



BULLDOG BLAST

Grant Elementary

IMPROVING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

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Message from Mr. Samber & Mrs. Tracz

We have had a wonderful first seven days of school! Our students and teachers have been busy building classroom rapport and getting off to a great start academically. This week we welcomed our kindergarten bulldogs to Grant Elementary. This year we have challenged all of our students to be the kindest kid they can possibly be. Students in grades 1-5 made a Kindness Pledge and all of our students received a Kindness bracelet. Please ask them about their pledge and check out their new bracelet. On Tuesday, September 4th we will be having our Pep Rally for our 2nd Annual Bulldog Fun Run. Please be on the lookout for important information that your child will bring home on this day. This year's fun run will take place on Friday, September 14th. Our bulldogs will be taking their Fall NWEA MAP tests from August 28th - September 7th. Each student will take a reading and math test. Please check out the information included about volunteering for class parties and appropriate birthday/party treats. Remember to follow us on Twitter and Facebook to see some exciting things happening throughout our school every day! We hope to see everyone at our Grant PTO Chipotle Night on Monday, August 27th from 4-8pm. We look forward to an awesome year working with all bulldog families!

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FREE FLU SHOT

www.weschoolsflu.com

- Get your child a flu shot at no cost to you.
- Trained nurses will administer vaccine.
- Conveniently at your child's school.
- You'll need your insurance card handy.
- If you don't have insurance, that's ok. Your child can still get the vaccine.

BIRTHDAY & PARTY TREATS

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

- Food must be store bought (no homemade treats)
- Food must be individually packaged.
- Must provide enough for each student in class.
- Item must be sent with the student or brought to the main office.
- Teachers will send the treat home with students at the end of the day.

CLASS PARTY VOLUNTEERS

Please fill out the form link below if you are interested in being a Class Party Chair, a Class Party Volunteer, or by sending in items needed for the party. Please fill out ONE form for each child you have. Thank you!

<https://goo.gl/forms/E18TUht4LOA3Xs7g2>

*Please check out the flyer later in the newsletter that includes more details about class parties, volunteers, and treats.

MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION...

POWERSCHOOL REGISTRATION (INFOSNAP)

Please make sure you complete your PowerSchool Registration. It is very important we have emergency and medical information for your child.

We use an online student registration/data validation system powered by Powerschool InfoSnap. The system is a secure and green process, which allows the district to verify all student demographic, emergency and medical information for your child prior to the start of the new school year. The system will also allow you to electronically sign the annual emergency form.

You will receive a no-reply email from Willoughby-Eastlake Schools with instructions on how to access the system for your student. The email will contain a secure link with instructions that will link you directly to your student's information. You will log into your account, or create an account if you are new to the system. To make the process easier for families with multiple students, you will have the option to copy all generic family information to all other children in your family. All families need to take action and complete these forms as soon as possible after receiving the email. Your child will not be permitted to attend field trips without updated information. If you do not have access to the Internet, or if you have questions, please contact the office and you can make an appointment to use a school computer to complete the process.

ATTENDANCE LINE & EARLY DISMISSAL

If your child will be absent from school, please call the school's 24 hour attendance line at 440-283-4085. If we don't receive a call, you will receive an automated call to verify the absence. This is for the safety of your child. If your child will be tardy, please walk your child into the office and sign him/her in. If your child needs to be released from school early, please send in a note with your child's name, teacher, and the time they will be leaving. **Early releases must be by 2:30 PM.** Buses enter the front lot starting at 2:30 PM and cars will not be permitted to enter until dismissal is complete

CAR RIDERS PICK UP LOOP PLEASE READ

Thank you for your patience with the car loop during the first few days of school. It will definitely speed up as everyone learns the routines and procedures.

Please try to avoid blocking driveways on Hurricane so residents can still get in and out of their driveways. Thank you for your help and consideration!

