



# Grand Ridge Grade School

## NEWSLETTER

Week of Sept. 11-17, 2011

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## A Few Words from the Superintendent



### REMEMBERING 9/11

It is hard to believe that 9/11 took place 10 years ago. Everyone can remember where they were when they heard the news or saw it on the television. I saw it at school. We turned on the TV just as they were talking about an airplane crashing into the first tower. They said an airplane hit the World Trade Center, and they didn't know the extent of the damage. I kept looking at the building and started to realize the crash affected a large number of floors. At about 8:00 the second plane hit. I saw it hit the second tower and could tell it was a passenger plane. It didn't make sense on a clear day how two planes could crash into the towers. As the day went on, more information came in reporting the planes were being used as bombs to blow up the buildings. They also struck the the Pentagon, and would have struck the Capital building, if it had not been for some brave people on board the passenger plane. They caused the plane to crash in a field in Pennsylvania. Nearly 3000 people died during the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Pennsylvania, in the United States.

On the direction of the President, the flag of the United States of America should be displayed on the homes of Americans, the White House and all United States government buildings in the whole world. The flag should be flown at half-mast as a mark of respect to those who died on September 11, 2001. Many people observe a moment of silence at 8:46 AM (Eastern Daylight Time). This marks the time that the first plane flew into the World Trade Center. Some communities, particularly in the areas directly affected by the attacks, hold special church services or prayer meetings. People who personally experienced the events in 2001, or lost loved ones in them, may lay flowers or visit memorials.

On this tenth year observance of Patriot Day, we remember and honor those who perished in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. We will not forget the events of that terrible morning, nor will we forget how Americans responded in New York City, at the Pentagon, and in the skies over Pennsylvania. The American people showed heroism and selflessness; with compassion and courage. We will always remember what happened, but we need to make it our goal or obligation to ensure that it doesn't happen again. Our freedom and the principles upon which our Nation was founded were challenged but "We the People" prevailed.



## STATE HAS SHORTENED THE DISTRICT MONEY

The state owes us money from last year again. In June, the deficit the State owed the District was \$122,000 . Since then, the District has recieved 60,200. It now stands at nearly \$61,800 because the state made some payment in July, August and September and still has until December 31 to make the rest of the payments. Will we see the money? Your guess is as good as mine. The State is behind in all thier payment.s to schools and other businesses.

The state also said they are going to cut the transportation budget again for schools by 30% and this will directly affect us. Luckily, the school has some reserves in the area of transportation, but the District is quickly using it up. Hopefully, it will get better.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL STARTS NEXT WEEK



The 7th and 8<sup>th</sup> girls will open their season next Monday and the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> also on Monday. The player and coaches are excited to get the seasons started. Good Luck to the teams and their coaches. The players and coaches are listed below.



### GIRLS' 7TH/8TH BASKETBALL

#### 7th Grade

Anna Simons  
Delaney Pond  
Sedona Parks  
Nicole Lightle  
Heidi Goodchild  
Caroline Feltman

Maria Burke  
Olivia Buckley  
Jessie Buckley  
Shelby Benedetti  
Kassidy Alderman

#### 8th Grade

Chrissy Miller  
Paige Lehr  
Emma Koetz  
Kori Heth  
Emily Despain

Madison Burress  
Emily Wright  
Brooke Dovin

The girls start their season at Trinity Catholic on Mon. Sept. 19 at 6:00 p.m. Good Luck to our Lady Mo-hawks. They are coached by Lindsey Brown and Lindsey Gehl.

### GIRLS' 5TH/6TH BASKETBALL

#### 5th Grade

Kaitlyn Killian  
Katelyn Leix  
Emily Misener  
Abigail Seibert

#### 6th Grade

Jasmine Bowman  
Mary Miller  
Samantha Miller  
Hope O'Dell  
Dana Smeets

Lilly Hladovcak  
Lizzy Miller  
Tessa Nelson  
Gabby Parcher  
Corrie Trumbo

The girls open their season on Monday, Sept. 19 at home vs. Milton Pope at 5:00 p.m. Good Luck for a great season! They are coached by Chris McGill.

## THOUGHTS FROM MR. SANDERS . . .

*"I have known a good many people who seemingly have had everything to make them happy. But they were unhappy. And I have known people who have had very little of this world's good and yet are happy. The difference is that one person cultivated the happy attitude and another, the gloomy. It is not so much what happens to us but how we react to it that makes the difference."*

*—Norman Vincent Peale*

Perspective is a term used in art and is defined as a certain particular view or frame of reference. To be able to view any situation from multiple perspectives is the gift of an artist. Imagine an object; then rotate that object in space 180 degrees; turn it over in your mind's eye. Now imagine that object in different colors or having different textures. It is not as difficult to do as one might think. Given today's technological advances, we see images on the computer manipulated in this fashion frequently. But the practice of using perspective in the mind's eye is one that takes discipline and years of use to perfect.

