



Grant Elementary School
425 West Upham Street
Marshfield, WI 54449

Grant Gazette

*At Grant Elementary **WE** Learn the Way, To Know the Way, To Show the Way!*

February 2025

Student Academic Competitions: Excellent Enrichment Events for Students!

During the month of January, Grant Elementary upper elementary aged students have the opportunity to compete in two academic competitions, the Spelling Bee and Battle of the Books. Please refer to page _ of this newsletter to see the Grant students who emerged victorious in the school Spelling Bee. The Battle of Books competition continues this week with those student winners being acknowledged in next month's school newsletter. The Grant Elementary staff are SUPER PROUD of all of our students who participate in these academic competitions; they are all WINNERS!

The top place winners in both the competitions will move forward in competing at the regional and state levels. The students and staff of our school would like to wish our Grant Elementary student academic competitors the best of luck!



Sincerely,
Mr. Jeff Damrau
Principal, Grant Elementary



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 4** 2:50 Cribbage Club
3:30 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- February 6** 3:30 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- February 7** Randy Peterson;gymnasium
10:00 Grades K&1
1:15 Grades 2&3
- February 11** 100th Day of School
2:50 Cribbage Club
- February 12** Abraham Lincoln's birthday
- February 15** Susan B. Anthony's birthday
- February 16** Read-a-Thon starts
- February 17** NO SCHOOL
- February 18** 2:50 Cribbage Club
- February 25** 2:50 Cribbage Club
6th grade only
- February 27** 6B/6R grade field trip to school forest
- February 28** 6H/6D grade field trip to school forest

A Note from your Assistant Principal

Preparations have already begun for our state testing season coming up in March (The Wisconsin Forward Exam).

Students in grades 3-6 will be taking this state assessment at Grant starting the week of March 24th; just after Spring Break.

If you are trying to schedule appointments for your child, please consider going around the testing times for your child's grade level:

March 24—April 25

Third Grade: 8:15-9:15 a.m.

Fourth Grade 10:00-11 (Wilhelm/Heckel) or 12:00-1 (Ponshock/Hagman)

Fifth Grade 1:00-2:00

Sixth Grade 8:15-9:15

Sincerely,

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Registration for Next School Year

- Verify your information in Skyward Family Access, Request Changes. Log into Family Access as the Student Info tab allows you to update and submit changes for district approval at any time. See request changes registration letter for directions. Students are automatically enrolled from year to year.
- If you will not be returning to the School District of Marshfield in September, notify us of the city, state, and school where you will be moving through the Family Access Contact Us tab in the upper right corner or through your school office as soon as you know.
- If you have moved during the school year or will be moving before the start of the new school year and want your child to remain at the school they are currently attending OR if you are requesting your student attend a school other than their neighborhood school for the upcoming school year, complete the Intradistrict Student Transfer Request found on Family Access under Online Forms, due by March 1.

Students currently in public 4K will be placed at their neighborhood school for kindergarten. Children not attending public 4K may submit online enrollment for kindergarten through our website www.marshfieldschools.org, January 27-February 7.

Students entering 4K may submit online enrollment through our website www.marshfieldschools.org, January 13-24.

- Current 6th grade students will receive further information from Marshfield Middle School.
- Open house information and teacher placement will be in Family Access in mid-August.



GRANT PTO NEWS



WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO:

- **Culver's Teacher Dinner Night**
 - Thank you to our fun teachers and staff who volunteered their time to come and serve at Culvers! Thank you to our Grant families who enjoyed a great time at Culvers! Grant PTO will receive 10% of the sales from 5-8 that night!

UPCOMING FEBRUARY EVENTS:

- **PTO Meeting:** February 19th, 4 pm, Grant Elementary Library
- **PTO provided Dinner for Teachers during Parent-Teacher Conf. – Feb. 4th**
- **Stock the Lounge – Feb. 5th-7th**
 - Show our teachers and staff some extra love in February! We will be collecting individually packaged, store bought snacks for the teachers to enjoy in the lounge! Watch for a flyer with more details!
- **Art Club Valentine's Day Sale – Feb. 10-14th**
 - PTO is supporting Art Club's festive Valentine's card sale – look for details on times of sales!
- **2 ½ Cups Bakeshop Fundraiser – Feb. 4-18th**
 - PTO will receive a portion of sales accompanied by their fundraising flyer
 - The flyer will NOT be available on-site! Watch for copies in your children's folders!
- **Scotty's Pizza Dine-to-Donate – Feb. 18th & 19th**
 - PTO will receive 18% of all sales on those dates with the accompanying flyer – watch for copies of the flyer in your children's folders!
- **READ-A-THON 2025: Grant Elementary Goes WILD About Reading!**
 - Our biggest fundraiser of the year kicks off Feb. 16 and will run through March 1!
 - Check out the flyer in this month's Grant newsletter for more details!
 - DONATIONS are still very much welcomed!
 - We are looking for smaller prizes for our prize drawings
 - Scan the QR code for our Amazon wish list
 - If your business would like to donate prizes or coupons please contact Rachel Dahl via text at 612-716-3839



Email us to volunteer: GrantElemPTOmfd@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/grantelementarypto>

GRANT TIGERS

are about to get

WILD ABOUT READING!

