



Grand Ridge Grade School

NEWSLETTER

Week of Sept. 9-15, 2018

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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

"Be thankful for your problems, for if they were less difficult, someone with less ability would have your job."—American Proverb

Grand Ridge Grade School Open House Night!

Thank you to everyone who attended the open house night on Thursday, September 6th! We had a nice crowd and had the opportunity to share with everyone changes in the handbook and school safety initiatives (more on that below). It turned out to be a very good evening, and our staff enjoyed visiting with you as your children showed you around and shared all of the fun things they are doing in the classroom.

Safety Updates

As part of the State of Illinois' push to provide better safety for our students in public schools, Grand Ridge district #95 has made it our top priority this year to re-evaluate and train on our drills for evacuation, relocation, and reunification with parents. On Wednesday, September 5th, our safety committee met with a school safety consultant who has worked nationally with schools to help them with their protocols regarding safety procedures. Dennis Lewis worked in law enforcement and in public school systems for several years before starting his consulting business. He helped us trouble-shoot our drill plans and walked through the drill event with our staff on the 11:50am dismissal day. The staff did a fantastic job and a good dialogue of questions and answers surfaced during the debriefing afterwards.

It is Mr. Lewis' recommendation that we look at having several off-site reunification areas, and that we remain flexible according to the circumstances. In the event of an emergency relocation and reunification, Mr. Lewis advises parents and community members that **"it would be detrimental to the process if parents or others choose to ignore the instructions of school officials and law enforcement."** Remember, the school and local law enforcement will do everything we can to make sure we have a safe and orderly reunification in the event of an emergency. It is your role to follow those directives and remain under control through the process. During an emergency, lots of information both true and false gets pushed out through various media. It is important that you listen to the school channels for the most accurate and up to date information.

We have many channels to send emergency information. Please make sure you look to the following : **Blackboard Connect All-call System, Teacher Ease email notifications, Local radio stations such as WCMY, the Remind App, and our district website grgs95.org.** Please make sure you are signed up for these services and are familiar with them. If you have questions, please contact Melissa in the office. These are your primary channels for accurate information from the school.

October Needs Assessment Survey

In October we will be doing a Needs Assessment Survey that will be completed electronically via SurveyMonkey. More information will be given to you as the survey questions are finalized and we prepare the process.

Quote Above

It is hard to be thankful for the problems we have in life. The challenges they present can seem overwhelming. Take each day, one day at a time. Schedule breaks from mental activity. Allow time for yourself to love others and help someone else each day. And don't forget the problems are yours because you are capable of handling them. Above all, keep your mind focused on what is most important in your life. Many problems will handle themselves if you just give them enough time. Worrying does not make any difference whatsoever. So lay it aside.

Have a Great Week!!!!

Calendar of Events

Mon. Sept. 10 - Softball Regionals
-PBIS Store

Tues. Sept. 11 - Baseball Regionals
- School Board Meeting 7 p.m.

Wed. Sept. 12 - Dismiss 2:20 p.m.

Thurs. Sept 13

Fri. Sept. 14

Sat. Sept. 15 - Baseball Regionals
- Softball Regionals

Special Birthdays

Sept 9 Blaize Bressner	Sept 10 Alexis Rogers	Sept 11 Annabelle Calhan	Sept 12 Tim Harvill	Sept 13	Sept 14 Lucy Alexander Nora Cave	Sept 15
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****PLEASE NOTE :
MENU IS SUBJECT
TO CHANGE WITH
AVAILABILITY****

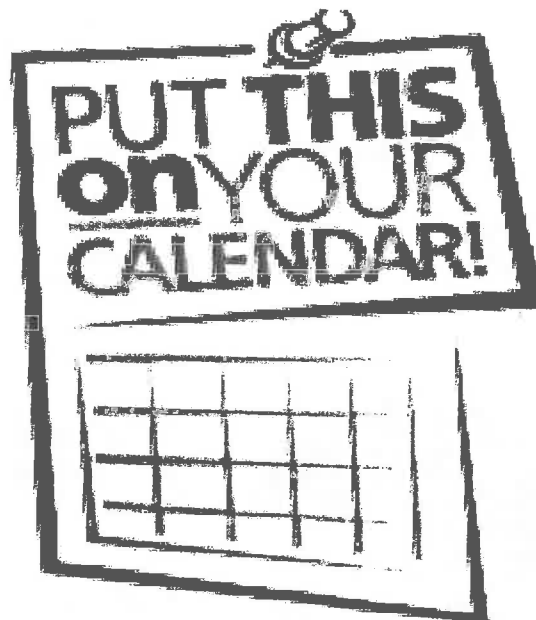
BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENU

	Monday Sept. 10	Tuesday Sept. 11	Wednesday Sept. 12	Thursday Sept. 13	Friday Sept. 14
Breakfast Menu	Cereal Toast/ Jelly Fruit Juice	Donut Yogurt Fruit Juice	Cereal Granola Bar Fruit Juice	Cereal Strawberry Chex Fruit Juice	Oatmeal Cinnamon Toast Fruit Juice
Lunch Menu	Chicken Nuggets BBQ or Ketchup Fresh Broccoli Ranch Cup Orange Smiles	Italian Dunkers Salad w/ Dressing Fruit Sorbet	Cold Ham & Cheese Curley Fries Fruit Condiments	Under The Sea Baked Beans Applesauce Ice Cream Sandwich Condiments	Hamburger Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Bread / Butter

PTO Meetings are held the first Wednesday
of each month

First Meeting is September 5, 2018 7:00 p.m.

~ Music Room ~



Booster Club Meetings are held the last
Wednesday of each month

First Meeting:

September 26, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Please mark you calendar to come out and support
the Booster Club and find out what's on the agenda
for the 2018-2019 school year.

Student Council 2018—2019

6A Liam O'Connor, Mason Jaegle

6B Steven Hladovcak, Nolan Lukach

7A Hadley Richardson, James Maltby

7B Alec Darrow, Christina Snook

8A Will Swango, Jaron Black

Reagan Bush, Franchesca Rodriguez

