



# Grant Gazette

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

Grant Elementary School  
425 West Upham Street  
Marshfield, WI 54449



**December 2025**

Wisconsin State Educational Accountability Report Cards: As part of the Wisconsin state accountability system, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) produces a report card for every public school and district in Wisconsin. The data included in a school's report card is retrieved from spring state assessments (Math, Reading, Science, Social Studies), daily student attendance, and high school graduation rates. Please feel free to click on the links below to view a description of how schools are scored and the School District of Marshfield's most recent report card(s) (including Grant Elementary) from the 2024 – 2025 school year. For the 13<sup>th</sup> year in a row, Grant Elementary students have exceeded expectations. Grant Elementary scored in the "Exceeds Expectations" level with an overall score of 78.2.

Marshfield School District Report Card Score: 70.6, **Grant Elem. Report Card Score: 78.2**

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction – School Report Card Website Page: <https://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>

## Happy Holidays Grant Elementary Families!

On behalf of the teachers and staff at Grant Elementary School, I would like to wish all of our families a festive, safe, and relaxing holiday season! Enjoy this special time of year with your loved ones and friends!



Mr. Jeff Damrau  
Principal, Grant Elementary School

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- December 1** - 3:00 5th grade after school orchestra starts at high school
- December 3** - 2:50 Cribbage Club; LMC
- December 4** - 8:15 All School Assembly; HS Madrigals
- December 5** Long Winter's Nap—wear *PJ's, flannel or plaids*
- December 10** - 2:50 Cribbage Club; LMC
- December 11** - 2:50 Battle of the Books
- December 12** - Grinch Day—wear *green or grinch apparel*
- December 15** - Pizza Ranch Night; PTO
- December 16** - 2:50 Cribbage Club; wear holiday attire
- December 19** Candy Cane Day—wear *red & white or stripes*
- December 23** - Head to toe holiday—dress *your holiday best; red & green, festive headbands and socks day*  
9am & 10am 1st grade Winter Concert;  
Laird Center  
12pm & 1pm 3rd grade Winter Concert;  
Laird Center
- December 24—Jan 2 - Winter Break!**



## A Note from your Assistant Principal

As we enter the holiday season I've been reflecting on the most powerful gift that we nurture in our children: kindness.

Early lessons in kindness shape who we become as friends, classmates, eventual co-workers and future community members.

Kindness comes in small moments that I see in each day at school; The student that says, "good morning", the one who steps into help when they didn't have to, the student who offers to hold the door, or who offers words of encouragement to a classmate who is struggling, etc. I also see kindness in difficult moments when a student offers an apology, accepts responsibility for a mistake, decides on forgiveness, stands their ground on what is right, or decides to take the high route when they didn't have to.

Children are like sponges and are constantly soaking in what they see, experience, and hear from the world around them. They learn how to resolve conflicts and how to show compassion from the important people in their lives.

Thank you for trusting the staff at Grant Elementary School with your most important gifts: your children.

Warm Wishes,

~Mrs. Banser, Assistant Principal

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# Winter

## Inclement Weather School Cancellations

Winter is almost here, please remember that on days when the weather becomes stormy please tune into WDLB AM 1450 and WOSQ FM 92.3, WSAW Channel 7 and WAOW Channel 9 for any school closings. They will also be posted on the district website: [www.marshfieldschools.org](http://www.marshfieldschools.org)

The Skylert phone messaging system will be used to notify families of any cancellations as well.

### Outdoor Attire

Students **must** wear winter attire for outdoor recess when snow is on the ground.

- \*Jacket
- \*Snow pants
- \*Boots
- \*Hat
- \*Winter gloves (extra for when they get wet)
- \*Spare clothes to keep in their locker comes in handy too when items get wet



1st grade



2nd grade

*Correction from November newsletter:  
Great Students 2nd and 1st grade photos  
were switched by mistake*

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# A MUSICAL NOTE

Exciting updates from Grant Elementary Music room!



Hello Grant School Families,

Wow concert season is upon us already! 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students are working hard at learning their pieces to perform for you! Due to the overwhelming interest in attending the concerts we have decided to offer 2 showtimes per grade level in order to accommodate for the amount of attendees that are requesting tickets. If you did not see the link to sign up for a preferred timeslot please check your child's Seesaw for the link.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students began learning about how to use our Xylophones in a safe and respectful way.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade is reviewing and brushing off the dust on their recorder playing skills. We will hopefully begin using our right hand soon for more tricky notes.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade started their Science of sound unit. You will be hearing about a recycled instrument project they will be building soon!
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade has begun preparations for their Spring performance by reviewing ukulele skills from last year and beginning to read tab charts for the Ukulele.

We are not going to let the construction stop our music making!

Mrs. Yadon

## Orchestra Students of the Month

### Tenley Boyle

Tenley is a lovely violist! Her bowhold is amazing, and she can play on all 4 strings with her bow. Tenley plays Mary Had a Little Lamb and Hot Cross Buns with a steady beat. Congratulations, Tenley!