Read-A-Thon 2025



THIS EVENT IS OUR MAIN FUNDRAISER FOR THE YEAR! WE DON'T ASK YOU TO SELL ANY PRODUCTS!

Please help us make this a successful event, as over half of our PTO budget depends on the money raised in this event!

Important Dates:



February 13 & 14: Envelopes, Reading Logs & Pledge Forms come home



February 16-March 1: READ! READ! READ! & collect pledges



March 3: Return Reading Logs & pledge money in envelope



Week of March 10: Raffle tickets distributed & prize drawings



If you or your business is interested in donating prizes for our raffle drawing to reward the kids for their reading efforts, please email GrantElemPTOmfd@gmail.com. Alternatively, we have created an Amazon wish list with raffle prizes.

Please use the following link or QR code if you would like to donate from that wish list:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/CQ9LR7418Q5P?ref=wl_share





VALENTINE'S DAY

SALE

\$0.50 a card!

Feb. 10th-14th

Hand drawn cards by Art Club

MARSHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT ART DEPT PRESENTS

ART

ELEMENTARY SHOW

We are excited to invite the community to visit the library and explore the creativity of our young artists at the Elementary Art Show! Each month, artwork from a different elementary school will be showcased, highlighting the talent and imagination of our local students. Stop by to celebrate their hard work and be inspired by their unique creations. We can't wait to see you here!

Grant Elementary:
February

Lincoln/Madison
Elementary:
March

Nasonville/ Washington
Elementary:
April



ON DISPLAY

FEBRUARY
3RD
THRU
APRIL
30TH



EVERETT ROEHL MARSHFIELD LIBRARY

105 SOUTH MAPLE, MARSHFIELD, WI 54449

SHELISA SCHMIDT
STACY COLDEN
JENNIFER BLUME

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A MUSICAL NOTE

Exciting updates from Grant Elementary Music room!



HELLO!

Wow what fabulous winter performances by K-3rd grade students. They worked so hard and it showed! Thank you to all the support from the community showing up to their performances, even after a snow day!

5th grade students have been working hard to prepare a fantastic performance in March. You will hear a variety of songs that celebrate the joy music brings and the importance of music around the world.

SAVE THE DATE!

5th Grade Concert:
Thursday, March 6th @ 1:30pm
Grant Elementary Gym

Celebrating "Music in our Schools Month" and the joy music brings!

WINTER CONCERT PICTURES



VOLUNTEERS



Concert's take a lot of preparation to set up the Gym and decorate. If there is anyone that would have availability on Wednesday, March 5th that would like to help set up and/or decorate please contact Mrs. Yadon by email yadonb@marshfieldschools.org or through Seesaw! Thank you for your continued support of the Grant Elementary Music Program!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

2nd Quarter Great Students



Kindergarten



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade



6th Grade



Absent day of awards

Not pictured: Danika J. Evelyn B.
Kinslee Z.



ATTENDANCE

in the early grades

Many of our youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year—about 18 days a year or just two days every month. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten, and even preK, can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year. Do you know how many young children are chronically absent in your school or community?

Who Is Affected

Kindergarten and 1st grade classes often have absenteeism rates as high as those in high school. Many of these absences are excused, but they still add up to lost time in the classroom.

1 in 10 kids

in kindergarten and 1st grade are chronically absent. In some schools, it's as high as 1 in 4.¹



2 in 10 low-income kids

miss too much school. They're also more likely to suffer academically.¹



2.5 in 10 homeless kids

are chronically absent.²



4 in 10 transient kids

miss too much school when families move.²



¹ Chang, Hedy, Romero, Marijose, Present, *Engaged and Accounted For: The Critical Importance of Addressing Chronic Absence in the Early Grades*, National Center for Children in Poverty: NY, NY, September 2008.
² Chronic Absence in Utah, Utah Education Policy Center at the University of Utah, 2012.

Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?³



64%

of kids with good attendance in K and 1st (missed 9 or fewer days both years)



43%

of kids with at-risk attendance (missed more than 9 days both years)



41%

of kids chronically absent in K or 1st (missed 18 or more days one year)



17%

of kids chronically absent in K and 1st (missed 18 or more days both years)

³ Attendance in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Third Grade Outcomes, Applied Survey Research, May 2011.

What We Can Do



Engage Families

Many parents and students don't realize how quickly early absences can add up to academic trouble. Community members and teachers can educate families and build a culture of attendance through early outreach, incentives and attention to data.



Fix Transportation

The lack of a reliable car, or simply missing the school bus, can mean some students don't make it to class. Schools, transit agencies and community partners can organize car pools, supply bus passes or find other ways to get kids to school.



Address Health Needs

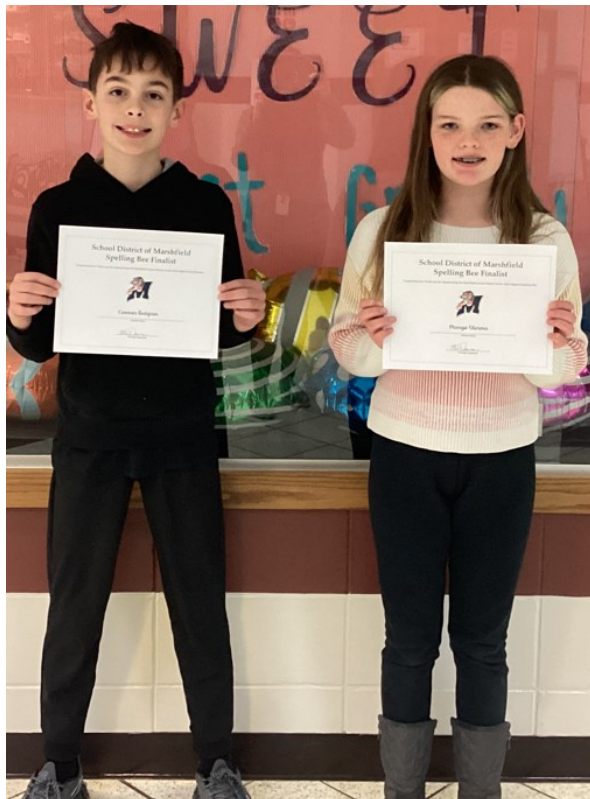
Health concerns, particularly asthma and dental problems, are among the leading reasons students miss school in the early grades. Schools and medical professionals can work together to give children and families health care and advice.



Track the Right Data

Schools too often overlook chronic absence because they track average attendance or unexcused absences, not how many kids miss too many days for any reason. Attendance Works has free data-tracking tools.

These are a few steps that communities and schools can take. How do you think you can help?



Margo and a Connor were the top two spellers that will represent Grant at the regional spelling bee in Wisconsin Rapids on February 18.

Let's Keep Talking



A Parent and Caregiver Series

6:00 PM

Felker Room
Everett Roehl
Marshfield Public Library

Presented By



September 10 Screen Sanity

Screen Sanity is an international nonprofit that equips parents with guides to help kids grow up happy and healthy in an increasingly digital world.

We will offer a variety of tips and tools designed to help families maximize the benefits of technology while minimizing the harmful side effects.

Presented by UltraCom.

October 15 Youth Vaping Prevention

Using the American Lung Association's InDepth program as a base, we will explore the "why's" of youth vaping, the risks and consequences, and ways to help youth before and after they try vaping.

November 12 Youth Mental Health Trends

Using the 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, we will explore current trends in youth mental health and substance use in Marshfield, Wood County, and Wisconsin. We will also discuss current school and county prevention and intervention efforts.

January 14 Addiction Science and Youth

The LEO Program is a youth focused, evidence-based substance abuse prevention program operating throughout Wood County. In this presentation, Ariel (LEO Program Coordinator in Wood County) will be discussing the science of addiction, how drug use impacts the brain, and share resiliency tools to reduce stress and anxiety and prevent substance use.

February 11 Suicide Prevention Training (QPR)

QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) is a practical and proven suicide prevention training for the community. We will discuss warning signs related to mental health struggles and provide information on the steps to help prevent suicide.

April 8 Navigating Teen Relationships and Dating

The Personal Development Center will present information regarding teen dating, relationship issues and dating violence. They will provide insights and tips to identify healthy and unhealthy interactions and ways for caring adults to help teens develop better relationships.

