



Grand Ridge Grade School

NEWSLETTER

Week of Sept. 10-16, 2017

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

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A Few Words from the Superintendent

"When the act of reflection takes place in the mind, when we look at ourselves in the light of thought, we discover that our life is embosomed in beauty."—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thursday, August 31, 2017 at 2:30pm, the Governor will sign into legislation historic funding reform for the state of Illinois that will work over several years to make our system of funding education more adequate and equitable for all students in the state. The formula was written in large part by educators and professionals in school finance who understood the challenging concepts that were at the center of the debate. Through much political activity among superintendents and administrators around the state for the past few years, Vision 20/20 was forwarded to the leadership of the state along with the funding ideas that were critical in the reform effort. It was an effort not seen before in public education in our state, and involved the IASA, IEA, and many other professional organizations. No one believed that such an effort would produce results this soon. Today, that effort bares fruit.

We will begin to see our funding resume and increase to the appropriate levels this year. Over the next several years the state is supposed to be on track to meet its financial obligation of providing 51% of the education burden for students in the state. That increase for us would be quite substantial. For districts that have had to raise taxes to provide adequacy, the formula allows for them to begin the process of lowering taxes as the state picks up their legal portion. Much of this has a long way to go, but this is a good day in Illinois for Education.

Along with that important measure, the legislators also passed a law that stops the state from requiring districts to pay a large percentage on federal grants into TRS for salaried employees being paid through those grants. What that means for us is that our Title I teacher and aides will be more affordable, and some special education money that was tied up at LEASE in benefit costs will be released for providing students more educational opportunities and supports. This effort was begun in large part by the VOICE group that I belong to, representing Grand Ridge and the LaSalle Region. This political action group was actually started by former GR superintendent Wally Marquardt and a few other superintendents years ago, and by meeting with our local reps, and Adam Kinzinger, we were able to bring a very important topic to the table and get action on this important bill. Our VOICE group encouraged other groups around the state to take action, and so in part, had a very real presence in getting this legislation on the move. Illinois was the only state to require payments into the retirement system using grant money, and now that is a thing of the past.

We look forward to this year and years ahead with cautious optimism, understanding that it is our role as citizens to make sure that our leaders do their part for all of us. This example shows us the importance of speaking up and taking a stand for what is right, obeying the laws and rules that govern, while finding positive ways to impact change.

Have a great Week!!

Save the Date for our Music Programs!!!!

Veterans Day Assembly- Friday, November 10 @

2:20 p.m.

in the Gym

(grades K-5 will perform a song, Fifth Grade Choir and JH choir will perform,

JH band will perform.)

****Christmas Program Grades K,1,2- Thursday, December 7 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room**

****Winter Concert- Thursday, December 14 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room**

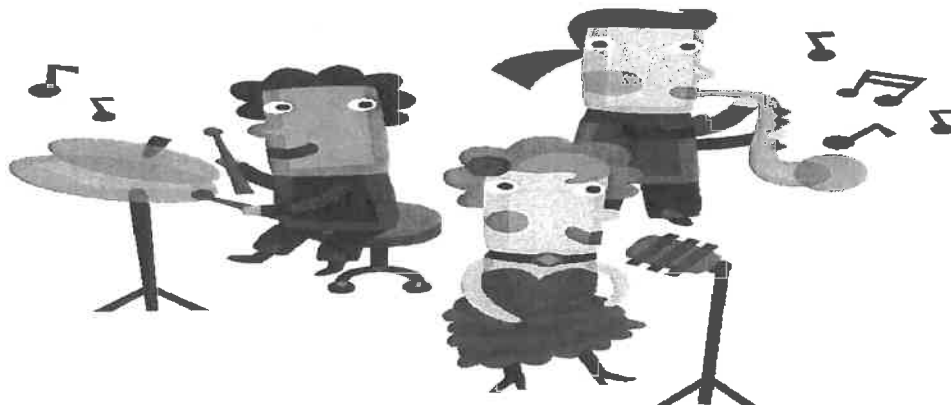
(Fifth grade Choir, JH Choir, and Band will perform.)

****Spring Program Grades 3,4,5- Thursday, April 26 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room**

****Spring Concert- Thursday, May 17 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room**

(Fifth grade Choir, JH Choir, and 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 student's grade. Please plan to attend!



