



Grand Ridge Grade School

NEWSLETTER

September 6 - 12, 2020

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

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A Few Words from Mr. Sanders . . .

"There are two kinds of teachers: the kind that fills you with so much quail shot that you can't move, or the kind that gives you a little prod behind and you jump to the skies."—Robert Frost.

Protocols for teaching and learning while dealing with COVID-19

The school administration met with PTO leaders last week to discuss moving forward with the school year. We determined that parties must be postponed until further notice. We are allowing treats to be sent in to the classroom, but all treats must be individually wrapped. The PTO is establishing room parents to oversee communication with teachers and Mr. Ahearn to make sure we are compliant in managing this process. With only 4 hours to teach in-person, we want to make sure students receive education first and foremost. Teachers will communicate with PTO room parents to decide if and when treats may be sent to class.

Curriculum during COVID-19

Obviously, none of us wanted COVID to happen, and it has been a very difficult and challenging event. We have worked very hard with teachers to create an in-person curriculum day that focuses on core subjects. We are still working out the bugs in some cases. Algebra, for example, requires that we have an additional period in the day that we simply do not have at this point. We have investigated other curriculum alternatives, such as on-line tutorials and so forth. We want to offer this subject, as well as music, art, PE, and STEAM, but given the time constraints we are unable to teach all subjects. Priority has been given to the core subjects at this time. If however, we are able to return to a full-day of instruction, we will again be able to offer the same level of curriculum we did before. That is our goal and our hope..... that we will soon be able to return to a more regular learning day.

COVID-19 Team to meet in October

During the summer we met with a multidisciplinary team representing all the major parts of the school system. It was during that time that we created our current plan for the school year, and it was decided that we would meet before the end of the quarter to determine the direction for quarter 2. We will host another such meeting in October to decide whether or not to return to a full-day schedule. We will also reevaluate our current procedures and protocols to determine if changes need to be made. We appreciate everyone's patience as we cope with these challenges.

Parents and Community Support

We have been very blessed by many emails of encouragement and hope as we have started this school year. So many people have reached out in a positive way to help. Teachers have stepped up to fill the many roles of temperature-takers, supervisors, substitutes, and have in some cases had to forgo the subject they love to help in the classroom in order to catch children up from the lost teaching and learning they experience last spring. It has been extremely stressful, I must say, on everyone. But this community is pulling together to help us continue to provide a quality Grand Ridge education. We thank you for helping us, encouraging us, and offering your services when possible. We truly appreciate your cooperation.

Have A Great Week!!



"PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY"

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NEWS RELEASE

September 4, 2020

County Highway 5 (Richards Road) be closed for a bridge removal and replacement beginning Tuesday, September 15, 2020. The project is located approximately 800 feet east of E. 19th Road in Otter Creek Township. The work is expected to be completed by June, 2021.

Motorists are advised to use alternative routes around the construction site.

WLPO
The Radio Group
The Times
Sheriff's Office
EMS
Grand Ridge Fire & Ambulance
Grand Ridge Grade School
Streator High School
County Board Office
Streator Post Office

Calendar of Events

Mon. Sept. 7 - No School

Tues. Sept. 8 11:50 Dismissal

Baseball @ Marseilles 4:30 p.m.

Softball @ Woodland 4:30 p.m.

School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Wed. Sept. 9 - 11:50 Dismissal

Thurs. Sept. 10 - 11:50 Dismissal

Baseball @ Serena 4:30 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 11 - 11:50 Dismissal

Special Birthdays

Sept. 6 Oakley Holstein	Sept. 7	Sept. 8	Sept. 9 Blaize Bressner	Sept. 10 Alexis Rogers Sapphire Tyssen Miss Berg	Sept. 11 Annabelle Calhan	Sept. 12 Evelyn Grady
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**PLEASE NOTE :
MENU IS SUBJECT TO
CHANGE WITH
AVAILABILITY**

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

	Monday Sept. 7	Tuesday Sept. 8	Wednesday Sept. 9	Thursday Sept. 10	Friday Sept. 11
Breakfast Menu	No School	Cereal Toast / Jelly Fruit Juice Cheese Stick	Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice	Cereal Cheese Stick Fruit Juice	Cereal Bar Yogurt Fruit Juice
Lunch Menu	No School	Uncrustable PB&J Broccoli w/ Ranch Fruit Cheese Stick Cheetos Juice	Lunch Meat Sandwich Salad w/ Ranch Fruit Pudding Fritos Juice	Lunch Meat Sandwich Broccoli w/ Ranch Fruit Cheese Stick Cheetos Juice	Lunch Meat Sandwich Salad w/ Ranch Fruit Pudding Fritos Juice

