



# Grant Elementary School

*Improve Student Achievement!*



## Message from Mrs. Hoynes & Mr. Samber

October 20, 2017

A huge shout out to the PTO and all of the volunteers that helped to make the Book Fair a big success yet again! We ended our first quarter with a fun "Battle of the Principals" assembly. This was the final incentive the students earned for meeting our Fun Run pledge goal. Teachers are finalizing first quarter grades, and report cards will be emailed to parents on October 26th. If you need a paper copy of your child's report card, please request this through your child's teacher. Next week, Eddie Eyeglass and the Lion's Club will be visiting with our second graders next week. They will also be bringing along their seeing eye dog. If you'd like to donation old prescription glasses, that would be much appreciated. On Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, our third graders will have their first opportunity to take the Ohio AIR reading assessment. This test is the foundation of the Ohio Third Grade Reading Guarantee, which requires all students be of minimum proficiency in reading by the end of third grade. Students will take this assessment online in two parts, spread across two mornings. Please ensure your third grader gets a good night's sleep, with minimal distractions in order to reduce anxiety for them. We look forward to seeing all of our parents throughout the next three weeks at our parent-teacher conferences. Please contact your child's teacher if you still need to schedule a conference time. As we approach Halloween, please make sure you follow the costume guidelines outlined in this blast. Thank you to our head room parents for coordinating your class parties. Please email Mrs. Hoynes the list of guests who are scheduled to attend the Halloween party. We hope you all enjoy the beautiful weather this weekend!

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## OCTOBER EVENTS

### SUBSTITUTE LEVY ISSUE 7

Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools will place a Substitute Levy on the ballot on November 7th - Issue 7.

This levy will replace an Emergency Levy and will **NOT INCREASE YOUR TAXES.**

Please visit our website, [weschools.org](http://weschools.org), for complete details regarding Issue 7. The funds from this issue are used for the maintenance of facilities and classroom instruction.

Please remember to vote on November 7th.



### RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week is the Nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program, reaching millions of Americans during the last week of October every year. By wearing red ribbons and participating in community anti-drug events, young people pledge to live a drug-free lifestyle. This year, we will celebrate Red Ribbon Week by engaging the students in class activities and participating in daily dress-up themes. See October events for the daily themes.



### HALLOWEEN PARTY COSTUME GUIDELINES

We will have our Costume Parade on October 31.

Costumes are to be brought to school with your child at morning arrival. Children will have an opportunity to change into their costumes after lunch.

### PLEASE DO NOT DROP COSTUMES OFF DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

The following guidelines must be observed when choosing a costume for your child:

- No Inappropriate Costumes**
- No Weapons**
- No Horror Costumes**
- Dress Code Guidelines Apply**

If you have any questions as to costume appropriateness, please contact the school office.

### RESPONSIBILITY MONTH

#### **RED RIBBON WEEK October 23 - 27**

Monday: "STOP Drugs"  
**Wear Red**

Tuesday: "Sock it to Drugs"  
**Crazy Sock Day**

Wed: "Being Drug Free is No Sweat"  
**Wear Sweats Day**

Thursday: "Keep a Lid on Drugs"  
**Hat Day**

Friday: "Team Up Against Drugs"  
**Wear Your Favorite Team  
 Shirt/Jersey**

Oct 24-25 - 3rd Grade ELA AIR Assessment

Oct 26 - Reports Cards Emailed  
 Eddie Eyeglass/Lions Club Assembly and Rx Eyeglass Collection  
 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-6:30PM

Oct 27 - Awards Assemblies, (Grades 2-5)  
 PBIS Responsibility Pizza Party Lunch

Oct 31 - HALLOWEEN  
 Costume Parade, 1:15PM  
 Class Parties, 1:45PM



### SOCKTOBER IS HERE!

Every night in the U.S., an estimated 600,000 people live on the streets and need simple things, like socks, to help get them through the night. Did you know the number one needed clothing item for those in need is new socks? People very rarely donate new socks to the homeless.

#### How Can You Help?

Purchase or collect **NEW** socks and send them to school with your child.  
 Collection will take place during Red Ribbon Week, October 23 - 27.

Grant Reward and Challenge: Students will receive 1 bulldog buck for each pair of socks they bring in (up to a maximum of 5). The K-2 class and the 3-5 class with the most socks turned in will win a POPCORN PARTY with the Principals! Socks will be donated to local Lake County organizations.



