

GRAYMONT ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



Student Spotlight

Taking advantage of the beautiful weather with some fresh air and fun on the swings!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * PTO Dinner with Code Blue
September 25

Support Graymont PTO and enjoy a great meal! Sign up to help and promote the event!

- * 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 PTHS Homecoming Parade

- * No School
October 12

Columbus Day

- * Early Dismissal
October 22

2:00 pm dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences

- * No School
October 23



Kindergarten Scientists Explore Apples!

Kindergarten has been busy learning all about apples! Throughout their apple unit, students explored the life cycle of an apple, practiced measuring, and learned how scientists use tools, observations, and predictions to learn more about the world around them.

Of course, no apple unit would be complete without a little excitement! Students wrapped up their learning by creating apple volcanoes, combining science, exploration, and plenty of fizzy fun!



Making Math Fun!

First and second graders in Mrs. Hinz's classroom love to play "Friends of 10," a card game that helps students practice math facts and recognize number combinations that make 10—all while having a little fun with their classmates!



Young Authors at Work

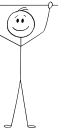
Third and fourth graders in Mrs. Winchester's classroom are working on personal narratives! Students began by brainstorming ideas and using graphic organizers to plan the sequence of events, important details, and key parts of their stories. They are now beginning their first drafts, focusing on organizing their writing, developing events with details, and creating a clear beginning, middle, and end. This writing process helps students strengthen skills in planning, organization, sequencing, and communicating their ideas clearly.



School Safety Drills

Sergeant Ryan Donovan from the Livingston County Sheriff's Department visited Graymont Elementary to talk with students about school safety. He discussed the importance of listening to teachers and staff, following directions during an emergency, and knowing what to do to help keep themselves and others safe. We appreciate Sergeant Donovan taking the time to visit with our students and help us continue building a safe and prepared school community.

SAFETY FIRST



Exploring Art

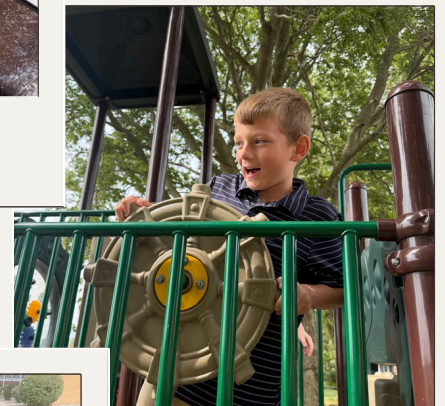
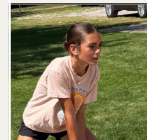
Students got creative during art with Ms. Alyssa, experimenting with crayons, wax, watercolors, and salt! They explored how wax resists watercolor and how adding salt creates unique patterns and textures as the paint dries. The lesson gave students a chance to experiment with different materials, make observations, and see how a little science can become part of the artistic process!



The Power of Play

Recess is about much more than taking a break from the classroom! Unstructured play gives students opportunities to use their imaginations, build friendships, solve problems, and make decisions on their own. As students create games, negotiate rules, work through disagreements, and evaluate situations, they are practicing important social and problem-solving skills.

Research on play and recess also highlights the benefits of physical activity, social interaction, and breaks during the school day for students' well-being, attention, and readiness to learn. Whether they are on the swings, creating a new game, exploring outside, or simply talking with friends, there is a lot of learning happening through play!





WE'RE HAVING A
BOOK FAIR!

9/25 - 10/2

GRAYMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
228 Lydia St
Graymont, IL 61743

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eWallet



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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

**Tickets
available
at the door!**



Scan below for tickets!

