

GRAYMONT ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



Student Spotlight

Recess is always a favorite part of the day at Graymont! It's a great time for students to get outside, be active, spend time with friends, and recharge before heading back to the classroom.

UPCOMING EVENTS

* School Picture Day September 14



Dress in your best for school pictures! Emails were sent to purchase picture packages.

* PTO Dinner with Code Blue September 25

Support Graymont PTO and enjoy a great meal!

* 3rd-6th Ag Expo Field Trip September 29



Held at 4-H Park in Pontiac

* Early Dismissal October 2

1:00 pm dismissal for the Pontiac Township High School Homecoming Parade



* No School October 12

Columbus Day

Student Council Officers Announced

Congratulations to our newly elected Student Council officers! We look forward to seeing their leadership, ideas, and school spirit throughout the year!



*President: Hannah Baldwin | Vice President: Alayna Chapman
Secretary: Emma Rinker | Treasurer: Tyson Mays
Historian: Clara Drilling | Reporter: Lilly Bailey*

Progress Reports Coming Soon!

Progress reports will be coming home soon! Parents are encouraged to check their student's grades regularly in TeacherEase. If you're unsure how to access or view grades, please contact the school office—we're happy to help! If you have questions or concerns about your student's progress, please reach out to their teacher.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held October 22, providing another opportunity to discuss your student's progress.

Pop Tab Collection



Student Council is collecting pop tabs September–April to benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois. The tabs help provide funds for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Peoria. Students can bring tabs to school and add them to their classroom collection. The class that collects the most will win a doughnut party!

Future Indian in the Making



On Friday, September 4, 8th grader Clara Drilling had the opportunity to join the Pontiac Township High School Pep Band at the football game! This experience gave Clara a chance to see what high school band is like, play alongside older musicians, and experience the excitement of a Friday night football game.

Building Musical Skills



Ms. David's music classes have been busy! Choir students are learning how to read music, recognize notes, and connect musical terms and symbols to what they are singing. Junior high band students are strengthening their sight-reading skills with new and familiar music, including fun selections they recognize. In general music, students are learning about composers, identifying instruments of the orchestra, singing, and practicing rhythm skills.

Ms. David says her favorite part of Graymont so far has been the students—their willingness to learn, ask questions, and try new things.

Free & Reduced Price Meal Applications

A quick reminder to return your Free & Reduced-Price Meal Application if you haven't already. Thank you to all of the families who have already turned theirs in!

School Safety Drills



Over the next two weeks, students and staff will practice several of our required school safety procedures, including fire evacuation, bus evacuation, tornado/severe weather, and school safety drills.

Girls Basketball Practices



Girls basketball practices will begin next week and will be held each evening from 5:00–6:30 PM. Girls who are still participating in softball are not required to attend yet. Questions can be directed to 8th grade coach Ryan Cox.

Monday is Picture Day

Picture Day is Monday, September 14! Families should have received an email from Inter-State Studio with information on how to order school pictures. If you did not receive the email, please contact the school for ordering information.

Pictures can be ordered before or after Picture Day; however, shipping and handling charges may apply to orders placed afterward.

Reading Around the School!

Students throughout the school are busy reading and working toward their Accelerated Reader (AR) goals! AR encourages students to read books at their level and take short quizzes to check their understanding. Students work toward individual goals each quarter, building their reading skills along the way. Those who meet their yearly AR goal will earn a special reward trip at the end of the school year!

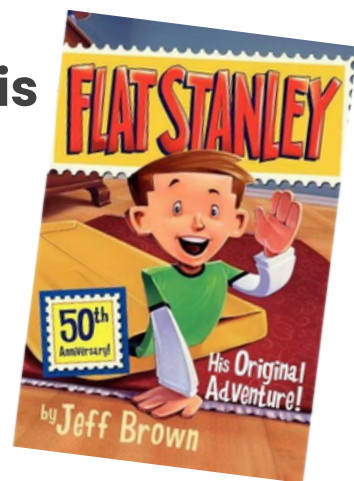


Flat Stanley is Going on an Adventure!

Mrs. Winchester's class recently read Flat Stanley and is using the story to explore the different regions of the United States.

Students were also able to take an AR quiz on the book, earning progress toward their yearly reading goals.

As part of the project, students will send their Flat Stanley to friends or family in different communities. When Stanley returns, students will use the letters and information from his travels to learn about and compare different places, communities, and regions across the country.





SCHOLASTIC

WE'RE HAVING A BOOK FAIR!

9/25 - 10/2

GRAYMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
228 Lydia St
Graymont, IL 61743

Students shop cash-free with eWallet

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! Get ready for a reading adventure with the newest books, bestselling series, and kid-favorite characters. Plus, every purchase earns funds for our school. We can't wait to have you join us for the Best. Fair. Ever!

The book fair will be open during the school day. Families can also shop the Book Fair during the PTO Dinner from 4:30–8:00 PM. Students may bring money to shop or families can set up a Scholastic eWallet for cash-free purchases.

Interested in volunteering or have questions? Contact Hannah Schwartz at 815-713-5370.




PORK CHOP PTO FUNDRAISER

Graymont PTO has teamed up with **Code Blue BBQ**

\$15 Meal includes: Pork Chop Sandwich, Chips, Applesauce, Brownie, and Water!

\$10 Single Sandwich
\$2 Extra Brownie

GRAYMONT SCHOOL

DATE: SEPT 25TH

TIME: 4:30 PM - 7 PM

Scan below for tickets!




Bus Rules & Expectations

Our bus drivers have asked us to share a reminder about bus rules and expectations. Please take a few minutes to review these with your child. Keeping all students safe while riding the bus is our top priority!

1. Keep food and drinks put away.
2. Keep sprays and hand sanitizer put away.
3. Stay quiet at railroad crossings.
4. Keep the aisle clear.
5. Keep your body inside the bus.
6. Keep your voice inside the bus.
7. Stay seated while the bus is moving.
8. Stay in your assigned seat.
9. Use a quiet voice.
10. Use kind words and actions.
11. Keep belongings with you.
12. Use respectful language.
13. Treat everyone with respect.
14. Sit facing forward.
15. Listen to the bus driver.