Grant Elementary School / Breakfast

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Mon	3	Tue	4	Wed	5	Thu	6	Fri	7
Cereal, Variety Fruit Juice Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	Whole Grain Muffin Fresh Apple Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	Bacon & Egg Breakfast Pizza Animal Crackers Fresh Fruit Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	Whole Grain Bagel Assorted Cream Cheese Cup Craisins Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	Hot Mini Waffles Fruit Juice Fruit Choice Choice of Milk					
Mon	10	Tue	11	Wed	12	Thu	13	Fri	14
Cereal, Variety Fresh Apple Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	Yogurt Scooby Doo Baked Graham Crackers Craisins Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	Egg Bake Bites Fresh Fruit Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	Coffecake Blueberries Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	Breakfast Pizza, WG Fruit Juice Fruit Choice Choice of Milk					
Mon	17	Tue	18	Wed	19	Thu	20	Fri	21
No Information Provided	CEREAL,VARIETY Fresh Fruit Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	Breakfast Parfait Homemade Granola Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	Whole Grain Muffin Fresh Fruit Fruit Choice Choice of Milk String Cheese	Mini Cini Fresh Fruit Fruit Choice Choice of Milk					
Mon	24	Tue	25	Wed	26	Thu	27	Fri	28
Cereal, Variety Fresh Apple Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	Nutri Grain Bar Fruit Cup Fruit Choice Choice of Milk Nasonville String Cheese	Egg Bake Bites Fruit Juice Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	Cereal Bar Fruit Juice Fruit Choice Choice of Milk String Cheese	Mini Bagels Craisins Fruit Choice Choice of Milk					

Daily Milk Options Skim Milk - 1% White Milk - 1% Chocolate Milk

Breakfast(\$1.80) Lunch(\$3.10) Reduced Lunch(\$0.40)

Extra Milk(\$0.50)

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Grant Elementary School / Lunch

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Mon	3	Tue	4	Wed	5	Thu	6	Fri	7
Mac & Cheese, WG Fresh Grapes Diced Peaches Steamed Green Beans Fresh Spinach Choice of Milk	Soft Shell Taco Orange Smiles Pears Shredded Lettuce Diced Tomatoes Choice of Milk	Grilled Chicken Sandwich Kiwi Craisins Steamed Carrots Spinach Lettuce Mix Choice of Milk	Cheesy Pull Apart Marinara Sauce Banana Mandarin Oranges Steamed Peas Celery Sticks Choice of Milk	Wenzel's Farm Hot Dog Fresh Apple Mixed Fruit Fresh Broccoli Steamed Corn Choice of Milk					
Mon	10	Tue	11	Wed	12	Thu	13	Fri	14
Chicken Nuggets Orange Smiles Diced Peaches Fresh Snap Peas Steamed Carrots Choice of Milk	Beef Nachos Fresh Apple Mandarin Oranges Shredded Lettuce Diced Tomatoes Choice of Milk	Chicken Patty on a Bun Fresh Grapes Mixed Fruit Steamed Corn Fresh Cauliflower Choice of Milk	Beef Teriyaki Dippers Homemade Bread Banana Pears Steamed Green Beans Fresh Pepper Sticks Choice of Milk	Pancake Bites Cheese Omelet Strawberry Cup Applesauce Strawberry and Cream (Be Mine!) Sidekick Fresh Carrots V-Blend Juice Choice of Milk					
Mon	17	Tue	18	Wed	19	Thu	20	Fri	21
No Information Provided	Mini Corn Dogs Education Crackers - Presidents Fresh Apple Tropical Fruit Mix Fresh Broccoli Steamed Carrots Choice of Milk	Popcorn Chicken Craisins Pears Steamed Corn Cherry Tomatoes Choice of Milk	Pepperoni Pizza Clementine Pineapple Chunks Steamed Peas Romaine Lettuce Choice of Milk	Cheese Filled Breadsticks Marinara Sauce Kiwi Diced Peaches Steamed Green Beans Celery Sticks Choice of Milk					
Mon	24	Tue	25	Wed	26	Thu	27	Fri	28
Sausage Pizza Fresh Grapes Mandarin Oranges Steamed Carrots Cucumber Slices Choice of Milk	Taco Salad Clementine Pears Refried Beans Diced Tomatoes Shredded Lettuce Choice of Milk Shredded Cheese	Cheeseburger on a Bun Apple Slices Pineapple Chunks Steamed Green Beans Romaine Lettuce Choice of Milk	Chicken & Gravy Homemade T-Bun Banana Diced Peaches Mashed Potatoes Steamed Corn Choice of Milk	Pancake on a Stick ELEM Hashbrown Patty Mixed Berries Applesauce V-Blend Juice Choice of Milk					

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