



Grant Elementary School



Improve Student Achievement!



Message from Mrs. Hoynes & Mr. Samber

September 8, 2017

It's hard to believe we're already in September! It sure feels like it with this cool Fall weather! We want to thank all of our families, friends, and community members for helping out our school through your generous Bulldog Fun Run donations and volunteer hours. Our students will definitely be the ones to benefit from this fundraiser. We are in the midst of our Fall benchmark assessments. It is important for our teachers to have a clear picture of our students' instructional levels so that they can best meet their needs. Assessment results will be shared with parents during Fall conferences, but don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have questions related to curriculum and instruction. We are so proud of the things going on in our classrooms and throughout our school. In an effort to highlight these school happenings, please view our new "Bulldog Broadcast" which will be updated bi-weekly and made available through the Bulldog Blast, Facebook, Twitter, and on our website. You can access the first broadcast through this link: <https://youtu.be/XjgUpWxkwVI>. We hope you are as proud to be a Bulldog as we are! As always, if you have questions or concerns related to your child's school experience, we are here to help! We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION



FERPA, PHOTO CONSENT & CODE OF CONDUCT

Each student brought home an acknowledgment form outlining the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the release of photographs and other works, and the Willoughby-Eastlake Code of Conduct.

If you have not already done so, please review, sign and return the form to your child's teacher as soon as possible. We must have a signed acknowledgement on file for each student.

For your convenience, another copy of the form is included with this newsletter blast.

FREE & REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM

If you were on Free/Reduced Lunch last year and have not re-applied for the 2017-18 school year, your carry-over benefits will end on September 29th. If you feel you qualify for this school year, please re-apply as soon as possible to avoid interruption of benefits. You may apply online by visiting the weschools.org website, go to 'Parents' tab, then 'Free and Reduced Lunch Application'. Applications are also available by calling the school office. If you do not receive re-approval by September 29th, your child's status will convert to full pay, and he/she will be required to pay regular price until new benefits are approved. Breakfast is \$1.90. Lunch is \$2.85.

IMPORTANT KINDERGARTEN HEALTH UPDATE

State law requires us to exclude any child from school who has not received the required physical and immunizations.

If your child has started Kindergarten this year and you have not provided current physical AND immunization records documenting all required inoculations, your child's last day will be Friday, September 29th.

If you have any questions about your child's health and immunization records, please contact the clinic, at 440-283-4116.

BULLDOG BROADCASTS

We will be highlighting some of the things happening here at Grant, bi-weekly, through a "Bulldog Broadcast". We will provide you with a link of the video each time we send out the Bulldog Blast.

BOY SCOUTS

There will be a Cub Scout Pack 105 meeting on Wednesday, September 20th, in the new gym for all interested boys. Parents and sons are welcome to come any time between 5:30 - 7:30 PM to have questions answered or to complete enrollment paperwork.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- Sep 14 - PTO Meeting 6 PM, Library
- Sep 15 - Interims
5th Grade Bulldog Leader Applications Due
- Sep 20 - Cub Scout Pack 105 Meeting, 6:30 - 8 PM
New Gym
- Sep 21 - Picture Day
- Sep 22 - PTO Movie Night, "Boss Baby"
6:30 - 9:00PM
- Sep 27 - 1st Grade Open House, 6 PM
- Sep 29 - PBIS Respect Pizza Party

BULLDOG FUN RUN RESULTS

A huge thank you for supporting our school these past two weeks. Thanks to all who donated, volunteered and watched our Bulldog Fun Run! It was a huge success! We are excited to report that we surpassed our \$12,000 goal that will go toward resources and materials to enhance engagement and innovation in our classrooms.

If you haven't already done so, please send pledge money in to school or enter it on funrun.com.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS, BULLDOGS!

The first PTO meeting of the 2017/18 school year is Thursday Sept. 14th at 6 PM in the Grant Library. Hope to see you there!