### Jacob Kayhart

Jacob is great at playing the double bass! He can play on all 4 of his bass strings and play 2-note slurs. Jacob is the only 6<sup>th</sup> grade bassist in the district, and he rocks the bass section in rehearsals! Congratulations, Jacob!

## Upcoming Music Events

- **December 23rd: Winter Music Performances**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Grade @ 9am OR 10am**
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade @ 12:00pm OR 1:00pm**
  - Performances @ Marshfield Clinic Laird Building Auditorium. Limited seating available. Doors Open 15 minutes prior to each performance.
  - Tickets and parking information will be sent home on **Friday, December 12th**
    - **Please bring your tickets as you will have assigned seats.**

## VOLUNTEERS



Concert's take a lot of preparation to set up. Please reach out if you are available to help transport instruments to our new venue or to organize tickets. [yadonb@marshfieldschools.org](mailto:yadonb@marshfieldschools.org)

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**



## December 2025 Newsletter

### Upcoming events:



- \* You're invited! Mark your calendar for the Grant Elementary PTO Meetings—all are welcome! Meetings are held in the Grant library at 4pm. If you can't make it but are interested in learning more, send us an email! If you need to, bring your kiddos along, you can—there is plenty of room in the library!

**Meeting dates: Jan.14, Feb.18, March 25, April 15, May 13.**

- \* Christmas treats on each Friday (three Fridays!)
- \* Hot chocolate bar Dec.15!!
- \* Pizza Ranch Night on Dec.15—stop in for a delicious meal and say hello to our helpers! A portion of proceeds go to PTO to support our school!
- \* Snack Attack Fridays! Friday, Dec.19 we will be selling treats in the cafeteria for purchase, Treats range from \$.50 to \$1.00 each.
- \* **Grant Elementary School PTO Holiday Bake Sale on Friday, December 19 from 8:00am-3:30pm (or until sold out) at the Forward Bank-Marshfield lobby—just in time for the holiday weekend!** You can participate by signing up to bake treats:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAAAD28A2FFC16-46251933-bake?fbclid=IwY2xjawOJY-FleHRuA2FibQixMABicmlkETftWFFwUzkwMld-FNTdic2FVc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHpsDmJFEL87KxbzVUWQsfLK1baJGtpg7sQMai\\_ItUIQd8TjvDv-b3NXTI9wv\\_aem\\_ICmZo3tVkMJhl1g6SNthQ#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAAAD28A2FFC16-46251933-bake?fbclid=IwY2xjawOJY-FleHRuA2FibQixMABicmlkETftWFFwUzkwMld-FNTdic2FVc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHpsDmJFEL87KxbzVUWQsfLK1baJGtpg7sQMai_ItUIQd8TjvDv-b3NXTI9wv_aem_ICmZo3tVkMJhl1g6SNthQ#/)

Please drop baked goods off in Lindsey Safford's office on Thursday, December 18th or in the lobby around 7:30 a.m. the morning of the sale. Stop in to purchase delicious baked goods—including pet treats—to share with friends, family, teachers, and neighbors.

A variety of homemade cookies, breads, pet treats, bars, cupcakes, muffins, pies, snack mixes, and gluten-free options are welcome, Please have the items packaged and ready for us to price Friday morning. All proceeds go to Grant PTO to support the school!

**Thank you to everyone who bakes, buys, and volunteers**—please help spread the word, and reach out to Lindsey Safford with any questions at 715-660-9536.



Teacher Wish Lists:

- PTO asked the teachers to create classroom wish lists in case anyone wants to donate to their child's classroom! If you'd like to support, check out the attached links—every contribution goes directly toward making their classrooms even better for our students.

How has the PTO served our awesome students, teachers, and staff?

- Biggby Coffee giveaway each Wednesday in appreciation to the teachers and staff. Thank you to Biggby for these donations!
- PTO purchased new flag football gear for students at recess!
- Read-a-Thon is quickly approaching in February! To gear up for this, we are collecting prizes to give away to our awesome readers! If you would like to help with this, we are collecting full size candy bars, fidgets, waterbottles, pens, journals, and more!

Interested in helping to support your student(s)? Ideas on what we can offer for the amazing students, staff, and teachers? We'd love to hear from you so send us a note!

[GrantElemPTOmfld@gmail.com](mailto:GrantElemPTOmfld@gmail.com)

Find us on Facebook and stay updated: Grant Elementary PTO—Marshfield, WI

Scan here to go to the Facebook page:



# 2025 Marine Toys For Tots Program

For families living in North Wood County and Clark County.



This program is designed for parents in need of assistance with toys for their children this Christmas Season.

Toy distribution will be at the Marshfield Fair Expo Building, 513 E 17th St, Marshfield, WI. Please expect wait times, especially on the first day. We will have enough toys to get us through the following dates with new toys being stocked throughout the campaign.

Friday, December 5, 2025 – 8:30 am to 6 pm

Saturday, December 6, 2025 – 9 am to Noon

Monday, December 8, 2025 – 10 am to 2 pm and 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 – 10 am to 2 pm

Please read the information below and come prepared.

**\*\*THERE IS NO PRE-REGISTRATION.** Upon arrival at the toy distribution site you will have to complete a short application form.