How much more challenging is it to use the mental powers to change our perspective of things that are intangible, such as our moods or our feelings? However, the same practice and discipline may be applied to our moods and feelings as to our vision of objects. To do this, we must first think of what it is to be happy, and then focus on those things in our mind that bring about happiness. The importance of internal imagery is incredible, and without that inner-eye we cannot be successful. We need to imagine ourselves being happy and doing things that make us happy for us to become happy.

The mind is an incredible instrument, that when tuned to the right channel can be used creatively. However, when it is tuned to the wrong channel, it can produce everything from physical ailments to injury. Each person has to learn to tune his/her dial in order to get the most from the mind. The way we tune that dial is with our perspective. And just as in art, perspective is a choice. We can choose to view the world in a negative third-person perspective, angry and removed, as if we were looking down on the world for all of its faults and complications. Or we can look at the world in a positive first-person perspective, happy and involved, as if we were looking at the world for all of its joys and simplicities.....the simple things of life. Mental illness usually comes from the former perspective, while health and happiness come from the latter.

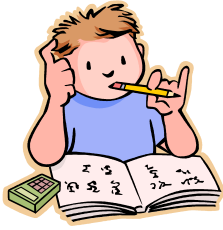
When we teach children to think for themselves, we must make sure to teach them the most important part of thinking is our perspective. Throughout history wars have been won or lost simply because of the perspective and vision of the leaders. We must teach children to think positively and to reflect on themselves with an eye toward the good they can do, rather than focussing on the errors they have made. A wise person once said that you don't have to believe that every person is good, you just have to treat them as if they were. If we help others to realize their potential to be good, kind, happy people, they will in turn become good, kind, happy people. Simply by choosing a different perspective of those around us and the world in general, we can enjoy the fruits of happiness.

*Have A Great Week.....and Don't Worry, Be Happy!*





## HOMWORK PROGRAM



Homework Help is available for 6th-8th graders and available after school on Mondays & Thursdays from 3-4 pm. Any 6th-8th grade student is welcome to stay. The first day for the program is Monday, September 12th.

Students need to pick up a Homework Program contract from the office or any junior high teacher. Please contact Miss Killelea for any further questions.

# BOOK FAIR



The theme and decorations for the Book Fair this year is "Reading is Out of This World". The book fair is always a big hit with the children and the teachers. The books the teachers receive for the classroom are greatly appreciated.

Family Movie Night will be on Wednesday, Sept. 14th at 5:30 p.m...and the movie, beginning at 6:00 p.m., will be "Planet 51". There will be treats for the children while the parents shop.

I want to thank Rebecca Zytowski for working so hard on the Book Fair, and all the mothers who donate their time to help make the PTO Book Fair a great success at Grand Ridge.



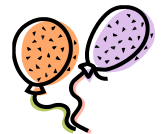
# Calendar of Events



- Mon. Sept. 12*      *Book Fair-Browse Day*  
*Booster Club Meeting—6:30 p.m.*  
*Boys' Baseball at home vs. Mazon—4:30 p.m.*
- Tues. Sept. 13*      *Book Fair continues*  
*Fall Sports Pictures—12:30-(5/6 & 7/8 Girls' Basketball, Softball, Baseball & CCountry)*  
*School Board Meeting—7:00 p.m.*
- Wed. Sept. 14*      ***LAST Turn In Day for Magazines***  
*Book Fair-5:30 p.m. Family Night Movie-"Planet 51"- 6:00 p.m.*  
***DISMISS AT 2:15 P.M.***
- Thur. Sept. 15*      ***SENIOR LUNCH***  
*Book Fair — Last Day*  
*7/8 GBB at MVK—4:30 p.m.*
- Fri. Sept. 16*      -----



# Special Birthdays



11 Garrett Munson	12	13	14 Alex Tredway Nora Cave	15 Samantha Misener	16 Payton Swartzmiller Kassidy Alderman	17
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**Lunch Tickets:**

**K-2nd: \$17.50      3rd-8th: \$19.00**

**Breakfast Tickets:    \$10.00**

# LUNCH MENU



	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 14	Sept. 15	Sept. 16
Lunch Menu	Brunch 4 Lunch French Toast/Syrup Sausage Hash Browns Oranges, Milk	Fish Sandwich Coleslaw Fried Green Beans Fruit Mix Milk	Chicken Gordita Lettuce/Cheese Peaches Mixed Veggies Milk	SENIOR LUNCH Turkey Scalloped Potatoes Peas, Sherbet Roll, Milk	Pepperoni Pizza Carrots/Dip Apple Crisp Milk
	Sept. 19	Sept. 20	Sept. 21	Sept. 22	Sept. 23
Lunch Menu	Pork Fritter/Bun Corn on the Cob Applesauce Condiments Milk	Popcorn Chicken Potatoes & Gravy Peaches Bread Slice Milk	Deli Turkey Sub Sun Chips Green Beans Pineapple Condiments, Milk	Hard Shell Tacos Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Oranges Sidekicks Milk	Toasted Cheese Celery/Peanut Butter Fruit Mix Cookie Milk