Come find a front row seat at the PTO Movie Night on September 22nd, from 6:30-9:00 PM. Admission is free and snacks will be available for purchase. The feature presentation is The Boss Baby!

For more information, registration and volunteer opportunities, please visit us at grantpto121.wixsite.com/grantpto

PTO BOARD MEMBERS

Julie Werner, President
Christina Sigler, Vice President
Stacy Fields, Secretary
Madaline Dideon, Assistant Secretary
Kristy Leskiewicz, Treasurer
Maureen Frey, Assistant Treasurer

NEW INFORMATION REGARDING BOX TOPS

This year Grant will be making some changes to Box Tops collections. We will no longer have the monthly Box Tops Store. Instead, students will be turning in Box Tops for their classroom to receive a reward. There is a Box Tops Trophy for the classroom who collects the most every month. The trophy will be passed on to the winning classroom each month.

We will also keep a running total for all classes so that in December and May, a class from each grade can earn a special reward. The reward choices could be an extra recess, a popsicle party, pajama day or something along those lines. Only non-expired Box Tops will be counted towards your total.

Box Tops will be due as follows for the monthly contests:

September 22
October 20
November 20
December 18
January 26
February 23
March 23

April 20 (last collection for monthly trophy winner)

May 11 (this collection counts toward final totals for classroom reward)

Thank you for your part in helping the PTO raise money by collecting Box Tops!

BIRTHDAY & PARTY TREATS

Please follow the following guidelines if you choose to provide a treat for the class to celebrate birthdays:

- Food items must be store bought (no homemade treats)
- Food is individually packaged
- Must provide enough for each student in the class
- Item must be sent with the student or brought to the main office
- Parent initiated celebrations cannot be accommodated
- Teachers will send the treat home with students at the end of the day

MakerSpace

Ask your child about our new Makerspace! Find out what they are using to create, build and design!



TOP DOGS AND PIZZA PARTY WINNERS

Keep an eye out for your child's name in future Bulldog Blasts! Beginning next week, we will be recognizing students for their academic achievements by naming them as "Top Dogs" of the week. We will display their work in the Top Dog display case in the lobby and they will receive a special certificate and prize from Mrs. Hoynes and Mr. Samber.

Also, as a part of our PBIS system, the teachers will be nominating one student from each class each month to attend a pizza party lunch with the principals. Students will be nominated if they have demonstrated RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY TO LEARN behaviors throughout the entire month. Only one student can be chosen each month, so our teachers have a difficult decision as we know there are many students that demonstrate these behaviors on a regular basis.



Want to Help Our School Earn Rewards for Our Students?

Please participate in the programs listed below to help earn points and rewards for our school!



Apples for the Students Program

1. Go to <https://www.gianteagle.com/AFTS> to sign up!
2. Sign in or create an account.
3. Visit the My School Programs page and enter school code: 2307.
4. Every time you shop at Giant Eagle with your rewards card, you earn points and rewards for our school!



Heinen's Teaming up for Education

1. Go to <https://www.heinens.com/home/tasteful-rewards/teaming-up-for-education/> to sign up!
2. Select our school during the on-line registration process.
3. Every time you shop at Heinen's with your rewards card, you earn points and rewards for our school!



1. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to Grant Elementary Parent Teacher Organization when you shop at <https://smile.amazon.com>
2. Sign in to your Amazon account.
3. Type Grant Elementary Parent Organization into the charitable organization box.
4. Select our school.
5. Shop at AmazonSmile to earn donations for our school!



1. SchoolStore.com is an online shopping mall where over 400 nationally-known merchants have agreed to give a percentage of sales to K-12 schools. Companies like Walmart, Sears, Target, Disney Store, Family Book Store and Barnes & Noble participate.
2. Go to <https://www.schoolstore.com>
3. Choose our school.
4. Shop at your favorite online stores through schoolstore.com
5. Our school receives money and our students receive great prizes!