



Grand Ridge Grade School

NEWSLETTER

Week of Oct. 7-13 2018

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

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A Few Words from the Superintendent

"Though you were to live three thousand years, or three million, still remember that no man loses any other life than this which he now lives, or lives any other than this which he now loses."—Marcus Aurelius

October is off and running. We are already looking forward to Parent/Teacher conferences and Halloween parties, and the many groups at work in the school are all preparing these events. We are excited for all of the fun things we have planned for your children as we enter this time of year, and the next two months as well!

Needs Assessment

We are still working on finalizing questions for our needs assessment survey, and as it is finalized, we will send information out to everyone about how to take the survey. We will also be able to answer questions at Parent Teacher conferences about how to access the survey and submit it for the school. The Needs Assessment will help us to prioritize the items the community feels is important and will help drive our conversations in the various school improvement groups we have.

District/School Report Card

This month we will be receiving our information from the state for our District/School Report card. As this is published we will be able to see how well the school is doing in the academic, fiscal, and attendance areas and it will also help you in making your decisions for the needs assessment survey.

The Quote Above

Marcus Aurelius is perhaps one of the lesser known Emperors of Rome. He reigned at the height of the Roman Empire before it began dissolving and fragmenting due to overexpansion, local political in-fighting, and countless wars and attacks on all sides. Aurelius was considered by most historians to be one of the only *good* emperors of Rome, putting the needs of the people above his own and focusing mainly on the philosophical concepts of truth and justice as his principals for ruling the Roman Empire. As Marcus Aurelius was assuming power, the spread of Christian thought in the area was changing the doctrines of old, some lasting well over 2000 years from prehistoric times, and this thought was influencing many of the political and cultural traditions as well.

So with the backdrop of complete religious and cultural change occurring around him, Aurelius wrote in his own *Meditations* about how he must stay focused on the good and turn away from the bad. These meditations were not originally to be published, but those around him believed that they were of such importance that they would share them with posterity. In his quote above from basically his personal journal, which was likely written later in his life, you can hear the dialogue within the man as he is processing and weighing his legacy. In it, he discusses how the only day you are assured of is the day you live in now; and that the only chance to change the life you lead is in this moment in this day.

Changing your thoughts and behaviors is a very difficult thing to do. Educators know that the hardest thing to teach a person is how to un-learn bad habits. It takes 7 to 10 times the number of repetitions to replace a good habit with a bad habit, and the only day you can take on the challenge is today. Each day, repeat the desired habit 7 to 10 times until it becomes your new habit, and you will free yourself from the bad habits you have learned unconsciously.

Have a Great Week!!!

Boys Basketball:

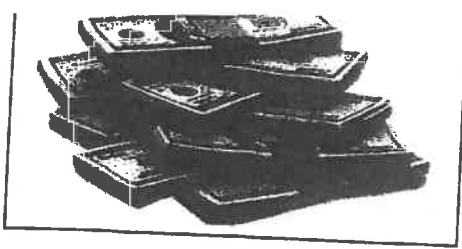
Reminder to all Boys in grades 5,6,7 and 8th Grade wanting to play basketball. Please get your sport physicals done before practice starts on October 15th.



Pictures:

Your student will be bringing home their proofs from their pictures. All proofs need to be turned into the office by October 8th. If your student will be doing the retakes, please let the office know. Picture retakes are October 12th.

CHEESE! Say



Game Admissions



- Arrive for your scheduled work time $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before the first game. **Admission table is done after $\frac{1}{2}$ time of the second game.**
- Give each person a green ticket when they pay. **Keep the school's copy so we know the total in attendance.** JH children may help with tickets, but are not allowed to handle the money.
- You will receive **2 free admissions** for the evening that you are working.
- If you are unable to work during your scheduled time, please contact your own replacement, or contact a booster club rep.
- You may also be asked to sell raffle tickets or 50/50 chances. Please put money from Booster Club promotional sales in the appropriate box or container.
- **Checks for the referees** are in the admission cash box under the tray. The coach or game supervisor is responsible for making sure they get their checks.
- **Grand Ridge students have free admission to home games!** If you are unsure, just ask the student if they attend our school.
- Give the cash box to the concession stand or school personnel to be locked up in the office at the end of the night.

Admission Prices

Adults: \$3

Senior Citizens: \$2

Students and Children: \$1

Grand Ridge Students: FREE

Calendar of Events

Mon. Oct. 8 - No School - Columbus Day

*Tues. Oct. 9 - 7/8 Girls Basketball vs Marquette 5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting*

*Wed. Oct. 10 - 2:20 Dismissal
7/8 Girls Basketball @OHS TBA*

Thur. Oct. 11 - 7/8 Girls Basketball @ Olgesby 5:00 p.m.

