



# BULLDOG BLAST

## Grant Elementary

**IMPROVING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

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### Message from Mr. Samber & Mrs. Tracz

Our students and staff have been working hard in class as we have seen tons of great learning experiences going on. Students have been taking their Fall MAP Assessments and we will be finishing those up next week. We kicked off the road to our Bulldog Fun Run with an awesome PEP RALLY on Thursday. Students had fun learning about how they can earn prizes by getting pledges to support our school. All students went home with a Pledge Book on Thursday that gives all necessary information. Please read the information below about our Bulldog Fun Run and check out the flier later in the newsletter to learn more about: how to get pledges, prizes students can earn, this weekend's challenge, Indoor & Outdoor Fun Run Schedule Plans, and much more! Families are welcome to come cheer the children on during the Fun Run. We look forward to a successful Bulldog Fun Run & we appreciate your support of Grant Elementary! Lastly, we have Class Pictures on Thursday, September 20th. Please see the flyer attached for more information about ordering. Have a great weekend!

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## BULLDOG FUN RUN INFORMATION

**\*Fun Run date:  
Friday, September 14th**

**\*Students can log on to  
FUNRUN.COM to gather  
pledges to support Grant  
Elementary! Our  
registration code is:  
495-321**

### WEEKEND CHALLENGE!

We have a very special challenge today. It's called... the Weekend Challenge. For the "Weekend Challenge," any student who gets NEW pledges for a total of \$2 per lap or \$60 in flat donations over the weekend will receive a Bonus Prize - the Flick Football - on Monday. Students, get super excited to rise to the challenge! This is your chance to earn a bonus prize in addition to your normal prizes! Remember to put all those pledges on funrun.com! Have a fun weekend!

**See our flyer  
later in the  
newsletter for  
Indoor &  
Outdoor Fun Run  
Schedules.**

**\*Students can earn  
individual prizes for  
pledges.**

**\*All of our bulldogs can  
earn school-wide  
incentives for reaching  
pledge goals.**

### Student Star Video

**STEP 1: Upload a photo of your  
student on FunRun.com to create a  
video that asks for pledges and stars  
your student.**

**Step 2: Share on Facebook to easily  
get more pledges.**

**Visit FunRun.com for more details.**

**Families are  
welcome to  
come cheer  
their child  
on during the  
Fun Run.**

# MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION...

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special education means specially designed instruction, at no cost to the parent, to meet the unique needs of a handicapped child. Special Education Programs are provided for all children who have a handicapping disability. A disability in this instance means conditions such as: hearing impairments, visual impairments, speech or language impairments, learning disabilities, mental retardations, other health impairments, physical impairments, autism, and traumatic brain injury. Every handicapped child in Ohio is entitled to services provided by the school district in which they reside, including **children with disabilities who are homeless children or are wards of the state**. These services include: evaluation services for all children birth through twenty-one years, diagnostic services for all children birth through age twenty-one years of age, and educational programs for children three through twenty-one years of age. If you know of a child who is handicapped or at risk and NOT receiving services, please contact the Willoughby-Eastlake City School District's Pupil Service Office at 440-975-3800.

## 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.

### FREE FLU SHOT

[www.weschoolsflu.com](http://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.

### MOBILE DENTIST

Visit [MobileDentist.com](http://MobileDentist.com) for more information. Flyers went home with students last week. Deadline to register is 9-12-18.

### 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.

### 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.

# MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION...

## CAR RIDERS PICK UP LOOP PLEASE READ

**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.

# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

## SEPTEMBER

6th thru 14th - Students can earn Fun Run Pledges

12th - Grant PTO Family Food Night at BJ's in Mentor - [Flyer](#)

13th - PTO Meeting, 6pm - Library

14th - Bulldog Fun Run!

20th - Picture Day!

## OCTOBER

10th - Skating Party - United Skates - 6pm

11th - PTO Meeting, 6pm - Library

12th - NO SCHOOL - NEOEA DAY

15th - Book Fair Week

16th - OPEN HOUSE

17th - End of 1st Quarter

22nd - Red Ribbon Week

24th - Report Cards Emailed Out

25th - Conferences 3:30-6:30pm



# TOP DOG



Thomas Rini	Alana Harris	Hayden Standing	Brianna Reilly
Jon Ventresca	Brielle Addo	Nathan Bemak	Emily Begovic
Khloe Kish	Erika Sekura	Alanah Harris	Ayden Tackett
Aiden Conway	Kayden Brazzel	Mason Deakins	Landon Moses
Alesia Blido	Christian Taylor	Kensie Null	Samantha Schmidt
Alyssa Van Camp	Saniya Johnson	Braelyn Starkey	JaNiyah Davis
Darey Brock			

## 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 2018

Friday, September 14th

## Outdoor Fun Run

9:15 - 10:15	2nd & 5th
10:20 - 11:20	K & 3rd
11:25 - 12:25	1st & 4th

## Indoor Fun Run (if bad weather)

BIG GYM		SMALL GYM	
9:10 - 9:55	5th	9:10 - 9:55	K - Nalepka, Rogers, Hazen
10:00 - 10:45	2nd	10:00 - 10:45	K - Basiger, Todd
10:50-11:35	3rd	10:50-11:35	1st - Lausin, Nelson, Culp
11:40-12:25	4th	11:40-12:25	1st - Oostdyk, Royer

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 Monday, September 10th.**

**\*Please contact Mr. Samber at [michael.samber@weschools.org](mailto:michael.samber@weschools.org) or 440-283-4111 with any questions.**

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

# PICTURE DAY!

**Thursday, September 20th**

**Online Ordering:**

Go to [inter-state.com/order](https://inter-state.com/order)

**Order Code Needed: 30205YA**

**\*Paper order forms were sent home with students already.**

# 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](mailto: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 FAMILY FOOD NIGHT!***

***BJ'S Restaurant in Mentor***  
***Wednesday, September 12th***

***4:00-9:00pm***

***20% of proceed goes to our PTO!***

***Check out the FLYER***

## **HELP A FRIEND**

**Please check out our flier below if:**

- You would like to sponsor a child by buying a few gifts this holiday season.**
- You would like to donate to help our Grant Families.**
- Your family would appreciate the support of the Grant community this holiday season.**

**Help A Friend Flyer**



# 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

# 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!