

Grant Gazette

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Nov. 17,
2017



Important Dates to Remember



Tues.	Nov. 21	3:30p	Book Bowl
	Nov. 22-24		THANKSGIVING BREAK
Tues.	Nov. 28	3:30p	Book Bowl
Mon.	Dec. 4	6:30p	PTO Meeting
Tues.	Dec. 5	3:30p	Book Bowl
Thurs.	Dec 7	9:00a	Fourth Grade to School Forest
Tues.	Dec. 12	9:50a	KG Family Day
Tues.	Dec. 12	3:30p	Book Bowl
Wed.	Dec. 13	6:30p	Winter Concert, Wausau West
Tues.	Dec. 19	3:30p	Book Bowl
Thurs.	Dec. 21	11:40a	Second Grade Family Lunch
	Dec. 25-Jan.1		Winter Break

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Happy November, kindergarten families! The school year is flying by, as the leaves fly off the trees and the fall winds become a little bit cooler. As Winter begins to approach us, we are warming up in kindergarten with many new learning concepts and learning goals! In *Superkids* we have met six new *Superfriends* so far, with the newest one being Lily. Lily loves to play pretend with her lion dolls and play with her doll-house. Lily has taught us how to identify a capital L and a lowercase l as well as learn the sound /l/. Since we have 7 letters learned so far in our reading program we have begun blending letter sounds together to read words such as dad, log, class and doll. We are also beginning to write these words by writing the sounds we hear in the word. We will

continue to build on these skills throughout the school year as we learn new letters and letter sounds with the *Superkids*!

In writing since September the children have been focusing on goals such as:

- Using colors that make sense in an illustration
- Labeling illustrations with the beginning sound or word
- Adding details to make our illustrations more engaging

Encourage your child to draw or write about their day and to sound out or write words that match their illustration. This will allow your child to become more comfortable with telling stories through their writing. In Math kindergarteners have been working hard on addition and subtraction. Kindergarteners have

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learned what addition and subtraction means as well as when to use a plus sign and minus sign. We have been working with different kinds of manipulatives and integrating different activities for the children to show how to write and read addition and subtraction equations. As you are out and about with your kindergartener encourage them to add things they see as you are driving in the car or even at the grocery store. Such as "Billy, I see two red cars and three blue cars, how many are there altogether?" Happy learning!

~Mrs. Meyer & Mrs. Zompolas

FIRST GRADE NEWS

As we turn the calendar to November we feel the season of winter fast approaching. It is important that you be sure your child has boots, snow pants, a warm coat, mittens and hat. Please get in the habit of checking the weather daily with your child to ensure they come to school dressed appropriately. Our classrooms are also chilly so having a sweatshirt or sweater to put on will be helpful. As snow falls each night help your child put their boots, hat and mittens by the register so they are dry each day. In the classroom we are working on story problems and writing equations to represent them. In Superkids it is important to study your memory and pattern words each night to be prepared for the test. When we have stories to read please spend a few minutes to ask some follow-up questions to be sure your child understands the reading. In writing we wrote notes of appreciation to Veterans. As your child received their first report card (progress report) we want to remind you that grades are just one measure of your student as a whole. We continue to work hard on understanding we all possess the power of YET and that with practice we will get the skills. If you have questions about your child's report please feel free to email or call to set up a time to stop in and talk. Together we can ensure your child gets the most of their education.



~Mrs. Mertes, Mrs. Majewski, & Mrs. Blanchette

SECOND GRADE NEWS

Our second grade Superkids time continues to be busy as we add in new spelling words, new English language skills and new developments in the story of the Superkids' lives. Students have been working to make connections with the Superkids characters and themselves. There are a lot of overlaps in the behaviors and responses of the Superkids and the Grant School second graders! Second graders have finished up Unit 1 in math which focused on basic facts and words problems. They have been working hard to show their word problem answers by using a picture, an equation and a label. We are just about

halfway through our classes for Brilliant Bee. Thank you to all of the families that have helped make this such a fun and meaningful time in our day! If your child has not had their turn yet, thank you for helping them be patient. Their turn will come!

~Mrs. Simons & Mrs. Seanor

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Third graders had a great time at the school forest. It was cold but they were kept busy! At Grant School each grade level has a buddy class. Third graders are buddies with Kindergartener's. When we meet with our buddies we are always practicing and learning more about Grant Bulldog Behaviors- Responsibility, Respect, and Safety. Winter is here so please make sure your child is dressed properly when they leave the house. A winter coat, snow pants, boots, hat, and mittens are needed every day so your child can stay warm and have a great start to their day. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving break!



~Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Jandrt, & Ms. Stotmeister

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

It is hard to believe we are already into the 2nd quarter of 4th grade! It is off to a busy start. We enjoyed hosting our second Family Friday. It is so wonderful to see the students' excitement on that day. They are so proud to have important members of their family come in and see what they have been up to and participate in different activities with them. This quarter we have a field trip to the school forest on December 7. Look for reminders coming home soon. We hope you had the chance to view your child's report card and talk about goals for this quarter with him/her. In math we are exploring multiplying by one digit numbers. Practice basic facts with your child at home every day. There is also a great web site/app called Chalkboard Math for students to practice these skills. In reading we have been busy reading Dramas and Folktales, using them to practice our expression and phrasing when reading. We have also learned how to identify the theme in these stories. In writing, the students are working on their first 5-paragraph essay. They have each chosen an animal to research. In Social Studies we are learning about the 12 states in the Southeast region. Use the website www.purposegames.com and search for "Southeast States" to practice labeling the states on a map. Please remember to send your child to school prepared for the cold weather every day now. We look forward to watching your child grow this quarter! As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

~Mrs. Witter & Mrs. McGrath

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Fifth graders remain busy at Grant Elementary School. Recently, they worked on the genre of Fairy Tales. Students read a variety of fairy tales with a focus on the skill of Compare and Contrast. After reading several stories, each student completed a Venne Diagram that showed the similarities and differences between the stories. They then used the graphic organizer to complete a written compare/contrast piece of writing. Upon the completion of their writing, students were able to present their work using either Adobe Spark or iMovie. Their final creations are posted on SeeSaw so if you have not signed up to use your classrooms SeeSaw account, please do so. It will give you a chance to see what kind of work we are doing in the classroom. Once again this year our students have access to Myon, which is an online reading program that contains thousands of titles the students can read. All students have access to this program and can use it at home by simply going to myon.com. This gives them another resource to make sure they are getting in their 20 minutes of reading each night. Currently, we are working on long division in Math class. Please be aware that the knowledge of the basic math facts is vital to learning these more difficult skills, so if your child does not know their basic facts, practice them at home.

~Mrs. Fochs & Mrs. Lucht

MUSIC NEWS



We finished off October with all our spooky, Fall/Halloween songs and activities. Currently, we've been preparing for our Winter Concert. The students are working hard on learning and memorizing their music. We have a wide selection of winter music for our concert including some different languages such as Hmong and Spanish. We hope you can come join us at our concert on December 13 at Wausau West High School at 6:30pm.

~Mrs. Kue

PHY ED NEWS

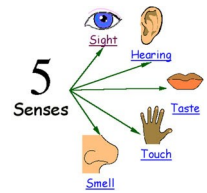
Students at Grant School have just completed a fitness unit focusing on cardio respiratory endurance and how we can keep our hearts healthy and strong. Fourth and fifth graders are starting an archery unit where we focus on safety, shooting form, and being consistent. K-3 students will be working on loco-motor movements including running, skipping and galloping.



~Mr. Luebbe
rluebbe@wausauschools.org

SCIENCE NEWS

We have been having a lot of fun in science and we are beginning to wrap up our first units of study! Kindergarteners have been studying the five senses and have enjoyed exploring the senses at various stations. If you know a kindergartener, ask them about which smells they like and which smells they don't like! First graders are masters in classifying animals into mammal, reptile, bird, and amphibian groups. Second graders are great at sharing weather words and just started looking at thermometers to measure temperature. Ask them how a cloud is made! Rocks and minerals are cool, and so are third graders! Did you know that our third graders are geologists and can test rocks for calcite with vinegar? Fourth graders identified the four cardinal directions (north, south, east, and west) using a magnet and some water, ask them how they did it! Our fifth graders are true scientists creating and testing their own experiments. Changing a variable in an experiment can change the outcome and fifth graders are testing that idea.



~Mrs. Mulry

LIBRARY NEWS

November has been busy in the library! Students are learning how to navigate the online world in a safe, responsible and respectful way. K-5 students are also being introduced to computer coding through ScratchJr. Students snap together programming blocks to make characters follow their lines of code they have written. All students are learning to think creatively and reason systematically. You can learn more on pbskids.org. Our book fair was a great success! Thank you! We had over \$2400 in sales which means our profit is almost \$1000 in Scholastic Dollars to purchase books and materials for our libraries and classrooms. Thank you for supporting our students!

