



# Grand Ridge Grade School

## NEWSLETTER

Week of Nov. 4-10, 2018

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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 . . .

"One of the great fundamental rules of living is this:  
we only receive by giving." --Grand Ridge Publication, *Smile Awhile*

### Grand Ridge Grade School Takes Top Designation from the Illinois State Board of Education!!

This year in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the Federal government's accountability law for the education system across the country, the State had to rank schools according to several factors including: PARCC scores, growth scores for grades 4-8, English Language Proficiency scores, and chronic absenteeism. The rankings include the following:

- Exemplary
- Commendable
- Underperforming
- Lowest Performing

We are proud to report that our school has been designated **EXEMPLARY** by the State of Illinois! The definition is: *A school that has no underperforming student demographic groups at or below the "all student" group of the lowest 5 percent of Title I schools, a graduation rate of greater than 67%, and whose performance is in the top 10 percent of schools statewide.* Schools that receive an exemplary designation may apply to serve in the IL-EMPOWER network of partners. After further research, according to 2016-2017 ISBE data, there were 852 Public School Districts, encompassing 3,796 schools; **which means we are in the top 85 school districts in the state, and in the top 380 schools in the entire State of Illinois!!!!**

We are very happy to share this information with you. We know that educating students is the job of everyone in our community. If not for the caring and dedicated parents and volunteers, our fantastic teachers and staff, we would not have received such an honorable distinction. You should be proud to live in and participate in such a great community, dedicated to the education of your children. We also thank the Grand Ridge Board of Education who, with their continued support of our programs, make it possible to grow and raise such wonderful children.

Once we have all the information deciphered we will publish on our web page. You may also access information about our school at <https://www.illinoisreportcard.com/>. Enter Grand Ridge Grade School to see more.

## Have A Great Week!!!!

## **Grand Ridge CCSD #95 Parent Survey**

### **Reason for Survey:**

Periodically it is important for the school district to survey parents and community members to help inform decision-making. As part of this process we have developed an electronic survey that can be taken on your computer or mobile device. The answers we receive from this survey will help us in making decisions for the school and the children of Grand Ridge. The opinions of our community, parents, and guardians are very important to us.

### **How to Access the Survey**

There will be several ways to access the survey online:

- **Use the information at the bottom of this sheet to take the survey. Simply read and follow the instructions for taking the survey, submit, and you are done!**
- **Parents and Guardians who gave us an email address in the registration packet will be invited via email to participate in the survey**
- **The instructions and link for the survey will be added to our webpage at [grgs95.org](http://grgs95.org).**
- **The weekly newsletter will also include all of the information for accessing the survey.**
- **If you need help taking the survey, we will have a station set up in the main office of the school for parents and community members to log in and take the survey. Call ahead to set up an appointment!**

### **Timeline for Results**

After taking the survey during the month of November, we will compile the data and meet with our District Vision Committee in January. The committee will help us to determine priorities from the survey results and will give the Board of Education the information to use in helping to set our long-range goals for the school. We will share the results in future publications of our newsletter and on our website [www.grgs95.org](http://www.grgs95.org), so make sure to watch for updates!

### **Access the Survey!**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N8JBSK6>**

Honor Roll for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks  
 High Honor Roll – Students Receiving 3.50 GPA or Higher  
 \* Denotes Straight A's

8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
* Reagan Bush	* Christina Snook	* Blaize Bressner
* Benjamin Domoleczny	Nora Cave	* Steven Hladovcak
* Hannah Galletti	Abigayle Gribbin	* Annika Michlik
* Franchesca Rodriguez	James Maltby	Shaelyn Groesbeck
Sadie Lechel	Kiley Rhodes	Leah Krohe
Declan O'Connor		Levi Laasch
Marisa Vickers		Annabelle Larabee
		George Lukach
		Liam O'Connor
		Emma Rambo

