



Grant Elementary School



Improve Student Achievement!

Message from Mrs. Hoynes & Mr. Samber

Happy Holidays! We have been enjoying the holiday season at Grant, highlighted by our Candy Cane Lane event last Saturday. Our first graders did a great job performing for their families and friends, and our fifth graders really worked hard selling their items at the Fifth Grade Market. It was so nice to see so many families and community members shopping, playing games and making crafts, enjoying refreshments, and visiting with Santa. A huge thank you to Rose Baker and many other parent volunteers for making this event a tremendous success! In addition to the fun holiday and winter themed activities that our students have been participating in during class, they have been working hard at their winter MAP assessments. We are anxious to begin analyzing the results to see all of the academic progress our students are making. They will complete additional benchmark assessments in January, and then be setting goals for themselves for the second half of the school year.

As we approach the end of the first semester, we have noticed that our lost and found is overflowing! If your child is missing anything, please have them check the lost and found. We will have all items spread out in the lounge near the Lost and Found and Library next week. Parents are welcome to come look for lost belongings as well. Any remaining items will be washed and donated. Please be sure to put your child's name on all belongings so that they can be returned to their proper owners.

I want to take a minute to say a special thank you to Maureen Frey, Christina Sigler, and many other Grant parents, community members and staff members. Because of your kindness and generosity, we were able to help a tremendous amount of Grant families through our "Help a Friend" effort. This makes me very proud to be a part of such an amazing school community.

Don't forget to check out this edition of the Bulldog Broadcast, <https://youtu.be/nrWwG4o7fvg>. Reminder, Wednesday, December 20th is our last day of school before winter break. School will resume on Wednesday, January 3rd. We hope you have a wonderful holiday with your family and friends.

December 15, 2017

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DECEMBER/JANUARY EVENTS

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**



**JANUARY THEME:
"RESPECT"**

Jan 8 - Report Cards emailed to Parents
Jan 9 - Awards Assemblies (Grades 2 - 5)
Jan 11 - PTO Meeting, 6PM, Library
Jan 12 - **NO SCHOOL** (Prof. Development)
Jan 15 - **NO SCHOOL** (MLK Day)
Jan 25 - Skating Party, 6PM
Jan 26 - PBIS "Respect" Pizza Party Lunch



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



MAKERSPACE

The makerspace has been a huge success so far this year. Our students have had opportunities to be creative through design challenges, coding, building, and much more. We are in need of household item donations (glue, tape, toilet paper rolls, paper/plastic products, cotton balls, Q-tips, foam, bags, etc.) to help keep the makerspace stocked for our students. Any donations are extremely appreciated and can be turned in to the main office.

Thank you for your continued support.

LOST AND FOUND

We have quite a few items in our Lost and Found. Items will be laid out in the small lounge located near the Lost and Found and Library, Monday through Wednesday of next week. If parents would like to come look for the lost items, they are welcome to check-in at the main office between 9:30AM - 2:30PM and look.

Any remaining items at the end of the day Wednesday will be donated.

SCHOOL OF INNOVATION (SOI) APPLICATION PROCESS FOR 2018-2019

Information about the School of Innovation admission and lottery process for the third grade class for the 2018-19 school year has been posted on the district website. Students must be a resident of the school district and must be current second grade students in order to apply. Please review the SOI Admission and Lottery Process document on the website for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Parent Information Night: January 17, 2018
Lottery Application Opens February 20, 2018
Lottery Application Closes March 2, 2018



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Grant Elementary PTO

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A big thank you to all who helped to make Candy Cane Lane a HUGE success! It was extremely well attended and we have received very positive feedback. Due to the snow day, we were unable to have our December PTO meeting. Please join us for our next meeting on January 11th at 6 PM.

For more information on upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, please visit us at grantpto121@wixsite.com/grantpto

PTO BOARD MEMBERS

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TOP DOGS



Kendra Angelo-English
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Tori Iuliani
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Colin Metz
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Vanshi Patel
Jennifer Pierce
Noah Scanlon

Landin Sistek
Ryan Smith
Mekhi Thomas-
Braxton
Landon Valentine
Cyanne Wion
Becca Wooke

STREP THROAT ALERT!

There continue 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 using promo code **FEOH1718** or call [1-855-343-6600](tel: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

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!



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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!