~Mrs. Faulkner

ART NEWS

All of the students at Grant are participating in the Empty Bowls project. The Empty Bowls Project is an internationally recognized event to fight hunger in communities around the United States and throughout the world. In 1990, John Hartom and Lisa Blackburn, art educators in Michigan, created Empty Bowls to connect artists with an opportunity to make a meaningful difference.

It began with a relatively simple concept: students would handcraft ceramic bowls and invite faculty to a

soup lunch. In exchange for a donation, faculty could keep one of the bowls as a reminder that somewhere in the community someone's bowl is empty. Now, more than twenty year later, countless communities around the world have embraced this grassroots project to fight the pervasive problem of hunger.

In 2008, The Neighbors' Place began hosting Empty Bowls to support the fight against hunger, one bowl at a time, in Marathon County. Since then it has raised more than \$100,000 to fight hunger in our community. For a \$12 donation, guests receive their choice of a bowl and a meal of soup, bread, and dessert. Local restaurants and chefs also donate their signature soups, breads and desserts. The event is being held at Wausau West High School again this year on November 18th from 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. The event also offers Soup To Go, live music, and a silent auction. All contributions to this event will benefit people seeking food assistance from The Neighbors' Place Food Bank.

I'm so pleased to announce that through our students creativity and talent creating bowls, Grant Elementary



will be raising a little over \$3,000 to donate to The Neighbors' Place Food Bank. The students really enjoyed getting messy and working with clay.

Each of their bowls were truly a unique, beautiful piece of artwork.

~Ms. Matteson

LUNCH ROOM NEWS

Our menu's have been a mix of some ole' time favorites, like Popcorn chicken, Galaxy pizza and Brunch for lunch! This past month the students had the opportunity to try a "new" lunch, Meaty beef and cheese burrito. Each month we offer a Harvest of the Month.. this past month they enjoyed a baked potato with sour cream and this month they will enjoy blueberries!! Just a reminder we serve breakfast between 8:00-8:30 a.m. each morning. Grant is a CEP school which means all breakfast and lunches are at no cost. Thank you also to the first graders that decorated our kitchen with beautifully colored fall/ Thanksgiving pictures!

~Mrs. Krueger & Mrs. Johnson

PTO MINUTES, Nov. 6, 2017

In Attendance: Andrea V., Rosalie D., Patrick T., Ben S., Mrs. Fochs, Mrs. Gabriel, Mrs. Meyer, Ms. Stotmeister, Mrs. Zompolas, Mr. Nyman.

**Treasurer's Report:

Checking: \$2,463.69
Savings: \$4,865.10
Total: \$7,328.79

**Title I information was shared with all present. We have two options, school-wide or target-assistance program. We are school-wide, so all students receive services in literacy and math.

**School-wide goals focus on literacy, math, and social/emotional growth, specific, attainable, and measureable goals.

Literacy data 2017-18: 76% at or above 25th percentile/18% strategic/6% intensive support category.

Math data 2017-18: 67% at or above 25th percentile/24% strategic/9% intensive support category. More data can be found on school website: school-side SMART goals. Link sent to all families along with video of presentation.

**If you prefer a paper copy of the newsletter, contact the office.

**Red kettle bell ringing on December 8th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Classroom teachers will sign up for rotating times.

**Fund Raisers: My Local Deals made approx. \$2000. Will have exact amount soon.

Hanson Fund raiser, currently in progress.

**Looking for a source to possibly obtain new jerseys for students to use during competitions, such as volleyball, football, basketball, book bowl, track and field, etc.

**Upcoming events include:

- Winter Dance, January 19. We will have snacks (chips, candy bars, juice, water), and pizza from Little Caesar's, for purchase during the event. A DJ will be booked—Sound and Light, Inc. \$295 for 1 1/2 hours of service.
- Family BINGO night in April. We will have Title I funds to cover prizes and food for this event. PTO will purchase a new ball with the bingo numbers to be used and we will print off bingo cards from the internet.

2017 Holiday Get Help Guide

Many agencies, businesses, churches, nursing homes, schools and neighbors provide a little extra help over the holidays, but people who are in need sometimes wonder who can help them. Here are some ideas for getting holiday help in Marathon County as of 9/21/17. For more information contact United Way's 2-1-1. Dial 2-1-1 or 715-848-2255.

Holiday Gifts

NOTE: The Salvation Army and The Neighbors' Place are collaborating to help people in need. Their programs are listed below. Please note that individuals may only be served by one of those two agencies.