Grand Ridge Jr. High Student Council Members for 2017 - 2018

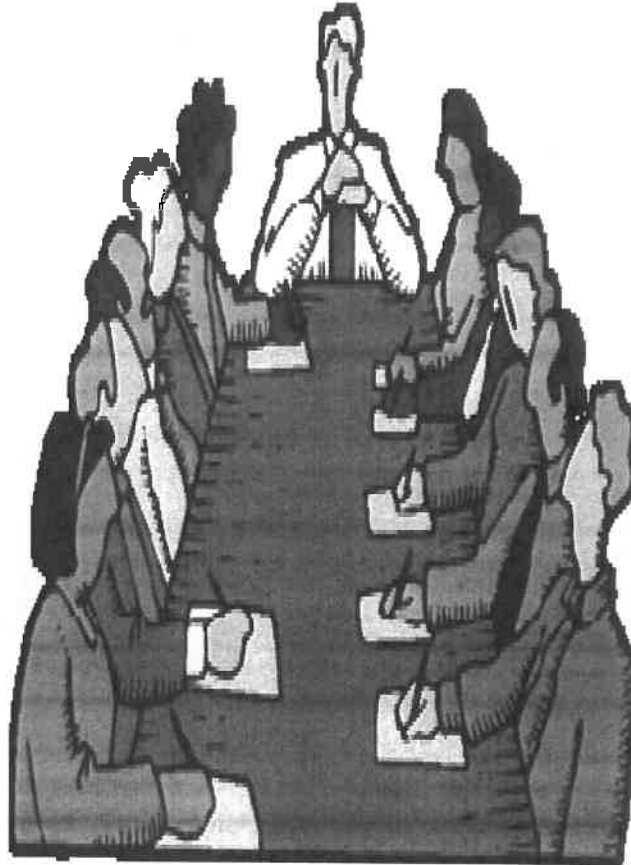
6A - Christina Snook
Alyssa Purifoy
Saige McNeill
James Maltby

7A - Ben Domoleczny
Reagan Bush

7B - Tom Durdan
Marisa Vickers
Will Swango

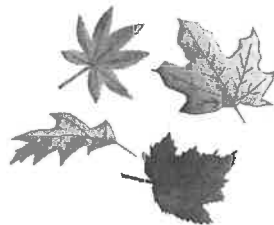
8A - Dylan Tredway
Mason LaFleur

8B - Allie Snyder
Dalton Walter



September Fun Facts

School,
Effort, and
Play.
Trying your best
Each hour of the day,
Making new friends,
Being good as you can
Exciting discoveries,
Reading books with a friend."



- * September 5th: National Cheese Pizza Day
- * September 9th: National Teddy Bear Day
- * September 16th: National Play-Doh Day
- * September 19th: International "Talk Like A Pirate Day"
- * September 1st, 1830: The poem "Mary had a Little Lamb" was published.
- * September 18, 1851: The New York Times published its first edition.
- * September 24th, 1789: The US Supreme Court was established

- Boni Fulgham

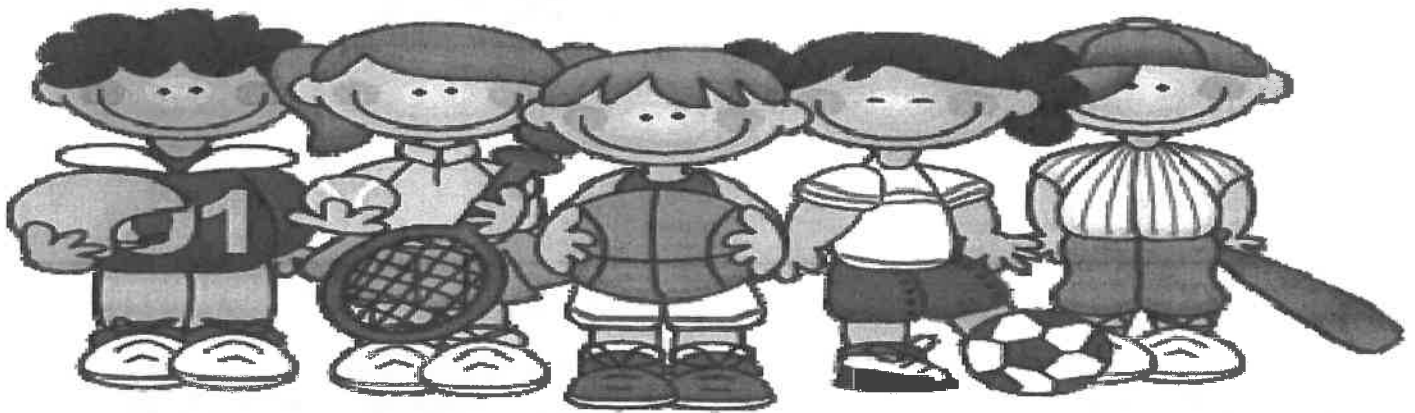
STUDENT COUNCIL SPORTS DANCE

Friday September 15th - 3:00 to 5:00 pm

\$3.00 Admission - \$1.00 for Pizza, Pop, Water

Wear your favorite sports team shirt or jersey!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL NOTICE CONCERNING FOOTBALL GAMES!!!

