



Grant Elementary School



Improve Student Achievement!



Message from Mrs. Hoynes & Mr. Samber

August 4, 2017

Dear Grant Elementary Families,
 Welcome back Bulldogs! We hope you all had a restful summer and are ready for an exciting new school year! We are very proud of the effort and hard work our students, parents, and staff put forth last year and want to continue that excellence this year in order to achieve our district mission of **Improving Student Achievement!** This year, we will continue to promote positive behavior by following the 3 R's: **Respect, Responsibility, and Ready to Learn.** Students will continue to earn Bulldog Bucks and additional incentives for following the 3 R's. We will also continue to recognize our "Top Dawgs" for their academic accomplishments. Please take a few minutes to review all of the important information included in this mailing. This is the first edition of the bi-weekly newsletters that will continue throughout the 2017-18 school year. Please note the upcoming Meet the Teacher dates as well as other upcoming events. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We hope to ensure that your child has a smooth transition into a wonderful new school year.

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Laurie Hoynes
 Principal

Mr. Michael Samber
 Assistant Principal

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SCHOOL HOURS

Students can be dropped off beginning at 8:40 AM. Students wait in the designated, supervised locations until the first bell rings at 8:52 AM. **School begins at 9 AM.** Please have your child to school on time. Every minute of instruction is valuable! School ends at 3 PM. Please be aware that there may be some delays with transportation the first few days of school. We appreciate your patience.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Please join us in welcoming some new staff to the Grant Elementary Family...

Ms. Trish Halerz - Grade 3
 Mrs. Nancy Heck - Grade 5
 Mrs. Marie McGlathery - School Psychologist
 Mr. Scott Miller - Intervention Specialist
 Mrs. Kelly Robb - Grade 3
 Mrs. Amanda Bromelmeier - Family Liaison
 Mrs. Jasmine Venson - Grade 4

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Buses will enter and exit at the front, main entrance off of Lost Nation Road. Cars will not be permitted to enter at this location between 8:30-9:00 AM and 2:30-3:00 PM. Car drop off and pick up will continue to be located at the back of the building off of Hurricane Drive. In order to ensure a safe and secure pickup experience, car riders/parents will receive a yellow car tag at Meet the Teacher or during the first few days of school. Please be aware that there may be some delays with transportation and car loop during the first few days of school. We appreciate your patience during this time.

MEET THE TEACHER

This event is for **parents/guardians and students.** It is a great opportunity for parents and students to meet their teacher, drop off supplies, sign up for Fall conferences, and receive important classroom information. You will also have the opportunity to join the PTO and receive car rider passes if applicable. See below for appropriate dates.

SCHOOL START DATES

1st-5th grade students will begin classes on Thursday, August 17th. **Kindergarten students** should have received info. in June regarding class assignments, appointment times, and staggered start. Kindergarten orientation will be Thursday, August 10th at 6:00 PM. Following the staggered start dates on August 21st and 22nd, ALL kindergarten students will begin on Wednesday, August 23rd. Please contact the office with any questions related to the kindergarten meetings and start dates.

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.

AUGUST EVENTS

- Aug 10 - Kindergarten Orientation, 6 PM
- Aug 11 - Students' Schedules Posted on Parent Portal @ 4 PM
- Aug 14 - Meet the Teacher, 6-7 PM Grade 5
- Aug 15 - Meet the Teacher, 6-7 PM Grades 2 & 4
- Aug 16 - Meet the Teacher, 6-7 PM Grades 1 & 3
- Aug 17 - First Day of School Gr. 1-5 K Meetings by appt. A-L
- Aug 18 - K Meetings by appt. M-Z
- Aug 21 - K Staggered Start A-L
- Aug 22 - K Staggered Start M-Z
- Aug 23 - First Day for All Kindergarten

TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS

To view your child's teacher, please log on to Parent Portal beginning at 4:00 PM on Friday, August 11th. Class lists will no longer be posted on the school doors.