The Salvation Army in Wausau distributes donated food, gifts, toys and clothing to senior citizens, single adults and families with children. Christmas presents are available for eligible children age 17 and under. Applicants are encouraged to register in person Oct. 24-25, 10am-3pm & Oct. 26, 12:30-6:30pm. Applications will be accepted after these dates by appointment only, based on availability. Residents who live more than 25 miles away may call to have an application form sent to them. Distributions take place Dec. 19, by appointment. No children at distribution, please. Call 715-845-4272 for more information.

The Neighbors' Place serves primarily its own clients, but is open to anyone in need throughout the community. It provides donated gifts for eligible children age 18 and under. In-person registration will be held Oct. 13, 3-5pm, Oct. 14, Noon-2pm, Oct. 20, 3-5pm & Oct. 21, 10am-Noon. Distribution dates will be Dec. 15-16. Please call Evan at 715-845-1966 for more information.



St. Mark's Lutheran Church coordinates a Toy Giveaway for children under age 18. Distribution takes place at 600 Stevens Dr, Wausau, Dec. 1, 4-7pm on a walk-in basis.

Food Pantries

See other side for pantries that help.

For more information about helping programs and volunteer opportunities search online at www.unitedwaymc.org or call 2-1-1.



United Way
Volunteer Connection
Helping You Help Others



Holiday Meals

Thanksgiving:

St. John Lutheran Church: 901 11th St, Mosinee
Saturday, Nov. 18, 5-7pm. Delivery to Mosinee homebound: call Nov. 13-16, 8am-3pm: 715-693-3420.

The Salvation Army: 202 Callon St, Wausau
Wednesday, Nov. 22, 11:30am-12:15 pm.

Tri-City Family Restaurant: 525 Grand Ave, Schofield
Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, 11am-2pm.

Blue Willow Café: 1111 N 4th Ave, Wausau
Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, 11am-2pm.

First Presbyterian Church: 406 Grant St, Wausau
Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, 1pm. Delivery available to Wausau metro area only: call Nov. 6-21, 3-6pm: 715-302-2832.

St. Mary's School: 716 Market St, Marathon
Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, 11am-1pm. Delivery to Marathon homebound. Reservations and delivery: call 715-443-3124.

Christmas:

The Salvation Army Winter Meal: 202 Callon St, Wausau
Friday, Dec. 15, 11:30am-12:15pm.

Christmas Dinner at the Eagles Club: 1703 S 3rd Ave, Wausau; meal provided by Bob's Catering, Phil & Helen Bickley, and Tim & Lois Murphy
Saturday, Dec. 23, 11am-1pm. Delivery available to Wausau & Schofield areas only: call Dec. 21-22, 8am-5pm: 715-551-9215.

Covenant Community Presbyterian Church:
1806 Weston Ave, Schofield
Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 11am-1pm.
Delivery available to DC Everest area only: call Dec. 1-19: 715-359-6467.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ:
426 Washington St, Wausau,
Christmas Day, Dec. 25, at Noon. Carry-outs available. Call Dec. 14-23, 9am-6pm: 715-845-2200



2017 Holiday Give Help Guide

Give Time ~ Volunteer

Angels Among Us Community Event—The Foundation of St. Clare's Hospital provides a celebration for families in preparation of the holidays Dec. 10 at the Rothschild Pavilion. Volunteers are needed from 2:30-6pm for story book reading, craft tables, and more. Sign up to help prior to Nov. 28 by calling 715-393-2514.

Christmas Festival (Mosinee)—Volunteers are needed Friday, Dec. 1 from 6-9pm (set up) and Saturday, Dec. 2 with shifts beginning at 7:30am, at the Mosinee High School cafeteria for the Saturday Craft sale/Breakfast with Santa event. Call 715-693-4330.

Christmas Shopping—Assist residents of Mount View Care Center with Christmas shopping at Walmart during the day in early December. Contact the North Central Health Care Volunteer Office at 715-848-4450.

Eastbay Turkey Trot—5K Run/Walk to benefit the Marathon County Hunger Coalition. Help with registration, set-up, timing, refreshments, or serve as course marshal. Volunteers needed on Nov. 22 or Nov. 23. Online sign-up; visit www.UnitedWayMC.org or call 715-848-2927.

Empty Bowls—The Neighbors' Place needs help transporting donated soups to and unpacking bowls at Wausau West High School Nov. 17 for their Nov. 18 Empty Bowls event. Contact Evan Cass at 715-845-1966 for more information.

Gift Wrap for Bundles of Joy—Volunteers are needed at the Wausau Center Mall Nov. 23–Dec. 24 during many mall hours. Sign-up is online; visit www.UnitedWayMC.org or call 715-848-2927.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing—Give 2 hours to ring bells throughout the greater Wausau area, Nov. 10–Dec. 23. Kettle drivers also needed. Contact Ed at The Salvation Army at 715-845-4272, ext. 107 or Colleen at ext. 106 or online at sawausau.org.