As a necessary component of crowd control at home football games, OTHS is now requiring any student up to and including 8th grade be accompanied by a paying parent/adult when entering a home football game. Such students will be required to sit with parent/adult or in the grade school section located in the Northeast section of the home bleachers.

Students that show up at the gate
without a parent/adult will be denied entrance

Calendar of Events

Mon. Sept. 11 - 5/6 Girls Basketball vs. Central 4:30pm
Softball Regionals

Tues. Sept. 12 - School Board Meeting 7pm (6:45 pm - Public Hearing for Budget)
5/6 Girls Basketball @ Holy Family (Tourney)
Baseball Regionals

Wed. Sept. 13 - 2:20 Dismissal

Thurs. Sept. 14 - 5/6 Basketball / Holy Family (Tourney)
7/8 Girls Basketball @ ICS 4:30pm

Fri. Sept. 15 -

Sat. Sept. 16 - 5/6 Girls Basketball / Holy Family (Tourney)
Softball Regionals

Special Birthdays

Sept. 10	Sept. 11	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 14	Sept. 15	Sept. 16
				Mrs. Fulton Lucy Alexander Joe Bockelmann Nora Cave		Mrs. Rix

BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENU

	Monday Sept. 11	Tuesday Sept. 12	Wednesday Sept. 13	Thursday Sept. 14	Friday Sept. 15
Breakfast Menu	Cereal Bar Yogurt Fruit Juice	Oatmeal Cinnamon Toast Fruit Juice	Cereal Churro Fruit Juice	Cereal Strawberry Chex Fruit Juice	Mohawk Sub Fruit Juice
Lunch Menu	Pizza Salad w/Dressing Fruit	Cheeseburger / Bun Sweet Potato Tots Fresh Fruit Condiments	Chicken Fajita Lettuce /Cheese Cup Cowboy Salsa Refried Beans Pineapple	Popcorn Chicken Potatoes w/Gravy Peaches Ketchup Pack	Ham Sandwich Wedges Cheese Cup Fruit Condiments



P.B.I. S. Store Volunteers Needed:

Parent Volunteers are needed to help

with the P.B.I.S. Store. The first store opens...

Monday, Sept. 11th - Thursday, Sept. 14th.

The store will be open one week per month.

Each class attends one day that week.

This happens during lunch recess from...

12:00-12:20 p.m. (for K-4)

K: Mon. T. 1st & 4A W. 2nd & 4B Th. 3rd

12:20-12:40 p.m. (for Grade 5-8)

During this time, we service students who wish to buy rewards with their Mohawk Money. If you would be able to help, please complete this form and turn it to the office.

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Parent Name: _____

Student Name & Grade: _____

Phone No.: _____

E-Mail: _____

— **I would be able to help on ...**
(Circle) Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs.

— **I would like to help, but cannot commit to every month. Please call me to schedule a time.**

**Contact Person: Mrs. Varland
(815) 249-6225 or varlaa@gcs95.org**

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Jr. High Homework Program

We are ready to activate the homework program that provides after school homework help by a certified teacher. The program is open to any 6th-8th grade student. The program is held on **Monday & Thursday's from 3-4 p.m.** The first day for the program this year will be **Thursday, September 7th.** Students are eligible to sign up throughout the school year. Students who are receiving low grades or failing a subject(s) or students who just simply wish to stay to keep their grades up are eligible to attend. Parents who wish to have their child stay need to sign the attached contract that they agree to have their child stay and will **pick him/her up at 4:00 p.m. Students are expected to attend either one or both sessions as designated by his/her parent.** They are not allowed to pick and choose which nights they will stay unless the teacher has been notified by the parent/guardian. The attached form must be returned to the homework program teacher prior to participation in the program. If a student causes any disruptions in the program the parent will be notified and further disruptions will require dismissal from the program.

Note: It will be assumed that students in the homework program will attend each Monday & Thursday unless the teacher has been notified prior to the absence. We don't want you to think the student is here when we think that they are home, and they are really off unsupervised. Prior notice may be given to the office, homeroom teacher or program teacher. We do not plan to hunt down students for participation. They are either interest in getting help and arrive on time or they will be out of the program. They are to report to the homework program directly after school is dismissed and under no circumstances leave the building or the school grounds and reenter to attend the program. This is for the child's own safety. Please also note that on early dismissal days there will be no homework program. If you have any questions, please contact the office or any junior high teacher.



