stay and enjoy the activities and swimming with their girls.

Discover the Girl Scout difference!

NEW girls and adults can register for Girl Scouts

\$35 for an extended membership—a \$15 savings! New girls also earn a patch!

We understand you may not be able to attend this event, contact Linda Volker for more information! Email: lvolker@girlscouts-gsci.org; call or text 815-760-2000



GO-GETTER



INNOVATOR



RISK-TAKER



LEADER



Did You Know?

If your family qualifies for free and reduced school lunch, you're eligible for service at the Community Food Basket of Ottawa.

Each month you can get a cart filled with non-perishables, produce, meat and bread, along with vouchers for 2 gallons of milk.



In the summer (June - August) while the kids are home from school, families can also pick up a "Second Helping" each month.

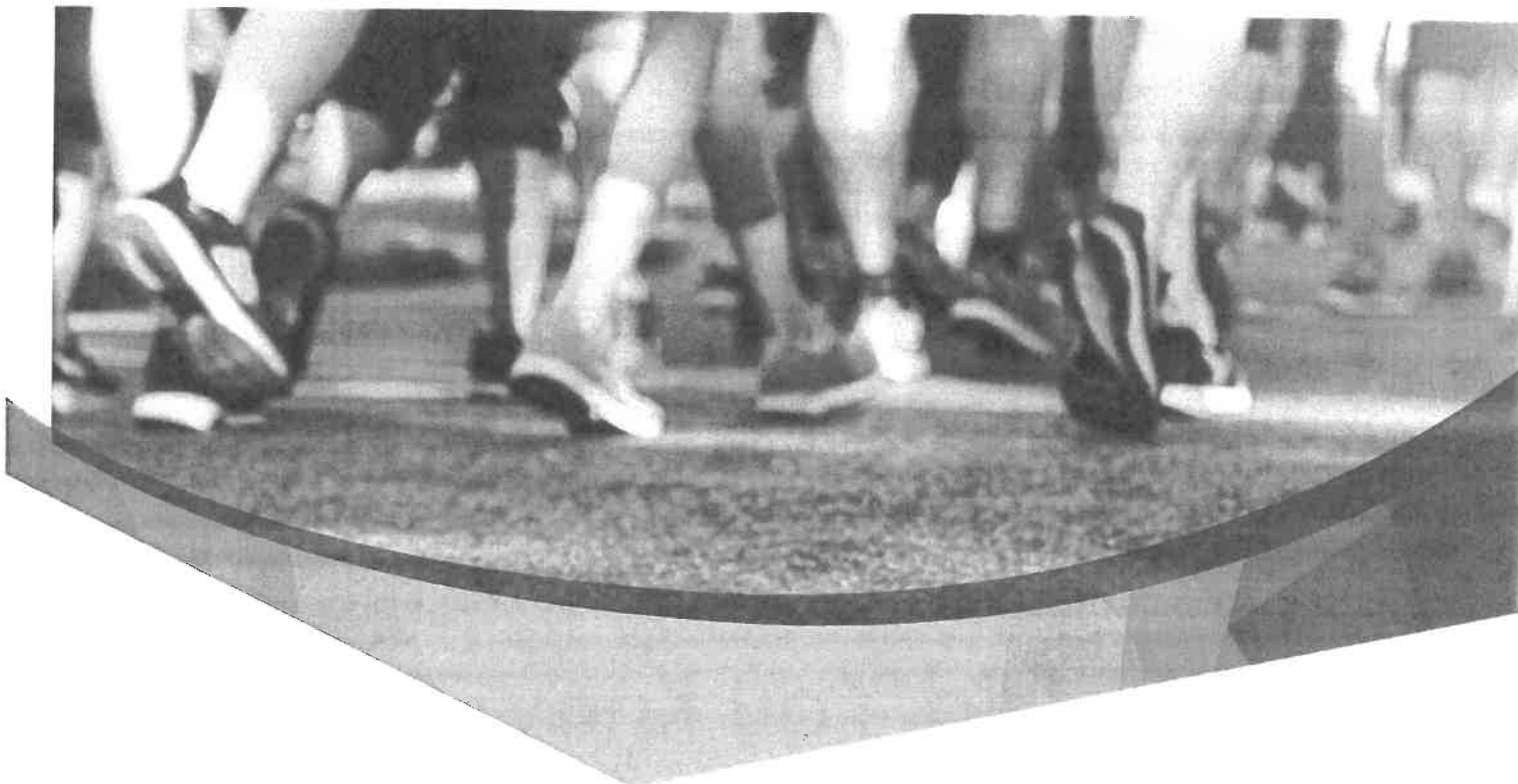
When: Tuesdays 9-11 a.m.
Thursdays 3-6:30 p.m.

Where: 519 W Madison St.

How: To sign up bring an ID and a piece of mail with your current address.

Who: Anyone living in the zip codes: 61350, 61325, 61341, 60549, 60551 who meets income guidelines based on family size.

Questions? Call 815-431-0155 or visit www.ottawafoodbasket.org



SPORTS PHYSICALS

Streator Township High School • Thursday, May 31 • 1-4 p.m.
Physicians, athletic trainers, nurses and clinical support on site

Each student is required to bring:

- Completed consent form
- Completed IHSA form
- \$25 payment (cash or check) – make checks payable to OSF HealthCare. Proceeds will be donated to Streator Township High School's Booster Club.

For more information or to download and print the required forms, please visit osfhealthcare.org/yourteam.

For financial assistance, contact the STHS Athletic Department at (815) 672-0545.

Call (815) 431-5746, Ext. 70125 to schedule your appointment today. Walk-ins accepted.



*Provided by OSF HealthCare and
Streator Township High School*

Please note: A sports physical does not meet the requirement for an incoming freshman's school physical. Parents should contact their child's primary care doctor or pediatrician to schedule a school physical, as immunization records are required.