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## Grant Elementary PTO

October 20, 2017

Thank you Grant Families for supporting our Book Fair! It was a huge success! Also, thank you to all who attended the skating party. We had a lot of families attend!

We had a large attendance at our "Nacho Average PTO Meeting". Mark your calendars for the next PTO meeting, scheduled for November 9th at 6:00PM in the library.

For more information on upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, please visit us at [grantpto121@wixsite.com/grantpto](mailto: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**

### STREP THROAT

There have been several cases of strep throat illnesses at Grant. If your child is ill, please observe him or her for the following symptoms: sore throat, pain in swallowing, enlarged glands in the neck, fever, stomach ache, headache or rash. If your child has a sore throat with any of these symptoms, we urge you to keep your child home and to contact your doctor for advice. Should your child develop strep throat, he/she should remain home for at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic. Your child must also be fever free without the use of Tylenol, Advil, etc. for at least 24 hours prior to returning to school. Please notify the school any time your child has received a positive strepculture.



### TOP DOGS



Matthew Alanen  
Sophia Baker  
Za'Ryah Bates  
Kerstin Bettasso  
Ty Bourgette  
Amelia Butler  
Amari Cephus  
Noah Christman  
Victoria Delk  
Briana Eller  
Ryan Eller  
Maddie Ferrarri  
Shaun Foley

Farrah Fuller  
Jacob Gates  
Al'Leciah George  
Madalynn Goerss  
Gabe Grady  
Hailey Griffin  
Ryan Hufendick  
Lana Hutcheson-Hess  
Saniyah Johnson  
Brady Killeen  
Andrew King  
Savanah Koeth

Kasia Lawrence  
Landon Leyes  
Cale Malek  
Ariel Manzi  
Kensley McArthur  
Josh Mester  
Payton Miozzi  
Micah Nissen  
Leah Omerza-Wells  
Eni Onabajo  
Cade Price  
Sophia Radolovic

Vinny Rini  
Samantha Schmidt  
Nicholas Schwarz  
Madison Sigler  
Madelyn Snyder  
Ronnie Snyder  
Pharoah Taylor  
Autumn Troglin  
Matthew Wallace  
Randi Williamson  
Addison Zellers  
Halle Zupancic

### PETERMAN BUS TRACKER

Our school bus partner, Petermann, has developed a phone and web browser app that will allow parents and guardians to securely view the location of all of their children's bus locations in relationship to their assigned bus stops, including the scheduled arrival time for each stop. The service is free to parents/guardians and provided at no additional cost to the school district. Use of the application is voluntary. You can get more information, sign-up and create your secure login for use on your smart phone or web browser by visiting one of the following links:

<http://www.petermannbus.com/Pages/PetermannBusTracker.aspx>  
<https://m.Petermannbustracker.com/secure/login>

For technical support, please contact [support@Petermannbustracker.com](mailto:support@Petermannbustracker.com)

### Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) & Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

The 2017 Operating Standards for Identifying and Serving Students Who are Gifted (Ohio Administrative Code 3301-51- 15) requires districts to administer two whole-grade screenings beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. These whole grade screenings must occur once during the K-2 grade band and once during the 3-6 grade band in each of these areas: superior cognitive ability, creative thinking ability, and specific academic ability in reading and mathematics. Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools meets that requirement by administering the following assessments:

**Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)** - All students in **grades 2 and 6** will take the CogAT during the week of November 6. Based upon those results, students may be identified as gifted in the area of superior cognitive ability. Students meeting the screening cut score but not the identification score will be given an additional assessment. Students will also be evaluated for gifted identification in the area of Creative Thinking Ability using the CogAT test, as well as an additional ratings scale. If your child qualifies for additional testing beyond the whole grade screening, you will be notified and asked to sign a permission form.

**Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)** – All students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 participate in MAP testing three times per year in the areas of reading and mathematics. Students scoring in the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher in math or reading are identified as gifted in that area. If you have any questions or do not want your child to participate in CogAT testing, please contact Alison Ciferno, Gifted Coordinator at (440) 283-2227 or [alison.ciferno@weschools.org](mailto:alison.ciferno@weschools.org)

# 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!