Homework Program Contract

The student participating will:

1. Write down assignments for every class.
2. Bring assignment book, textbooks, notes, writing instruments, and other necessary materials to complete their assignments.

_____ Student Signature

The instructor will:

1. Give assistance in finishing homework or studying for assignment, quizzes/tests.
2. Monitor student's progress in the program and communicate with teachers and parents as needed.

_____ Instructor's Signature

The parent/guardian will:

1. Understand the importance of making a commitment to good study habits and check daily assignments.
2. Communicate with child's teacher and homework program instructor as needed concerning child's grades.
3. Provide prompt transportation at the dismissal of the homework program (4:00 p.m.)

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature

_____ Date

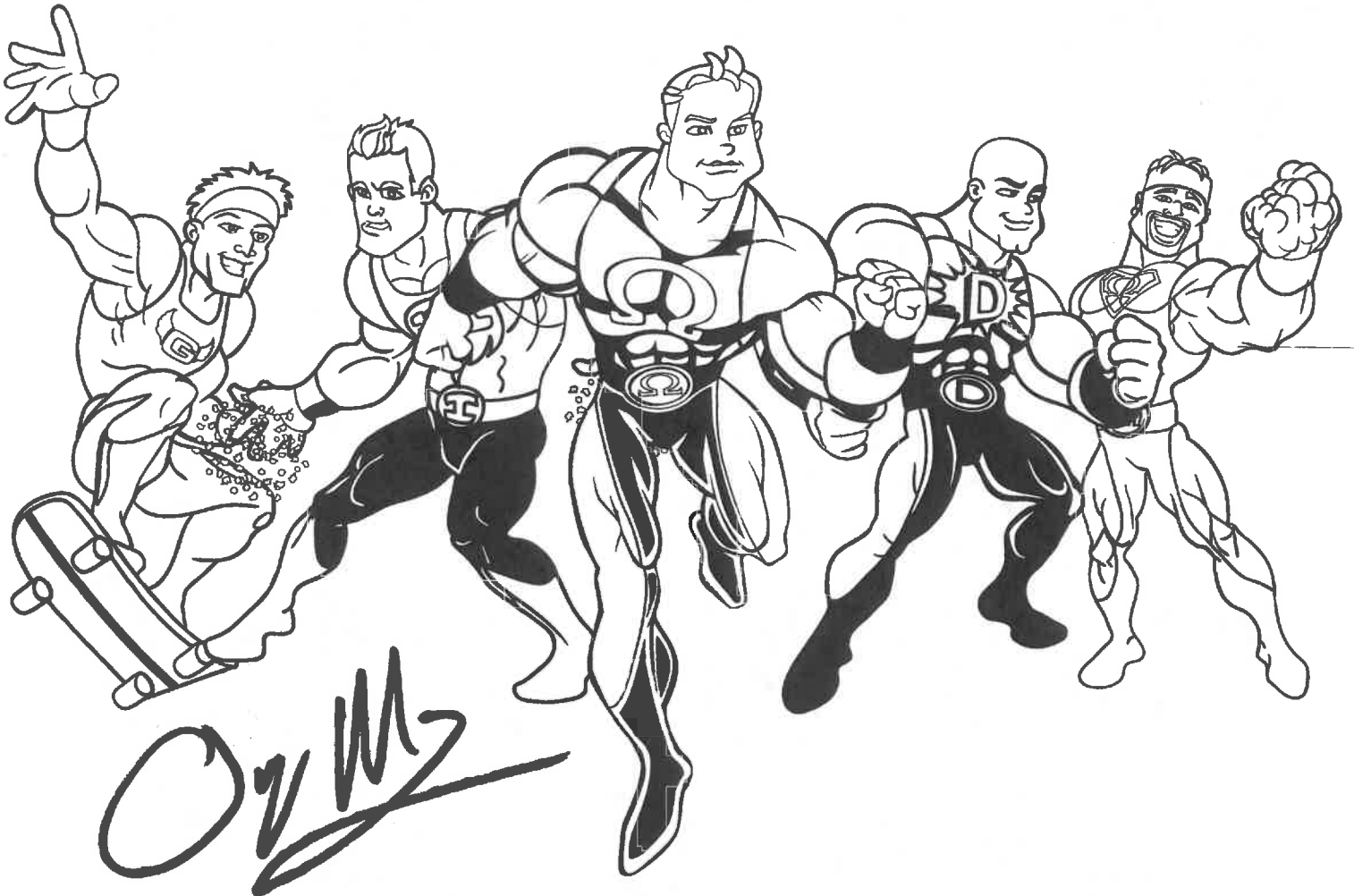
Please return to Miss. Killelea or Mrs. Doerr prior to participation in program.