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Grant Elementary PTO

August 1, 2017

Please join the Grant Elementary Parent Teacher Organization! Welcome packets will be sent home on the first day of school and will be available at various school functions. 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 Tuesday of each month, at 6 PM, in the Library. Please join us for our first meeting of the year on September 7th! 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

BULL DOG FUN RUN

This year's Fall fundraiser is the Bulldog Fun Run! It's a 9-day program that kicks off with a Pep Rally on August 23rd. Families will then gather pledges for every lap your student runs (30-35 laps), and we'll celebrate at the Fun Run on September 1st. With our big goal of raising \$12,000 for resources and materials to promote innovation, engagement and creativity, we asked the Fun Run experts at Boosterthon to power our Fun Run and make it more profitable, easier, and fun. Students will also experience an amazing character theme, **CASTLE QUEST!** an English castle theme all about being brave and living with character. On their quest to regain Bravemore Castle, students will learn the "SIX VIRTUES of a TRUE HERO" from a cast of colorful characters. Donations will go toward resources and materials to promote innovation, engagement and creativity and to the entire 9-day experience. So please help our school by reaching out to sponsors. Also, all families are invited to come out and cheer on your student at the Fun Run! Thank you for your support!

CLINIC & MEDICATIONS

For a child to take any over the counter medication, a form must be completed in advance. **Doctor prescribed medications, including inhalers**, given to children at school requires a physician's note. Medication forms are available on our district's website, <http://www.weschools.org>. Go to 'Parents' tab, 'Health Services', then the 'Medication Administration' link on the left side of the screen. If you have any questions please call the school clinic at 440-283-4116.

"PAY FOR IT" ONLINE LUNCH AND FEE PAYMENT SYSTEM

"Pay For It" gives parents the ability to see their child's cafeteria account balance, purchases made over the last 30 days, and set up low balance e-mail reminders at no charge. Parents can put money in their child's account online using credit cards or electronic check. **To sign up for this service, please visit www.weschools.org and click on the "PAY FOR IT" link under the 'Parents' tab.** There is also information regarding free and reduced lunch. Paper copies of the free and reduced lunch form will be sent home the first week of school. Applications from the 2016-17 school year are good until September 30, 2017. You **MUST** fill out a new application to receive this program after September 30th. Breakfast is available before school for \$1.90 / Reduced cost is 30¢. Lunch is \$2.85 / Reduced cost is 40¢. Menus are available on the district's website.

BUS PASSES

Bus passes will be mailed out for all grades by August 10th. Please call the Transportation office at 440-975-3736 if you do not receive a bus pass. **If changes occur during the school year with your child's transportation needs, please inform the Transportation Department and the school office so we can accommodate you.**

VISITORS

All visitors must sign in at the main office and get a visitor's pass. If you are picking your child up for an early release or from the clinic, or if you have a scheduled classroom visit/volunteer opportunity, you will be asked to present your photo identification. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation regarding our school's safety procedures.

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.

INFOSNAP

The district is excited to introduce InfoSnap, an online registration/data validation system for the upcoming school year. This secure, green system allows the district to verify all student demographic, emergency and medical info. You should have received instructions on how to access the system for your student. Please complete these forms as soon as possible as your child's registration will not be complete until the forms have been submitted. If you do not have Internet access, please contact the office so we can further assist you.

CAR PICK-UP & WALKERS

If you will be picking your child up in a car or walking to meet your child on a regular basis, you will be issued a car tag with a number designated for your child. This is to assist with the safety and efficiency of the dismissal process. You can receive your car pass at your child's Meet the Teacher night or during the first week of school.

COMMUNICATIONS

Bi-weekly newsletters will be emailed to you and are available on the Grant Elementary School website. Paper copies are only available upon request made to your child's teacher. To sign-up for our newsletter and to receive other important notifications and Information, please go to: www.weschools.org. Go to the 'Parents' tab, click on the 'School Messenger' link for step-by-step directions. There is also a calendar on our website with upcoming school events. You can access this site by going to <http://www.weschools.org> and clicking on 'Grant Elementary'. Be sure to check our website regularly for updates and information. You can also follow us on Twitter @WES_GrantElem.

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!