Honor Roll—Students Receiving 3.00–3.49 GPA

8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Henry Alexander	Andrew Cavallini	Clifton Bush
Jaron Black	Alec Darrow	Nolan Christensen
Gavin Brock	Lexy Jensen	Lydia Cowley
Ethan Christie	Abby Johanson	Andrew Gritt
Amelia King	Saige McNeill	Lynden Harvill
Kyotee McNeill	Michael Mills	Mason Jaegle
Bianca Reilly	Cody Orsburn	Oleeta Orsburn
Ryan Seibert	Kaylie Reilly	David Peffer
William Swango	Hadley Richardson	Landon Sawin
	Andrew Ristau	Sayge Shelton
	Jenna Simons	Alan Spencer
		Skyla Tranchita
		Allen Trumbo
		Jace Veith
		Caden Walter
		Malachi Williams
		Colin Wolf

# FALL 2018-19 STAR OF THE QUARTER LIST

**Kindergarten: Annabelle Calhan**

**First Grade: Charlotte Durdan**

**Second Grade: Gunner Grammer**

**Third Grade: Hunter Nettleingham**

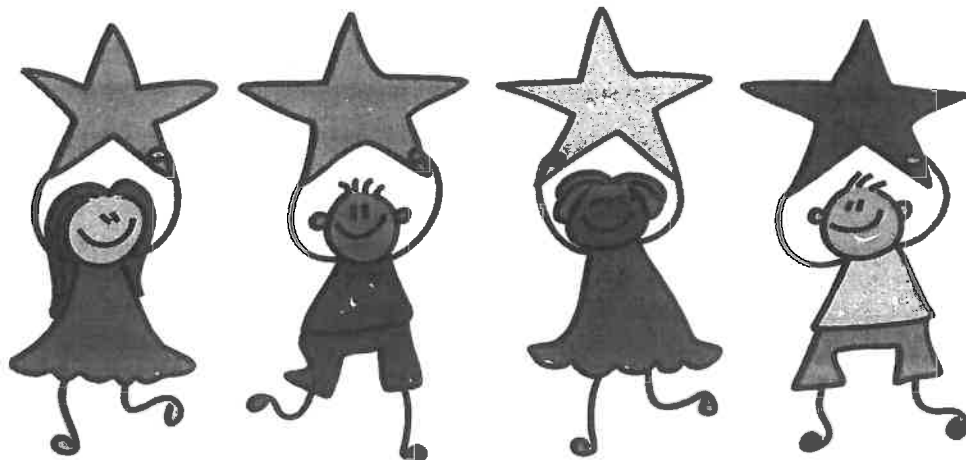
**Fourth Grade: Rebecca Tranchita**

**Fifth Grade: Katherine Bressner**

**Sixth Grade: Nolan Lukach**

**Seventh Grade: Nora Cave**

**Eighth Grade: Kyotee McNeill**





## VETERANS' DAY

*Veteran's Day is coming soon and we need to have students recognize the veterans in their family. A veteran information form is in the newsletter for students to fill out and return to the school.*

*The more detail you can offer about what branch and unit they served in, or if you have pictures of the veteran(s) (in the service and now), the more personalized the certificate or brick can be. Pictures are scanned into the document, so you will get the pictures back. This information produces an "honorary brick" and is added to the Veteran Wall. A brick is made for the wall, child and the veteran or family.*

*Usually, we think of veterans as men and women who served during war time. It is actually any person who served in active units of the regular armed services (Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy, Coast Guard) during war or peace time. A lot of National Guard units have been called up to serve in Iraq and we want to honor them, too.*

*We are looking for new veterans. If you have already had one made in the past, we already have it on the wall. Please fill this out and return as soon as possible. I would like to put them on display before our program.*

*Veteran's Day Program is on  
Friday, November 9th, 2018 at 2:20p.m.*



# VETERAN'S HONOR ROLL



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

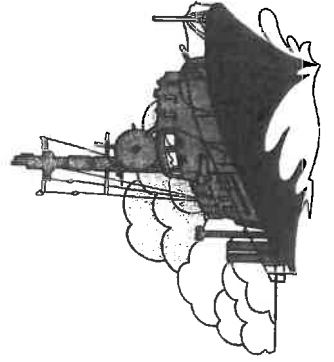
RELATIONSHIP TO THE CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_

WAR/PEACETIME \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS: \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

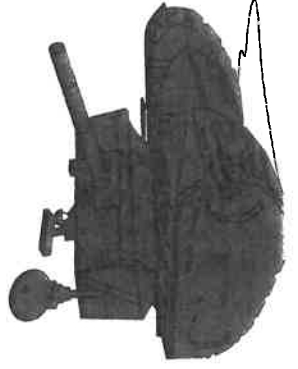
YEAR (S) SERVED: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE THEN: \_\_\_\_\_ TODAY: \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH OF SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT SERVED IN: \_\_\_\_\_



