

# JANUARY



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE W/ SHANNON DAHL

Welcome back from what I hope was a very blessed, restful, and merry winter break! I for one feel energized and ready for the new year. We have many fun, entertaining, and exciting events coming up the 2nd half of the year, so be sure to pay attention to the different Remind, Skyward and paper messages we are communicating with you.

On January 23rd, I have set aside something called "Chocolates and Chats". This is a time for families to come in and talk directly with me about how things are going at Grant and what areas you would like to improve. I will share out the School Improvement Plan and use your input to help make Grant an even better school than it already is. Your opinions matter! Of course, just like the title says, I'll have chocolates.

*Principal Dahl*



### EVENTS

1/13 Temperance & Good Citizenship Day  
1/13 4th Grade: Growth & Development  
1/16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (NO SCHOOL)  
1/17 7:00-7:45am Goodies with Grownups  
1/17 6:00-7:00pm Family Night: Social Studies  
1/23 Tiger Pride Parties (positive behavior rewards)  
1/23 End of 2nd Quarter  
1/23 6:00pm Chocolates & Chats w/ Principal Dahl  
1/23 6:30pm Parent Teacher Organization  
1/30 Assembly: HUMBLE

### JANUARY Character Trait



#### I can be **HUMBLE** by ...

- Helping others succeed
- Being happy for others
- Being modest
- Not putting anyone down
- Never bragging
- Sharing my success
- Building others up
- Letting others go first
- Giving nice compliments
- Giving back when I can



## STUDENT PICK-UP & DROP-OFF

Please follow ALL SAFETY rules, guidelines, etc. It's icy and snowy with little visibility. DO NOT park in non-designated areas and definitely not near the fire hydrant in front of the school. We appreciate you listening to all crossing guards and using the crosswalks AT ALL TIMES!!!!



# LOVE AND LOGIC



Do you ever think about an easy, consistent way to parent? Well, as we all know, parenting (plain and simple) is NOT easy! However, with some strategies in place, it can become easIER. At Grant, staff use strategies we learned from a program called "Love and Logic". We will be offering evening workshops for anyone interested in exploring strategies to help their child be more successful. Stay tuned to find out when and where these classes will be offered.

For more information you can go to [loveandlogic.com](http://loveandlogic.com) :

"Children learn the best lessons when they're given a task and allowed to make their own choices (and fail) when the cost of failure is still small. Children's failures must be coupled with love and empathy from their parents and teachers. This practical, research-based philosophy is backed with over 45 years of experience. Parents [families] can apply it immediately to a wide range of situations instead of struggling with difficult counseling procedures."

## FAMILY NIGHT: SOCIAL STUDIES

**Who?** Bring your entire family! Grant Scholars receive 50 Scholar Dollars

**What?** Play some games from around the world, make a human chain of kindness and learn about your very own family.

**Where?** Grant School (so cool)

**When?** January 17 6:00-7:00pm



## GRANT PTO

We will have a meeting on January 23rd @ 6:30pm in the Grant School Library. If you are interested in contributing to the school, please come! We WANT YOU! At the end of this year we will need a new president, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and other various positions that support our school. Our current officers are graduating to Parkway, so we need new people. THESE POSITIONS ARE VITAL FOR OUR SUCCESS!!!

## SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING



At Grant, we are not only responsible for teaching the basics of reading, writing, mathematics, social studies and science, but we also spend much of our efforts in the area of BEHAVIOR. In our world, this is called "**social emotional learning**". Here are some of the key ideas your child is learning:

- **Self-Awareness:** ability to identify their emotions, personal assets, areas for growth & potential external resources & supports
- **Self-Management:** ability to regulate emotions, thoughts & behaviors
- **Self-Efficacy:** ability to motivate themselves, persevere, and see themselves as capable
- **Social Awareness:** ability to take the perspective of & empathize with others from diverse backgrounds & cultures
- **Social Management:** ability to make safe & constructive choices about personal behavior & social interactions
- **Social Engagement:** ability to consider others & show a desire to contribute to the well-being of school & community