



Grand Ridge Grade School

NEWSLETTER

Week of Sept. 3-9 2017

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Grand Ridge, IL 61325

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

"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

Today, 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!!

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 LaFluer

8B - Allie Snyder
Dalton Walter



**GRAND RIDGE GRADE SCHOOL INVITES YOU
TO**

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH 5:00 – 8:00 P.M.

5:00 – 6:15

- HOT DOGS, CHIPS, & DRINKS WILL BE SERVED IN THE
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
- VISIT THE BOOK FAIR
- CHECK OUT YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM
& MEET THEIR TEACHER

6:20

- INTRODUCTION OF TEACHERS & STAFF

6:30 – 7:30

OMEGAMAN BULLYING PRESENTATION

PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS NOTE TO HELP US
PREPARE FOR A GREAT EVENING!

STUDENT'S NAME _____

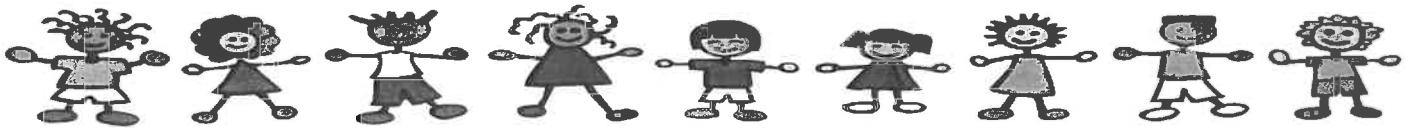
OF FAMILY MEMBERS ATTENDING BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT _____

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



SAVE THE DATE!!!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

THURSDAY SEPT. 7TH

5:00 - 8:00 PM

REMINDER

PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION

OF THE INVITE SENT HOME FOR

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

BY TUESDAY SEPT. 5TH

Calendar of Events

Sept. 4 - No School - Labor Day

Sept. 5 - Book Fair Begins

Sept. 6 - 11:50 Dismissal

PTO Meeting

Book Fair

Baseball vs. Seneca 4:30pm

Softball Regionals

Sept 7 - Back to School Night 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Last Day of Book Fair

Sept. 8 - Baseball vs. MVK 4:30pm



Special Birthdays

September 3

BrayDen
Larabee

September 4

Ethan Christie

September 5

September 6

Mrs. Cadegiani

September 7

September 8

September 9

Blaize Bressner

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST	No School	Cereal Cheese Toast Fruit Juice	Cereal Granola Bar Fruit Juice	Cereal Banana Bread Fruit Juice	Donut Yogurt Fruit Juice
LUNCH	No School	Under the Sea Baked Beans Applesauce Ice Cream Sandwich	No Lunch	Italian Dunkers w/ Meat Sauce Salad w/ Dressing Raisins Sorbet	Chicken Nuggets Fresh Broccoli Ranch Cup Orange Smiles Ketchup or BBQ Sauce



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.



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@grcs95.org**

RULES FOR ARRIVING IN THE MORNING AND PICKING UP AFTER SCHOOL

BEFORE SCHOOL

The school day begins at 8:15 and ends at 3:00. Wednesdays are 2:20 dismissal. Students should start arriving by 8:00 and no later than 8:15. **Breakfast children may enter at 8:00** **The doors will be locked until 8:05.** Children walking should use the crossing walk if they need to cross the street. The Crossing Guard is there to assist them. The children should use the north main entrance by the office. Parents who drive their youngsters to school must drop off the children on the west side of the building between 8:00 and 8:15.

REPORTING ABSENCES

All absences should be phoned into the school office (815- 249-6225) by 9:00 am. If you wish to have homework sent home for your child, please inform us when you call in the absence.

AFTER SCHOOL

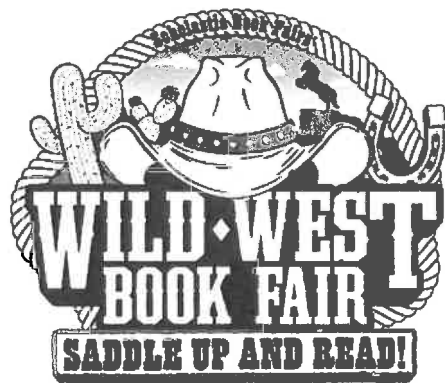
School dismisses at 3:00pm. Students are to leave the building immediately at close of the school day, unless under the supervision of a teacher. Students who are walking will exit the building using the east side doors near the playground.

PARKING RULES

Parents can park on the north or west side of the building.

BUS NOTES

Parents should send a **NOTE** with their child at the beginning of the day. Unless there is an emergency, phone calls will not be accepted. The office will write a Bus Slip that must be given to the bus driver letting them know your child is not riding. Parents or guardians arriving at the end of the day to pick up a child will not be allowed to take the student off the bus unless a bus note has been written.



The Scholastic Book Fair will be at
our school September 5 – September 8!

We will be open during school hours and
during the PBIS Open House on September 7.

Please join us if you can!

Contact Mary Domoleczny if you would
like to volunteer to help.

Call/text: 630-862-0046

Email: marydomo83@yahoo.com



Grand Ridge 5/6
Lady Mohawk
Basketball

2017

<i>Level</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Place</i>
5/6	9/11/2017	4:30	Central	Grand Ridge
5	9/12-16/2017	TBA	HFS Tourney	HFS Oglesby
5/6	9/18/2017	5:00	Milton Pope	Grand Ridge
5/6	9/19/2017	5:00	ICS	Grand Ridge
6/5	9/20/2017	5:00	TCA	LaSalle
5/6	9/25/2017	5:00	Odell	Odell
5/6	9/26/2017	5:00	Waltham	Utica
5/6	9/27/2017	5:00	Marquette	Marquette
5/6	9/28/2017	5:00	Woodland	StreatorWoodland
5/6	10/2/2017	5:00	Morris Saratoga	Grand Ridge
5/6	10/3/2017	5:00	St. Mikes	Grand Ridge
5/6	10/4/2017	5:00	Putnam County	Hennepin
5/6	10/10/2017	5:00	Holy Cross	Mendota
5/6	10/12/2017	5:00	Wallace	Grand Ridge
6	10/13-14/2017	TBA	Peru ParkisdeTourney	Peru
5/6	10/16/2017	5:00	Northlawn	StreatorNorthlawn
5/6	10/17/2017	5:00	Oglesby Washington	Oglesby
5/6	10/18/2017	5:00	Gardner	Gardner Grade School
5/6	10/19/2017	5:30	Holy Family	Oglesby
5/6	10/23/2017	5:00	Parkside	Peru
5/6	10/30/2017	5:00	Marseilles	Grand Ridge

Updated: 8/24/17