*Thank you for serving our country!*



# VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

Students we invite you to wear RED, WHITE and BLUE for our Veterans Day Assembly on Friday, November 9th



## Spirit Week / November 5-9th.

Monday: Western Day

Tuesday: Class Color Day \*(See Below)

Wednesday: Pajama Day

Thursday: Twin Day

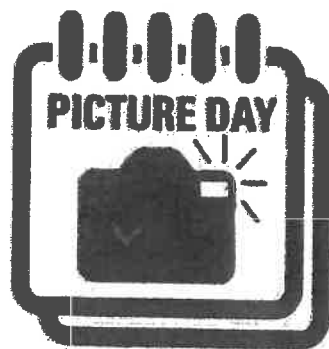
Friday: School Color Day or Red, White and Blue Day (for Veteran's Day Service)

- K: orange
- 1: pink
- 2: green
- 3: black
- 4: blue
- 5: red
- 6: purple
- 7: yellow
- 8: white



## Picture Retakes:

Picture retakes will be Monday, November 12th. If you are wanting your student to have their picture retaken, please contact the office.



# RETAKES



# Calendar of Events

*Mon. Nov. 5 - 7/8 VGSC Tournament @ Grand Ridge  
5/6 Boys Basketball @ St. Michaels 5:00 p.m.  
PBIS Store*

*Tues. Nov. 6 - 5/6 Boys Basketball @ Waltham 5:00 p.m.  
7/8 Grade Boys Basketball @ St. Michaels 5:00 p.m.*

*Wed. Nov. 7 - 8th Grade Streator SHS Testing  
Dismiss 11:50 a.m.  
PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.*

*Thur. Nov. 8 - 5/6 Boys Basketball Tournament @ St. Michaels*

*Fri. Nov. 9 - 5/6 Boys Basketball Tournament @ St. Michaels  
Veterans Day Program*

## Special Birthdays

Nov. 4 Leah Reed	Nov. 5	Nov. 6 Gavin Brock	Nov. 7	Nov. 8 Lydia Fessler	Nov. 9 Rihanna Henderson	Nov. 10 Abby Gribbin
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**\*\* PLEASE NOTE:  
MENUS IS SUBJECT  
TO CHANGE WITH  
AVAILABILITY**

## Lunch & Breakfast Menus

	<b>Monday</b> Nov. 5	<b>Tuesday</b> Nov. 6	<b>Wednesday</b> Nov. 7	<b>Thursday</b> Nov. 8	<b>Friday</b> Nov. 9
<b>Breakfast Menu</b>	Donut Yogurt Fruit Juice	Cereal Strawberry Chex Fruit Juice	Cereal Bar String Cheese Fruit Juice	Cereal Cinnamon Toast Fruit Juice	Mohawk Sub Tots Fruit Juice
<b>Lunch Menu</b>	Chicken Nuggets Fresh Broccoli Orange Smiles Condiments	Creamy Chicken over Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Peaches Bread / Butter	No Lunch	Ham on Goldfish Bread Carrots Fruit Condiments	Under the Sea Baked Beans Applesauce Ice Cream Sandwich Condiments

