



# Grand Ridge Grade School

## NEWSLETTER

Week of Sept. 23 -29, 2018

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### A Few Words from the Superintendent

*"The only way to get the best of an argument is to avoid it."*—Dale Carnegie

September is quickly drawing to a close, and after several days of hot weather, seeming like mid-July, here we are looking at fall squarely in the eyes. The next few days should bring about a lot of changes in the foliage, and the fields are being harvested so fast it is hard to believe. We wish all of our farmers a safe and bountiful harvest season!

One thing we teach our children at school is the difference between a fight and an argument or conflict. Too often children think that any disagreement is a fight. They may take words that are said very personally and get upset at the other person, thinking the worst. Children don't always understand the importance of stepping back and looking at things from the other person's perspective. They instead are immediately hurt and want to retaliate. Before long a simple comment can lead to a real fight!

As adults we have to learn new ways of dealing with conflict. When we are offended by a comment someone makes we can't start crying and scream at them or punch them right in the face. Instead we have to filter our response a little bit. Conflicts are really just differences in opinions about something. Even conflicts that lead to physical fights are started because of a difference in the way people view the same thing. It is difficult to get into an argument or a fight though if you have learned to view the issue from the other person's perspective. For example, if one person likes chocolate chip cookies and another one doesn't, instead of arguing about why your favorite should be everyone else's favorite, you should think in terms of how nice it is to have your own choice and be able to choose something different. Unfortunately, I have actually witnessed fights over such simple things as who likes chocolate chip cookies and who doesn't. Kids took sides and turned a completely benign comment into an opportunity to attack others about how wrong they were for not liking the same thing.

Think about how many conflicts and arguments are on the news daily that stem from differences of opinion. The measure of a good politician or communicator in the past used to be in how well they could work together with other people to come to a common ground. Both sides realized that they would have to give something up to find compromise, but that compromise would be beneficial for both sides. Better to get most of what you want than nothing at all. That reminds me of a story:

Once there was a bear that roamed around the forest eating everything in sight. Until one day when the bear ran into an ant. The ant was busy picking up all the scraps the bear had left behind and one by one dropped them into a tiny hole in the ground. The bear was furious, "That is my food," he said. "You don't get to steal my food and hide it from me! Who do you think you are?" The ant answered in a very small voice, "I thought I was only helping you to clean up. I couldn't eat the food you started with, but when you finish, your crumbs are small enough for me to take back to my home and stash away for the winter." The bear, getting angrier than ever said, "If I wanted I could squash you right now, but you're too tiny for me to bother with today." Well for a while the ant left the bear alone and they went about their business. But as winter began to close in the bear got very fat and tired and decided it was time to turn in for a while. The ant too recognized the winter fast approaching, so closed up his home to rest.

When spring finally came the bear was so thin and weak that he could barely raise his head. He stretched himself and came out of his den so hungry he couldn't stand. As he lumbered around the forest with no food to be found, he lied down on the ground and began to think the end was near for him. Just then, the ant awakened by the thud above his home, emerged from the ground. Seeing the bear in such bad shape, he retreated to his home and began bringing small crumbs, a little at a time, to feed the bear. After several hours of hard work, nearly losing all of his reserves, the bear began to gain enough strength to carry on and find food. "Why did you feed me when we were enemies, ant?" he said. The ant took a moment and replied, "We were never enemies. We just didn't see eye to eye. Without you finding food and sharing your crumbs I would surely have died. If we can share what we have we can help each other. What little I have will help you until you can find a bigger meal. Then your left-overs will be plenty for me to live, happy and satisfied." The two found the agreement to be beneficial, and from then on all bears and ants lived to be friends. The moral of the story:

**"Better a little with peace than a banquet with strife." Have a Great Week!**

# THANK YOU

THANK YOU FAIRMOUNT MINERALS FOR THE  
\$1000.00 DONATION TO GRAND RIDGE GRADE  
SCHOOL !!!

THE \$1000.00 DONATION WENT INTO OUR  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND TO HELP STUDENTS WITH  
CAMPS OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL  
OPPORTUNITIES!



# STUDENT COUNCIL BLACK AND WHITE DANCE PARTY

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH FROM 3:00 - 5:00

ADMISSION: \$5.00 PER STUDENT

PIZZA AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE  
FOR PURCHASE

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE BLACK AND WHITE ATTIRE



## BOOSTER CLUB

Booster Club Meetings are held the last  
Wednesday of each month.

First Meeting: September 26, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendars to come out and  
support the Booster club and find out what's  
on the agenda for the 2018 - 2019 school year!

# Calendar of Events

Mon. Sept. 24 - 7/8 Girls Basketball @ Flanagan 5:30 p.m.

Tues. Sept. 25

Wed. Sept. 26 - 2:20 Dismissal  
7:00 p.m. Booster Club Meeting

Thur. Sept. 27 - Junior High Dance 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 28

## Special Birthdays

Sept 23	Sept 24 Reagan Bush	Sept 25 Tawnee Stehl	Sept 26	Sept 27 Kenzie Jaegle	Sept 28	Sept 29
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**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:  
MENU IS SUBJECT  
TO CHANGE WITH  
AVAILABILTY\*\***

## BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENU

	Monday Sept 24	Tuesday Sept 25	Wednesday Sept 26	Thursday Sept 27	Friday Sept 28
Breakfast Menu	Strawberry Chex Yogurt Fruit Juice	Cereal Banana Bread Fruit Juice	Cereal Bunny Squares Fruit Juice	French Toast Sticks Hashbrown Fruit Juice	Cereal Poptart Fruit Juice
Lunch Menu	French Toast Sticks Hashbrowns Orange Smiles Condiments	Chicken Patty on Bun Coleslaw Mandarin Oranges Condiments	Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Applesauce Pudding Condiments	Cheeseburger on Bun Sweet Potato Tots Fruit Condiments	Deli Sub Salad w/ Dressing Fruit Condiments