



# Grand Ridge Grade School

## NEWSLETTER

Week of Sept. 24-30, 2017

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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

*"Everything is good in its season."*—Italian Proverb

There is a lot happening around the school this month. We have hosted our Open House night with a special guest, "Omega Man," who spoke about the importance of standing up to bullying and speaking up to help friends. We had our opening PTO meeting and got many parents to sign up for parties and events throughout the year. We have met with our 6-7-8<sup>th</sup> grade parents to discuss fundraising and set groundwork for years to come. And internally, several of our committees are meeting to discuss how we can best provide a quality education for your children.

Mr. Ahearn and I discussed goals that we wanted to accomplish for the next three years, and one of those goals was to get technology into the classroom through interactive smart boards or promethean boards. Many of our classes have that at this time, and we are working to get them in all classrooms as soon as fiscally possible. Teachers are reporting that they like using them with our curriculum and students are learning in ways that are more up to date with the rest of the business world. Technology is always difficult because there are so many moving pieces; and just when you think you have everything set, the technology changes. However, we want to make sure our students learn with the tools they will use later in their lives, and this is a step in the right direction.

The quote above is very appropriate for this time of year as harvest approaches and the fruits of the season are coming in. Harvest is both a joyful and exhausting time as it means long days and nights for our farmers and related industries that service equipment. It also means long days and nights for families of farmers who are working hard to do the normal daily chores while also doing the hard work of bringing in the crops. It is good in its season; but sometimes it is hard for us to remember that when the season is upon us.

All of life is full of seasons of dormancy and waiting, planting and learning, growing and cultivating, tending, harvesting, and preparation for the next cycle. At each stage and every season it is important to learn that it is good and view it with optimism. We tend to want to rush everything in our lives and often want to enjoy the harvest at the same time we are planting or preparing. Life doesn't allow for that. In some way, nature has it built in her Grand Design that we must have patience and learn to care for and nourish what we are waiting on. Our impatience only leads to misfortune and mishap. Waiting for the correct moment to harvest when the timing is right and the fruit is ripest, leads to a good result.

How often do we, out of our own impatience, rush things out of their season? The times when we want our little boy to learn to throw that ball correctly or perfect their swing, and we spend hours and hours until frustration sits in and everyone becomes angry. Or the times we force things to move more quickly than they should at work, only to recognize the error and have to pick up the pieces later. Our modern technology makes us believe that everything can be done in an instant. But that is not how human beings work. We are still as connected to the cycles of nature as we have always been. As teachers, we see this daily. Our children in some ways are a crop we must tend. Each child is in a different season or cycle and we must meet them where they are and nurture and tend to them as they grow. Your families are the same. We don't have a Farmer's Almanac that helps us understand the cycles of life and raising children. As far as I know, there is no instruction book for how to raise kids. However, we can learn a lot from observing nature, enjoying each season in its time, and being patient during the waiting periods.

We wish our farmers and community a safe and productive harvest as your season produces fruit. We wish you blessings and happiness and joy in all seasons of your lives.

*Have a Great Week!!!*

# Student Council - Hurricane Relief Fundraiser

GRGS Student Counsel would like to raise money to donate to Hurricane Harvey and Irma victims. Fundraiser will take place the week of September 25th -29th. If students donate a dollar they may choose to participate in the following days...

\*Monday- Sept. 25th: **Hat Day**

\*Tuesday- Sept. 26th: **Dress for Success/Picture Day**

\*Wednesday- Sept. 27th: **Wacky Wednesday**

\*Thursday- Sept. 28th: **Twin Day**

\*Friday- Sept. 29th: **Mohawk Pride Day (Wear your school colors!!)**

If the students do not want to dress up and still would like to donate the can.



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**SAVE THE DATE**  
SCHOOL PICTURES WILL BE  
TAKEN ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH.

SPORTS PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN IN THE AFTERNOON ON THAT DAY AS WELL. PLEASE RETURN THE SPORTS PICTURE PACKETS AND MAKE SURE STUDENTS HAVE THEIR UNIFORMS WITH THEM THAT DAY.

# Calendar of Events

Monday Sept. 25th - 5/6 Girls Basketball @ Odell 5pm  
7/8 Girls Basketball vs. Parkside 5pm

Tuesday September 26th - 5/6 Girls Basketball @ Waltham 5pm  
7/8 Girls Basketball vs. Odell 5pm  
School Pictures & Sports Pictures

Wednesday September 27th - 5/6 Girls Basketball @ Marquette 5pm  
2:20 Dismissal

Thursday September 28th - 5/6 Girls Basketball @ Woodland 5pm  
7/8 Girls Basketball vs. Flanigan 5pm

Friday September 29th - Baseball State

Saturday September 30th - Baseball State


## SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

24	25 Tawnee Stehl	26	27 Kenzie Jaegle	28	29	30 Alyssa Hladovcak Nora Marek
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## BREAKFAST / LUNCH MENU

	Monday Sept 25	Tuesday Sept 26	Wednesday Sept 27	Thursday Sept 28	Friday Sept 29
Breakfast Menu	Cereal Pop Tart Fruit Juice	Cereal Pop Tart Fruit Juice	Frudel Fruit Juice	Cereal Churro Fruit Juice	Cereal Bar Yogurt Fruit Juice
Lunch Menu	Chef Salad (Chicken, Egg, Tomato, Cheese) Fresh Fruit Bread Sticks Ranch or French	Walking Taco Lettuce / Cheese cup Cowboy Salsa Oranges	Spaghetti Salad w/ Dressing Pears Bread & Butter	Grilled Chicken on Bun Curley Fries Fresh Fruit Condiments	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Gold Fish Crackers Applesauce Sorbet

# October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	5/6 Girls Basketball vs. Morris 5pm	3 5/6 Girls Basketball vs. St. Mikes 5 pm	4 5/6 Girls Basketball @ Hennepin 5pm 7/8 Girls Basketball vs Holy Family 5pm PTO Meeting 7pm <b>2:20 Dismissal</b>	5 7/8 Girls Basketball @ Tonica 5pm	6 No School Teacher Institute	7
8	9 Columbus Day <b>No School</b>	10 7/8 girls Basketball @MP 5pm 5/6 Girls Basketball @ Holy Cross 5pm 7pm School Board Mtg	11 7/8 Girls Basketball @OHS <b>2:20 Dismissal</b>	12 7/8 Girls Basketball @ Marquette 5pm 5/6 Girls Basketball vs Wallace 5pm	13 8 Girls Basketball Tourney /Peru Catholic 6 Girls Basketball Tourney @Parkside	14 8 Girls Basketball Tourney /Peru Catholic 6 Girls Basketball Tourney @Parkside
15	16 7/8 Girls Basketball vs. Northlawn 5pm 5/6 Girls Basketball @ Northlawn 5pm	17 7/8 Girls Basketball vs. Olgesby 5pm 5/6 Girls Basketball @ Olgesby 5pm	18 5/6 Girls Basketball @ Gardner 5pm <b>2:20 Dismissal</b>	19 7/8 Girls Basketball vs. St. Mikes 5pm 5/6 Girls Basketball @ Holy Family 5:30pm	20 End of Quarter	21
22	23 7/8 Girls Basketball @ TCA 5pm 5/6 Girls Basketball @ Parkside 5pm	24 7/8 Girls Basketball vs Wallace 5pm	25 Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-8pm <b>2:20 Dismissal</b>	26 Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-8pm	27	28
29	30 5/6 Girls Basketball vs Marseilles 5pm	31 			<b>No School</b>	