# November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Daylight Savings Time Ends	5 7/8 VGSC Tournament PBIS Store 5/6 Boys Basketball @St. Michael 5:00p.m.	6 @ Grand Ridge 5/6 Boys Basketball @ Waltham 5:00p.m. 7/8 Grade Boys Basketball @ St. Michaels 5:00 p.m.	7 8th Grade SHS Testing Dismiss 11:50 a.m. 6p PTO Meeting	8 5/6 Boys Basketball Tournament @ St. Michaels	9 10	6th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament @ Milton Pope
11 Veterans Day	12 Veterans Day Observed 5/6 Boys Basketball vs Northlawn 5:00 p.m. 7/8 Boys Basketball @ Northlawn 5:00 p.m.	13 5/6 Boys Basketball vs ICS 5:00 p.m. 7/8 Boys Basketball @ ICS 4:30 p.m. 7p School Board Mtg	14 5/6 Boys Basketball vs Milton Pope 5:00 p.m. Dismiss 2:20 12p Senior Lunch	15 7/8 Boys Basketball vs MVK 5:00 p.m. 7/8 Girls Basketball @ MVK 4:30 p.m.	16 7/8 Boys Basketball @ OHS TBA	17 7th Grade Girls Basketball Regionals Wreath Sale Pickup
18 7th Grade Girls Regionals	19 5/6 Boys Basketball vs Holy Family 5:00 p.m. 7/8 Boys Basketball @ Cornell 5:00 p.m.	20 5/6 Boys Basketball vs Parkside 5:00 p.m.	21 Booster Club Mtg 4pm Thanksgiving Break - No School	22 Thanksgiving Day	23 Black Friday	24
25	26 8th Girls Basketball Regionals 7/8 Boys Basketball vs Odell 5:00 p.m.	27 Midterms 5/6 Boys Basketball @ Woodland 5:30 p.m. 7/8 Boys Basketball vs Woodland 5:00 p.m.	28 5/6 Boys Basketball @ Waltham 5:00p.m. 7th Grade Girls Sectionals Dismiss 2:20 p.m.	29 7/8 Boys Basketball vs. Saunemin 5:00 p.m. 8th Grade Girls Basketball Regionals	30 7th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament @ Marseilles 8th Grade Girls Basketball Regionals	

# Farmer Beau's Farm

*Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>*

*1pm – 4pm*

*Geiger Home*

*1777 N 21<sup>st</sup> Rd*

*Grand Ridge*



## Book Signing

**Farmer Beau's Farm**

**An Adventure Awaits**



## Character Items

**Stuffed Animals**

**Hand Puppets**

**Finger Puppet Barn Set**

Order from Bamma's Sweets

GRAND RIDGE EMERGENCY FUND  
Grand Ridge, Illinois  
October, 2018

Dear Friends,

**We need YOUR HELP!!!!** The time has come for the Grand Ridge Emergency Fund to appeal to the people of our school district for funds. **We are a non-profit, tax deductible organization whose goal is to aid school children and their families in our school district.** Our major efforts revolve around Thanksgiving and Christmas. Food baskets are provided for each Holiday. New clothing and toys are added to the Christmas package. Occasional aid is provided for special school related needs. We depend on our grade school to assist in these efforts by identifying the children and families that may need our assistance.

**All Families that receive assistance are kept anonymous.**

**All of the work getting everything ready for the distribution, of the food baskets and gifts, is done by volunteers. A great group of men in our community volunteer their time and vehicles (RAIN,SNOW or SHINE) to deliver the packages on time. All funds are strictly used to assist those that are less fortunate.**

Two (2) local food drives are done each year. The 1st food drive (St. Mary's CCD class and the Pacesetters 4-H club) will take place **on Nov. 3rd- starting at 10am.** The 2nd food drive (St. Mary's CCD class and the Pacesetters 4-H club) will be held **on Dec. 1st- starting at 10am.** These collections help to gather items for distribution in addition to those items we purchase. Appropriate items are non-perishable foods and paper products. **PLEASE CHECK THE DATES ON ITEMS YOU DONATE AS WE CANNOT GIVE OUTDATED FOOD ITEMS.**

The number served last year (2017) at Thanksgiving was **11 families (32 children)** and at Christmas there were **12 families (38 children)** . Our total expenditures for both holidays came to a total of **\$9017.35.** Your generous contributions will allow us to serve more families if there is the need.

Should anyone know of someone who may need assistance at this time please contact Shirley Gielow - 815-249-5286 or any of the Directors.

Please help us do again this year those things that we have done in the past. **Your tax deductible contribution** may be mailed to the Grand Ridge National Bank, PO Box 97, Grand Ridge, IL 61325 or deposited at the bank, located at 105 W. Main St. in Grand Ridge. The Officers and Directors of the Emergency Fund want to **"Thank You"** for your continuing support. Any questions you have you may contact us at 1-815-249-5286. **THANK YOU !!!!**

Sincerely, Shirley Gielow	President	Kim Michelini	Director
Tereza Hettel	Sec/Vice Pres	Erica Heth	Director
Michelle Roux	Treasurer	Laurie Lehr	Director
Kelly Harsted	Director	Connie Soulsby	Director