



# Grant Elementary School



*Improve Student Achievement!*

## Message from Mrs. Hoynes & Mr. Samber

December 1, 2017

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday with your family and friends. It's hard to believe that we are in December and only a few short weeks away from winter break. We have been very lucky with this warm weather, but please remember to prepare your students for outdoor recess with the proper clothing as we try to get them outside as much as possible in the winter. Also, please make every attempt to get your child to school on time as we are required to monitor students' hours absent, due to the new House Bill 410. Thank you for your cooperation and effort in this. Our students will take their winter MAP assessments between the window of December 4th through the 19th. See the class schedule on page two. We continue to enjoy bringing you a glimpse of the exciting things that are happening at Grant Elementary through the Bulldog Broadcast. Here is the link to this week's edition: <https://youtu.be/HZCHJYckBs8>. If you have an interest in "Helping a Friend" by sponsoring a child for the holiday, please contact Maureen Frey at [maureenfrey3@hotmail.com](mailto:maureenfrey3@hotmail.com). Have a great weekend!

### Contact Information

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## DECEMBER EVENTS

### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!

Drop off the kids and enjoy an evening out!

Date: Friday, December 15th

Time: 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Location: Grant Elementary

Cost: \$15 / 1st Child,  
\$5 Each Additional Child

Cost includes pizza, games, crafts and a movie!

Grant students and siblings, 4 years old through 5th grade, are eligible to attend. All children must be potty-trained.

Forms were sent home with students this week.

Deadline to register is Wednesday, December 13th.

### SCHOOL OF INNOVATION ADMISSION & LOTTERY

The School of Innovation (SOI) is preparing to accept incoming third graders for the 2018-19 school year. Current grade 2 students (students who are in grade 2 for the 2017-18 school year) may apply for the 2018-19 third grade class. Students in any other grade level are not eligible to apply. 75 students will be admitted.

Further information regarding SOI and the application / selection process, including timelines and contact information, are included as a separate attachment in this week's Bulldog Blast email.

### CANDY CANE LANE



December 9th  
 11:00AM - 2:00PM  
 at Grant Elementary

Please join us for a FUN and FREE event for Grant students and their families! Games, selfies with Santa, Santa's Workshop, Holiday Shop for children, First Grade Christmas Concert and so much more! Bring in cleaning wipes, Kleenex, hand sanitizer or anything to help keep students healthy, and receive a raffle ticket to enter a drawing for a door prize! Registration forms were sent home with students last week. Use the following link to volunteer for this event.

<http://signup.com/go/TJkHSCR>

### DECEMBER THEME: "RESPECT"

- Dec 9 - Candy Cane Lane & First Grade Concert 11AM - 2PM @ Grant
- Dec 14 - Safety Drill, 1:30PM  
PTO Mtg, 6PM, Library
- Dec 15 - Spirit Wear Pickup, 5:30 - 7:30PM  
Parents' Night Out, 6 - 8:30PM
- Dec 18 - Box Tops Due
- Dec 20 - End of 2nd Quarter Holiday Parties, 1:45 - 2:30PM

### Dec 21 - Jan 2 WINTER BREAK

**Classes Resume January 3rd**



### HOLIDAY GRAMS FOR SALE



Holiday Grams will be for sale December 11th - 14th during student lunches.

Holiday Grams are a happy holidays note with a piece of candy. They are \$.25 each, or you can purchase grams for your entire class for \$4. The grams will be delivered on Wednesday, December 20th.

Proceeds will support our 5th Grade Day event.



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## Grant Elementary PTO

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We hope you are looking forward to some exciting events the PTO has planned for December. Information regarding Parents' Night Out and Candy Cane Lane can be found as an attachment in this Bulldog Blast.

### The PTO is in need of volunteers for Candy Cane Lane.

Please consider volunteering your time for this exciting event for our students. You can volunteer by contacting the PTO at [grantpto121@gmail.com](mailto:grantpto121@gmail.com).

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

### PTO BOARD MEMBERS

Julie Werner, President  
Christina Sigler, Vice President  
Stacy Fields, Secretary  
Madaline Dideon, Assistant Secretary  
Kristy Leskiewicz, Treasurer  
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## Winter MAP Testing Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Basiger Math <sup>4</sup> Lausin Math Heck Math	Todd Math <sup>5</sup> Oostdyk Math Brown, Sulik, Rowan Math	Basiger Reading <sup>6</sup> Lausin Reading 4th Grade Math	Todd Math <sup>7</sup> Oostdyk Reading 5th Grade Reading	Hazen Math <sup>8</sup> Nelson Math 4th Grade Reading
Hazen Reading <sup>11</sup> Royer Math	Rogers Math <sup>12</sup> Nelson Reading 3rd Grade Math	Rogers Reading <sup>13</sup> Royer Reading 2nd Grade Reading	Culp Math <sup>14</sup> 3rd Grade Reading	Nalepka Math <sup>15</sup> Culp Reading 2nd Grade Math
Nalepka Reading <sup>18</sup> McCall Math	McCall Reading <sup>19</sup>	<sup>20</sup>		

### STREP THROAT ALERT!

There continues to be a number of strep throat illnesses at Grant. If your child is ill, please observe him or her for the following symptoms: Sore throat, pain when 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 strep culture.

### FIRST ENERGY CONTEST

Our school has partnered with First Energy Ohio's utilities and The National Theatre for Children to save energy this school year. You can help us out by requesting an Energy Efficiency Kit and using it to make your homes energy efficient. These kits contain items like LED bulbs and nightlights that can make a big difference toward saving energy at home.

If we sign up for the most kits by the end of the school year, our school will win \$2,500! You can sign up for your kit at [OhioStudentKit.com](http://OhioStudentKit.com) using promo code **FE0H1718** or call **1-855-343-6600**. *Don't forget to have your child hand the Classroom Rewards Form to their teacher by December 18 to help their class win \$50!*

### PETERMANN 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)



# 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!