**\*\*You are allowed to receive toys for your children only or children you have legal guardianship over (please be prepared to show guardianship).** Do not ask if you can get toys for your extended family members, neighbors, friends, etc.

**\*\*Please bring your identification card, have your children's birth dates ready, and bring a piece of mail dated November 1st or after, showing your current address.**

**\*\*No children allowed.** Do not bring your children with you, they will not be allowed in. Please have other accommodations in place for them.

**\*\*If you have received help in the form of toys from another organization (Ex: Angel Tree, Church, etc) for this Christmas Season, you are not eligible for the Toys For Tots Program.**

Please be respectful and patient with phone calls and at the distribution site, everyone is a volunteer.

For more information, visit the website: [Home - Toys for Tots](#)



# Grant Elementary School / Breakfast

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>1</b> Cereal, Variety Craisins Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	<b>2</b> Whole Grain Muffin Apple Slices Fruit Choice Choice of Milk String Cheese	<b>3</b> Hot Mini Waffles Fresh Fruit Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	<b>4</b> Cereal Bar Fruit Cup Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	<b>5</b> Whole Grain Bagel Assorted Cream Cheese Cup Fruit Juice Fruit Choice Choice of Milk
<b>8</b> Cereal, Variety Applesauce Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	<b>9</b> Yogurt Scooby Doo Baked Graham Crackers Fruit Cup Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	<b>10</b> Mini Cini Apple Slices Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	<b>11</b> Coffeecake Blueberries Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	<b>12</b> Breakfast Pizza Fresh Fruit Fruit Choice Choice of Milk
<b>15</b> Cereal, Variety Craisins Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	<b>16</b> Pancake Bites Applesauce Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	<b>17</b> Egg Bake Bites Fruit Juice Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	<b>18</b> Zee Zees Breakfast Bar Fruit Juice Fruit Choice Choice of Milk String Cheese	<b>19</b> Egg & Cheese Breakfast Pizza a Bagel Fresh Fruit Fruit Choice Choice of Milk
<b>22</b> Cereal, Variety Fresh Apple Fruit Choice Choice of Milk	<b>23</b> Mini Bagels Fruit Choice Craisins Choice of Milk	<b>24</b> No Information Provided	<b>25</b> No Information Provided	<b>26</b> No Information Provided
<b>29</b> No Information Provided	<b>30</b> No Information Provided	<b>31</b> No Information Provided		
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Daily Milk Options Skim Milk - 1% White Milk - 1% Chocolate Milk  
 Breakfast(\$1.85) Lunch(\$3.20)

Reduced Lunch(\$0.40)

Extra Milk(\$0.50)

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# Grant Elementary School / Lunch

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	5
Pepperoni Pizza Fresh Apple Pineapple Chunks Fresh Carrots Steamed Green Beans Choice of Milk	Chicken Quesadilla Fresh Pear Peaches Celery Sticks Steamed Broccoli Choice of Milk	Popcorn Chicken Tropical Fruit Mix Strawberry Cup Fresh Pepper Sticks Steamed Corn Choice of Milk	Cheeseburger on a Bun Banana Mandarin Oranges Shredded Lettuce Tomato Slices Fiesta Beans Choice of Milk Cracker, Cheez It, W/G	Omelet (Elem) Hashbrown Patty Scooby Doo Baked Graham Crackers Clementine Applesauce Fresh Green Beans Mixed Vegetables Choice of Milk	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
Macaroni & Cheese Orange Wedges Pears Cucumber Slices Steamed Green Beans Choice of Milk	Cheese Pizza Fresh Apple Pineapple Chunks Celery Sticks Steamed Carrots Choice of Milk	Beef Nachos Fresh Grapes Craisins Shredded Lettuce Diced Tomatoes Refried Beans Diced Onion Choice of Milk Salsa	Chicken Nuggets Fresh Melon Mixed Fruit Fresh Broccoli Steamed Peas Choice of Milk	Chicken Patty on a Bun Peaches Strawberry Mango Slushie Fresh Snap Peas Mixed Vegetables Choice of Milk	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
Cheesy Pull Apart Fresh Apple Mandarin Oranges Romaine Lettuce Steamed Green Beans Choice of Milk	Wenzel's Farm Hot Dog Clementine Mixed Fruit Fresh Cauliflower Baked Beans Choice of Milk	Sausage Pizza Fresh Grapes Pears Fresh Pepper Sticks Steamed Corn Choice of Milk	Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup Banana Pineapple Chunks Celery Sticks Fresh Carrots Choice of Milk Veggie Crackers	Cinnamon Glazed French Toast Turkey Sausage Patty Kiwi Applesauce Cucumber Slices V-Blend Juice Choice of Milk	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Cheesy Breadsticks Orange Wedges Mixed Fruit Shredded Lettuce Diced Tomatoes Fiesta Beans Choice of Milk	Mini Corn Dogs Fresh Apple Peaches V-Blend Juice Steamed Peas Choice of Milk Brownie Cookie	No Information Provided	No Information Provided	No Information Provided	No Information Provided
<b>Mon</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
No Information Provided	No Information Provided	No Information Provided	No Information Provided		

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