

April 2026

The Grade Gazette

Mt. Zion Grade School



GRANDPARENTS DAY

Special points of interest:

- * Grandparents Day
- * Second Grade & ASPIRE Concert
- * Art Show
- * Book Fair
- * IAR TESTING

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One of our favorite weeks of the year is Grandparents' Visit Week. We look forward to having these VIPs in our building! To speed the process of welcoming our grandparents, each will receive an invitation to bring with them. Please check emails and backpacks for details. **Mrs. Koslofski's** class will host their grandparents on Thursday, April 16. All other dates follow: Monday, April 20, Grade 2 —

Hatyama, Peters, Wilson; Tuesday, April 21, Grade 2 & ASPIRE—**Beller, Bone, Perry, Stambaugh, Tapscott;** Wednesday, April 22, Grade 3—**Grove, Pierce, Talty, Wendell;** Thursday, April 23, Grade 3—**Causey, DeMeio, Kyburz, Schorfheide.** All visits will occur from 10:00-11:00 AM. **PARKING: All school lots will be open.** In the lower lot, please park normally ignoring the white parent pick up lines. Addi-

tionally, **the First Baptist Church has graciously opened their lot to us.** Please have all lots cleared soon after 11:00.

We look forward to large groups of these very important visitors. We will gather in the gym. Then, students will welcome our grandparents and escort them to their classrooms. **PLEASE DON'T FORGET YOUR INVITATIONS.**

Second Grade Spring Concert

Mrs. Sill and all Second Grade students are excited to present their Spring Concert. We are sure that our Second Grade families and our other guests will enjoy it.

The concert will be held at the Mt. Zion High School Auditorium on Tuesday, April 14, at 6:00 PM.

Students should be seated with their family by 5:45 PM and remain seated with

their families until called up on stage. Directions for dismissal will be announced at the end of the concert.

The concert will be livestreamed on [BRAVESTV YouTube](#)

Mt. Zion Grade Art Show

On Thursday, April 23, 4-7 PM, Mt. Zion Grade School will hold its Art Show! Visitors will stroll through our gallery to see our

students' artwork. Mrs. Cowgill has been working hard to make sure that the Art Show will be special. After you take in our

students' creations, please visit the Literati Book Fair being held in the library.

Book Fair

We are looking forward to our second book fair of the year! The Literati book fair will be held the week of April 20-24. It will be open each school day

from 8:30-3:00. In addition, there will be one Family Night, Thursday, April 23, 4:00-7:00 in conjunction with our Art Show. Purchases may also be made

online if preferred as <https://www.literati.com/MtZion> No special code is needed.

IAR Testing For 3rd Grade

The third grade will be participating in the Illinois Assessment of Readiness...

The third grade will be participating in the Illinois Assessment of Readiness beginning Tuesday, April 7 and ending Friday, April 17. The students and teachers have been preparing for these tests for some time. McGaughey and Mt. Zion Grade have put much effort into teaching and

learning the knowledge and skills presented in the Common Core State Standards. We appreciate all of our parents' efforts in making sure that their third grader is ready for the test each day. Please make sure that your child has plenty of free exercise and relaxation, a

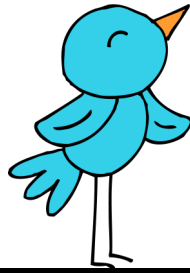
good night's sleep, and a good breakfast on testing day. Also, please encourage your child to do their best, but to not be overly concerned. Mt. Zion Grade School is looking forward to good test results again this year.

EVENTS CALENDAR for April








- April 6Teacher Institute—No Student Attendance
- April 7Illinois Assessment of Readiness Testing Begins
- April 14Second Grade & ASPIRE Concert 6:00 PM @ HS Auditorium
- April 14Board of Education Meeting 6:30 PM @ District Office
- April 18Father/Daughter Dance 5-7 PM @ INT Gym
- April 20-24Book Fair 8:30-3:00
- April 20Grandparents Day 10:00-11:00 Hatayama, Peters, Wilson
- April 21Grandparents Day 10:00-11:00 Beller, Bone, Perry, Stambaugh, Tapscott
- April 22Grandparents Day 10:00-11:00 Grove, Pierce, Talty, Wendell
- April 23Grandparents Day 10:00-11:00 Causey, DeMeio, Kyburz, Schorfheide
-Art Show 4:00-7:00
-Book Fair Family Night 4:00-7:00



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.</p> <p>-Albert Einstein</p>			1	2	3 Good Friday No School	4 
5 EASTER SUNDAY 	6 No School Teacher Institute	IAR Testing Third Grade			10	11
12	IAR Testing Third Grade			16	17	18 Father/Daughter Dance <i>Through the Looking Glass</i> 5-7 INT Gym
		Second Grade Concert 6 PM HS Auditorium		Grandparents' Day 10-11 Koslofski		
19 Book Fair April 20-24 	20 Grandparents' Day Grade 2A, 10-11 Hatayama, Peters, Wilson	21 Grandparents' Day Grade 2B, 10-11 Beller, Bone, Perry, Stambaugh, Tapscott	22 Grandparents' Day Grade 3A, 10-11 Grove, Pierce, Talty, Wendell	23 Grandparents' Day Grade 3B, 10-11 Causey, DeMeio, Kyburz, Schorfheide	24 Book Fair Closes at 11:00	25
26	27	28	29	30  Art Show & Book Fair Thursday, 4/23 4-7 PM		

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School Hours

Regular Attendance Day

8:00-8:20 Morning Recess

8:30-3:00 Instruction

Early Dismissal Day

8:00-8:20 Morning Recess

8:30-11:35 Instruction

Office Hours

7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Coming In May

May 6 National School Nurse Day

May 12 School Board Meeting 6:30 PM @ District Office

May 26 MZG Playday

May 28 Last Day of School

..... 11:35 Dismissal