*Fri. Oct. 12 - Picture Retakes
8th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament @ Peru Catholic*

Sat. Oct. 13 - 8th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament @ Peru Catholic

Special Birthdays

Oct. 7 Lane Harcharik	Oct. 8	Oct. 9 Brayden Batastini	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Oct. 12 Dexter Craig Dylan Craig	Oct. 13
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****PLEASE NOTE: MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH AVAILABILITY****

Lunch & Breakfast Menus

	Monday Oct. 8	Tuesday Oct. 9	Wednesday Oct. 10	Thursday Oct. 11	Friday Oct. 12
Breakfast Menu	No School	French Toast Sticks Hashbrown Fresh Fruit Juice Condiments	Cereal Granola Bar Fruit Juice	Cereal Banana Bread Fruit Juice	Cereal Cheese Toast Fruit Juice
Lunch Menu	No School	Pizza Carrot Sticks w/ Ranch Fresh Fruit	Breaded Pork Chop on Bun Baked Beans Fruit Condiments	Cheeseburger on Bun Salad w/ Dressing Fruit Condiments	Chicken Patty on Bun Coleslaw Mandarin Oranges Condiments

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7/8 Girls Basketball @ Parkside 4:30 p.m.	2 7/8 Girls Basketball vs. Tonica 5:00 p.m.	3 7/8 Girls Basketball vs Holy Family 5:00 p.m. 2:20 Dismissal	4 7/8 Girls Basketball vs Milton Pope 5:00 p.m.	5 ~ No School ~ Teacher Institute	6
7	8 Columbus Day (regional holiday) No School	9 7/8 Girls Basketball vs Marquette 5:00 p.m.	10 7/8 Girls Basketball @ OHS TBA 2:20 Dismissal	11 7/8 Girls Basketball @ Olgesby 5:00 p.m.	12 8th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament @ Peru Catholic 9a Picture Retakes	13
14	15 PBIS Store 7/8 Girls Basketball @ Northlawn 5:00 p.m.	16 7/8 Girls Basketball @ St. Michaels 5:00 p.m.	17 12p Senior Lunch 2:20 Dismissal	18 7/8 Girls Basketball @ Wallace 5:00 p.m.	19 End of Quarter	20 OHS Placement Testing
21	22	23	24 Parent / Teacher Conferences 2:20 Dismissal	25 Parent / Teacher Conferences	26 No School PTO Halloween Party	27
28	29 5/6 BB @ Olgesby 5:00 p.m. 7/8 Girls Basketball vs Waltham 5:00 p.m.	30 5/6 BB @ Marseilles 5:00 p.m. 7/8 BB vs Marseilles 5:00 p.m.	31 Halloween 1:45 p.m. Class Parties 7p Booster Club Mtg 2:20 Dismissal			

CRUSHERS

WRESTLING

2018- 2019 Ottawa Crushers Wrestling Club

Registration

For Kids Ages 4 to 14

Sign up Days:

October 11th 5:00-6:30 pm and October 17th from 5:00-6:30 pm

@ Jeremiah Joe's Coffee House

807 LaSalle Street, Ottawa

***Additional Sign-up dates to be announced**

Registration Costs:

1st Child- \$100 per wrestler

This cost includes: IKWF card, registration costs, and a club t-Shirt

Payment is due at registration

#First year wrestlers must supply a copy of their birth certificate

Need more information? Contact us:

Gavin Kurtz (Head Coach) (815) 503-0484

Bill Kanellis (President) (815) 587-4187

Practice start date will be announced on Facebook and through the Remind App

Practices will be held on Wednesday's and Friday's to begin the season

@ Ottawa High School's West Gym

Check out Ottawa Crushers Kids Wrestling Club on Facebook!!



United Way
of Eastern LaSalle County

Children's Coin Campaign 2018



October 1 – October 31

Spare change?!
Well, that's just what we're looking for!
Help to support
United Way of Eastern LaSalle County's
11 agencies and over 20 programs
by donating your spare coins!
Every little bit helps!

GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.
LIVE UNITED.





Dear Parent,

Our school will once again be participating in the Pizza Hut 'Book It' program. This is a program where your child can earn a free personal pan pizza for reading if you choose to do so. From October through March a paper will be sent home with your child to record the books they have read.

When your child has read the required number of books have them return the paper to me in the library. They will receive a Reading Award Certificate and a coupon for the pizza.

This program encourages your child to find the joy in reading. The mission of the program is to turn "have to read" into "want to read" and the only way to get better at reading is to take the time to do it!

Enjoy reading with your child!

Mrs. Woodyer