"PAY FOR IT" ONLINE LUNCH AND FEE PAYMENT SYSTEM

Very Important - Please Read

Updates to the following guideline regarding school lunch payments for charged meals will be implemented starting Monday, October 8, 2018. Please note there has been a change in the amount of debt a student can accrue and what can be charged when a student has a negative balance. When the school year starts, a student's free and reduced lunch status carries over from the previous year. The deadline to turn in a new application for free and reduced lunch will be the end of the first week of October. Students can charge up to \$7.00 of debt or \$1.00 of debt if they are at reduced status for daily featured school meals (these amounts would allow the student to charge up to two (2) meals). No a-la-carte or snack items will be allowed to be charged to an account with insufficient funds. Once a student exceeds these limits, they will be provided an alternative meal to be determined by the school district and will no longer be able to charge on their account. Once the account is paid in full, the cycle starts over again. All meal balances (positive or negative) carry over from the previous school year.

YMCA CHILD CARE

Before and after school childcare is available at Grant Elementary School through the [YMCA's Child Care program](#). Please visit our website to find registration forms. All children who attend the YMCA Child Care Program **MUST** pre-register.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>August</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>OCTOBER</u>
27th - Grant PTO Night at Chipotle in Willoughby	3rd - Labor Day - No School	10th - Skating Party - United Skates - 6pm
	4th - Bulldog Fun Run Pep Rally - Important Information Coming Home	11th - PTO Meeting, 6pm - Library
	13th - PTO Meeting, 6pm - Library	12th - NO SCHOOL - NEOEA DAY
	14th - Bulldog Fun Run	15th - Book Fair Week
	20th - Picture Day!	16th - OPEN HOUSE
		17th - End of 1st Quarter
		22nd - Red Ribbon Week
		24th - Report Cards Emailed Out
		25th - Conferences 3:30-6:30pm

MAKERSPACE

We are in need of household items to help stock our Makerspace so our students have materials to be creative with.

Potential Makerspace Items Needed:

Please drop off any donations in the office! Thank you!

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| -straws | -toothpicks | -rubber bands | -coffee filters |
| -coffee stirrers | -index cards | -masking tape | -popsicle sticks |
| -cupcake liners | -Q tips | -Scotch tape | -duct tape |
| -pipe cleaners | -paper plates | -paper cups | -plastic cups |
| -plastic silverware | -plastic bins | -magnets | -cotton balls |
| -plastic baggies | -yarn | -lunch bags | -string |
| -marbles | -paper clips | -Legos | -playdough |
| -bamboo skewers | -felt | -bottled glue | -glue sticks |
| -aluminum foil | -plastic wrap | -scissors | -markers |
| -colored pencils | -pencils | -sharpies | -ribbon |
| -dental floss | -envelopes | -empty toilet paper rolls | -dry erase markers |
| -empty paper towel rolls | -construction paper | -paint & paint brushes | -wood craft sticks |

BULLDOG FUN RUN

This year's Fall fundraiser is the 2nd Annual Bulldog Fun Run! Last year was a great success and we were able to add valuable education resources for our Bulldogs. This is a 9-day program that kicks off with a Pep Rally on September 5th. Families, you will then gather pledges for every lap your student runs (30-35 laps), and we will celebrate at the Fun Run on September 14th. With our big goal of raising \$13,000, we have asked the Fun Run experts at Boosterthon to power our Fun Run and make it profitable, easy, and fun. The funds from the Fun Run will go toward resources and materials to promote innovation, engagement and creativity for our students. Students will also experience an amazing character theme, **MindSpark Mystery Lab**, that promotes STEAM experiences, along with positive social and emotional activities. Please help our school by reaching out to sponsors. Grant families are invited to come out and cheer on your student at the Fun Run! Please see the Bulldog Fun Run T-Shirt Order Form if you would like to purchase a shirt for your child. Thank you for your support!