Salvation Army Angel Tree—Accept gifts from a wish list at the Angel Tree in the Wausau Center Mall, Nov. 17–Dec. 16. Contact Colleen at The Salvation Army at 715-845-4272, ext. 106 or at sawausau.org.

Salvation Army Gift Registration—Use the computer to help register families for gift needs Oct. 24–26. Contact Colleen at The Salvation Army at 715-845-4272, ext. 106 or at sawausau.org.

Spread Holiday Cheer—Help individuals experiencing homelessness celebrate the holidays by becoming a volunteer or providing special food or simple gifts over the holiday season. This opportunity could be for individuals or groups. Contact Tracy Rieger at the Wausau Community Warming Center at (608) 519-8069.

Give Strength ~ Donate to Food Pantries

For a complete list of food pantries, call United Way's 2-1-1

First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry
406 Grant St, Wausau
715-842-2116

The Neighbors' Place Food Pantry
745 Scott St, Wausau
715-845-1966

The Salvation Army Food Pantry
202 Callon St, Wausau
715-845-4272

Wealey Church Food Pantry
1101 Elm St, Wausau
715-842-3768

Saint Paul's Food Distribution
426 Washington St, Wausau
715-842-3733

Covenant Community Presbyterian Church Food Pantry
1806 Weston Ave, Schofield
715-359-6467

Saint Agnes Food Pantry
6101 Zinser St, Weston
715-359-5675

Edgar Food Pantry
Edgar Village Hall
224 S 3rd Ave, Edgar
715-352-2532

CAP Food & Clothing Assistance—Christ Community Church
8100 Alderson St, Schofield
715-241-7335 Ext 4

Community United Pantry (CUP)
Zion Lutheran Church
301 N 2nd St, Colby
715-223-2166

Spencer King's Pantry
Christ the King Catholic Church
101 Wendell St, Spencer
715-659-5181

Stratford Area Pantry
Donations accepted at the Stratford State Bank and area churches.
715-687-3126

Saint Florian's Food Pantry
500 Church Ln, Hatley
715-446-3085

Community Center of Hope Food Pantry
607 13th St, Mosinee
715-693-7145

Give Gifts to Children, Families, Elderly, and People with Disabilities

The Salvation Army
Colleen, 715-845-4272

The Neighbors' Place
Evan, 715-845-1966

Catholic Charities
Connie, 715-849-3311

Faith in Action
Brenda or Laura,
715-848-8783

Greater Wausau Christian Services
Marlene, 715-842-5635

Opportunity, Inc
Heidi, 715-847-1175

Boys and Girls Club
Angela, 715-845-2582

Family Resource Center
Linda, 715-843-1958

Toys for Tots
Don, 715-305-3363

Suggested Food Pantry Donations

Canned Goods: canned tuna or other meats, hearty soups, beans, fruit, vegetables, fruit juices (100% juice), potatoes, baby food, formula

Dry Goods: healthy cereals, oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly/jam, rice, noodles, spaghetti sauces, crackers, coffee, tea

Personal Care Items: diapers, toilet paper, tampons/sanitary pads, shampoo, soap, deodorant

Household Supplies: laundry detergent, bleach, dishwashing soap, cleaning supplies, garbage bags, paper towels



GRANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS November-December 2017

19	20-Day 3	21-Day 4	22	23	24	25
		3:30p Book Bowl	NO SCHOOL	-- THANKSGIVING BREAK 		
26	27-Day 5	28-Day 1	29-Day 2	30-Day 3	Dec.1-Day 4	2
		3:30p Book Bowl	7:45a Good News	11:40a GS-Shine		
3	4-Day 5	5-Day 1	6-Day 2	7-Day 3	8-Day 4	9
	5:30p Cub Scouts-Art Rm 6:00p West BBall 6:30p PTO	6a Biometric Screening 3:30p Book Bowl 5:30p Cub Scouts-art rm 6:00p West BBall	7:45a Good News	9:00a Gr. 4 to School Forest 11:40a GS-Shine 6:00p GS-Art Rm	1-3p Ring & Sing at Walgreens & Pick-n-Save	
10	11-Day 5	12-Day 1	13-Day 2	14-Day 3	15-Day 4	16
	3:30p G2M, Gr. 1-2 only 6:00p West BBall	9:15a KG Family Day 3:30p Book Bowl	7:45a Good News 6:30p Winter Concert-West	11:40a GS Shine		
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