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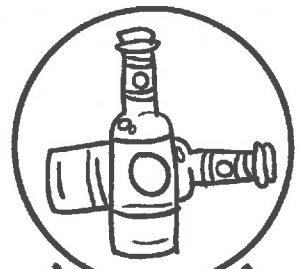
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No to Fighting

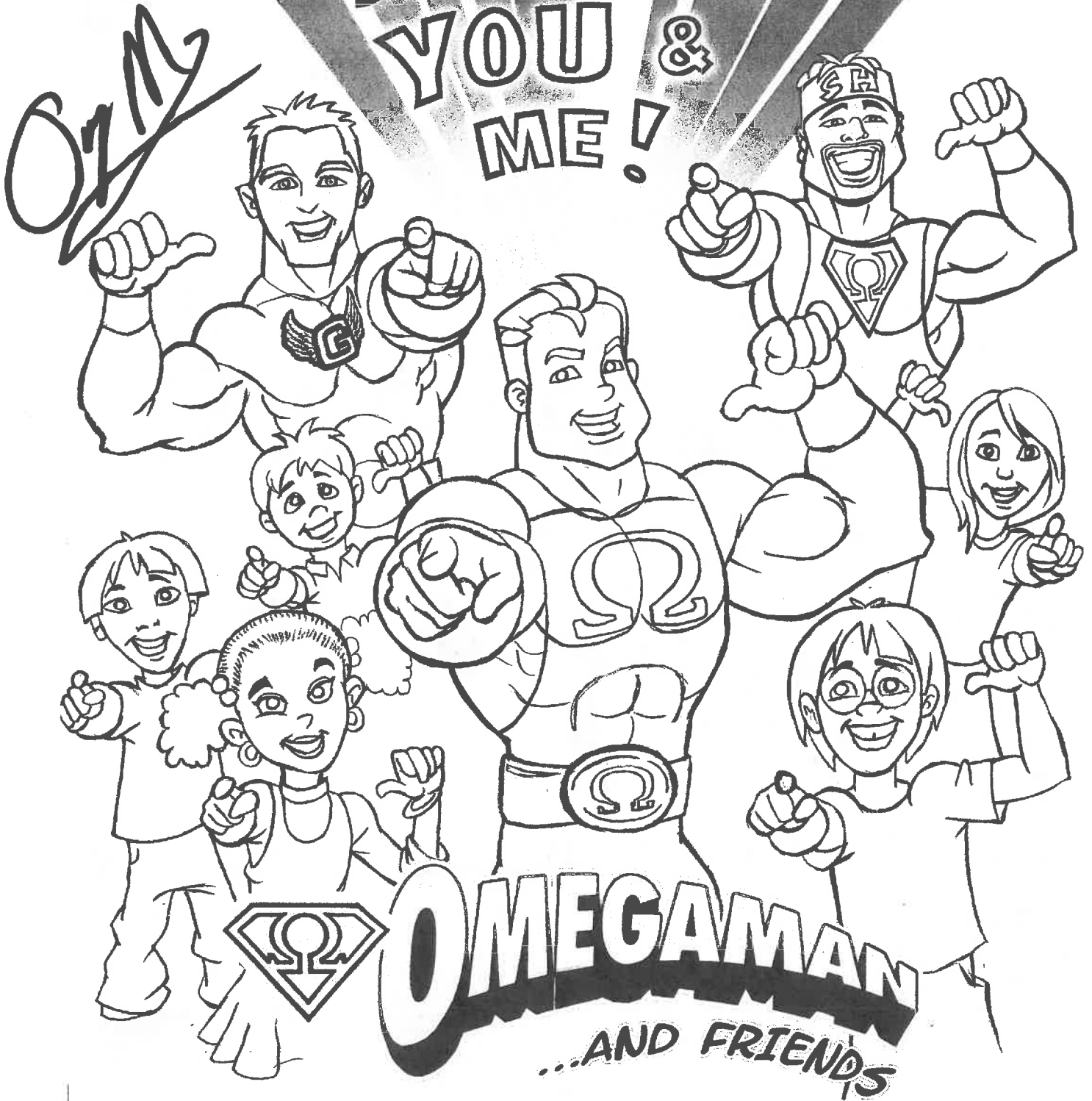


No to Drugs



No to Alcohol

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