BULLDOG FUN RUN

T-shirt Order Form

Cost: \$8 per shirt

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____ **Teacher:** _____

Please circle the size you would like:

Youth Sizes: SMALL MEDIUM LARGE

Adult Sizes: SMALL MEDIUM LARGE X-LARGE 2X-LARGE

***Please pay with cash or check (make checks out to Grant Elementary)**

***Please turn your order in by FRIDAY, AUGUST 31st.**

***Please contact Mr. Samber at michael.samber@weschools.org or 440-283-4111 with any questions.**

***This order form is for STUDENT SHIRTS ONLY.**

Grant Elementary PTO

Please join the Grant Elementary Parent Teacher Organization! Welcome packets were sent home the first week of school. The PTO is a wonderful organization and it's a great way to be involved in your child's school experience. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, at 6 PM, in the Library. Please join us for our first meeting of the year on September 13th! For more information on Grant's PTO, please visit our website, <http://www.weschools.org/PTC.aspx>. or email at Grantpto121@gmail.com

PTO Board Members

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

First PTO Meeting:

Thursday, September 13th
6pm - Library

We look forward to
seeing you there!

Grant PTO
CHIPOTLE
Family Night

8-27-18

4:00-8:00pm

Grant Elementary School Party/Treat/Food Guidelines

Goal: To create a consistent, enjoyable and safe environment for all students.

Birthday Treats

At Grant Elementary, we enjoy honoring our students on their birthday by announcing their name on the morning announcements and providing them with a special birthday pencil. We also respect that many parents choose to send in a treat for their child's class on this special day. Sending in a treat on your child's birthday is optional, but please follow the following guidelines if you choose to provide something for the class.

- Food items must be store bought (no homemade treats permitted)
- Food items must be individually pre-packaged
- Must provide enough for each student in the class
- Item must be sent with the student or brought to the main office
- In order to limit class interruptions we are unable to accommodate guests for individual birthday celebrations
- Teachers will send this treat home with students at the end of the day

Class Parties

General Guidelines:

- Three (3) holiday parties during the school year, four (4) unaccompanied parent/guardian helpers maximum at each party. To sign up to be a CLASS PARTY CHAIR, a CLASSROOM VOLUNTEER, or to send something in for the party, please fill out the form using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/5fbJ5nSXXDRuyTa52>
 - Items included in these parties include:
 - Cala's Pizza - Provided by PTO
 - Capri Sun Roarin' Waters - Provided by PTO
 - Paper Products - Provided by PTO
 - 1 Craft and/or Game - Provided by Parent/Volunteer
 - 1 Individually pre-prepackaged, store bought snack item (no homemade treats permitted) - Provided by Parent/Volunteer
- End-of-year functions: events held during the school day for PreK-4 are subject to these same guidelines. Fifth grade functions held during the school day at the end of the year may include a planned meal with full communication to all parents about the menu. Appropriate accommodations should be made accordingly.
- Food consumption and activities and prizes arranged by the teacher will follow class allowable food lists and will be communicated to parents.

**Please consult with your child's teacher prior to any party/treat being planned as they will have the most current list of safe/suggested prepackaged treats for their class.*

2018-2019 Class Parties

Volunteer Check-In Time: 1:30-1:45

Party Time: 1:45-2:30 PM

- Halloween Party - Wednesday, October 31st
- Holiday Party - Friday, December 21st
- Valentine's Party - Thursday, February 14th

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Grant Elementary PTO. Come in to the Chipotle at **36200 Euclid Ave #12** in Willoughby on **Monday, August 27th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Grant Elementary PTO.

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!

Join the
**Willoughby South Lady
Rebel Soccer Team** for

Youth Day

All children will receive free admission, a goodie bag,
and be entered for a chance to win a South Soccer
basket.

They will also be able to play on the turf at half time!

Saturday, August 25th at 3 pm
South High School Stadium

*Arrive at 2:45 to walk out with the Varsity
team as they are announced.*

