We are now using a Grant Google Calendar where we will post upcoming events that families should know. Please make a habit of checking our calendar so you don’t miss anything!

Click to View our Calendar

Grant Families,

I am having a hard time believing that over half of the year is already behind us! We thank you for playing a key role in our success as a school community. This ongoing success requires that we commit ourselves to finish the year strong. This includes supporting and growing the whole child while they are at school and through before and after school activities. This commitment also includes families continuing to share a love of learning at home by offering assistance with homework and making reading part of the evening routine for your child.

Speaking of reading, you may have noticed that your child’s reading level has changed and with that comes change in how we think and talk about books. I want to share with you a resource from earlier this year that can serve as a tool for you at home when talking to your child about what they are reading.

Click here to view the big work of the bands of reading levels as well as transferable questions/prompts that you can use to engage with your child about the text they are enjoying. Another great resource is a list of guiding questions for leveled texts starting with level A. Click here to view sample guiding questions to support leveled readers. If you would like these resources printed for your family or additional assistance with utilizing the questions at home please reach out to the main office at 216-529-4217.

In thinking of other ways to stay involved with our school we hope that you have your calendars marked for Family Game Night on Friday 2/9, the PTA Meeting on 2/13 and the PTA Carnival in March. Thank you for another fantastic month and we hope to see you soon.

PTA Sponsored Family Game Night  Friday, February 9th 6:00-8:00 (free event) with Giant Games!

Family Open Gym and PTA Meeting 2/13/18

PTA Sponsored Carnival Night 3/9/18

Mrs. Turner & The Grant Staff

Kaitlyn.Turner@lakewoodcityschools.org

Grant – Facebook Page

Grant PTA – Facebook Page

The school store is open in the Grant office every day from 8:45-8:55 and 3-3:15 and is stocked with new Smens, Smans & Smencils!
Teacher Feature

The Statue of Liberty is a sign of friendship to all newcomers:

At Grant, Mrs. Elrabadi, notes that “sometimes the simplest lessons create the greatest excitement. I gave our third grade students a copy of “The Story of the Statue,” which details a brief history about the Statue of Liberty. Then for about a week we studied this subject. I had them write summaries and come up with questions. Now with each passing lesson, I find myself curious over the level of interest. I never want to feel like I’m forcing our students to be interested. But that week I was reminded that even though I may be knowledgeable about a topic, our students are considering the material for the first time. I remembered how much I loved when a child truly connects with an idea. In a sometimes unfriendly world, one of my students wrote, “The Statue of Liberty is a sign of friendship to all newcomers”. Another student relayed every major detail in the book. Other students who have expressed mild interest in reading and writing, suddenly exhibited great excitement with the story and in writing their summaries. During one of our reading breakout sessions, one student even asked me to read with him which I counted as a great honor!”

Mrs. Elrabadi is thankful for these opportunities which drive her to reach our students, and is thankful for a good year thus far!

Special Days at Grant

2/7/19 - Wellness Wednesday - wear your fitness gear
2/9/18 - Silly Sock Day
2/14/18 - Wellness Wednesday - wear your fitness gear
2/16/18 - No School for Students
2/19/18 - No School
2/21/18 - Wellness Wednesday - wear your fitness gear
2/23/18 - Teacher Look Alike Day - Dress like your favorite teacher
2/28/18 - Wellness Wednesday - wear your fitness gear
SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

As I work my way through a checklist of goals I wish to accomplish before retiring at the end of the school year, I am happy to report that one big one was recently checked off. At the Jan. 22 Board of Education meeting, I announced a proposed purchase agreement for the Board of Education administrative office properties. The agreement is with Liberty Development Co., the developer of the McKinley Place condos on the former McKinley Elementary site.

According to the proposed contract, Liberty will renovate the historic East Rockport Central School Building (where the Recreation Department was formerly housed) into office space that would likely become the new home for our Central Office employees. No plans have been determined yet for the building west of the East Rockport Building that serves as our offices now. For more information on the deal, and a timeline for development, click here.

I can also report that the Board of Education is targeting mid-March for an announcement regarding the next Lakewood City Schools superintendent. The Board has been gathering input from the community and our staff members on qualities they wish to see in the District’s next leader. I am confident that the Board will make a thoughtful choice and take into consideration the hopes and concerns of all our stakeholders.

Jeffrey W. Patterson
Superintendent

Board of Education
Edward Favre, President
Linda Beebe, Vice President
Tom Einhouse
Emma Petrie Barcelona
Betsy Bergen Shaughnessy
Parents360 Rx

Did You Know?

• 1 in 6 teens has used a prescription drug in order to get high or change their mood.
• Two-thirds of teens who abuse pain relievers say they get them from family members and friends.
• Overdose deaths are now the leading cause of death for Ohioans under the age of 55.

Cleveland Clinic in collaboration with the Ohio Governor’s Office is proud to offer Parents360 Rx.

• Learn how to safeguard your home by properly securing and disposing of medicine.
• Recognize the signs and symptoms of abuse.
• Know how to talk to your kids about the risks of abusing prescription medicine.

Plan to attend!

Thursday, February 8, 2018
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Lakewood High School

Guest Speaker: Veronica Magda, Physician Assistant
Cleveland Clinic Pain Management Center
Upcoming Events with the Grant PTA

Tuesday February 12th is Family Open Gym

Tuesday, February 12th 6:00-7:00 p.m. is Family Open Gym. Bring the whole family and have some fun! All students must be supervised by an adult. The Grant PTA will provide drinks and snacks for you to enjoy. We hope that your family will consider staying afterwards for the PTA meeting from 7:00-8:00 (children are welcome to attend).

Open Gym

FREE EVENT FOR OUR FAMILIES

GRANT PTA SPONSORED

Family GAME NIGHT

FEB 9
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

GIANT GAMES
ALL GAMES WILL BE THERE AND READY - JUST SHOW UP!
FREE POPCORN TOO!
News from the Music Room-
Musical Events on March 14\textsuperscript{th} and 29\textsuperscript{th}

**ELEMENTARY CHOIR CONCERT, March 14\textsuperscript{th}**

There are only a few GRANT SINGERS’ rehearsals left before our big performance at **Lakewood High School on Wednesday, March 14\textsuperscript{th} 7:00 p.m.** at the district Elementary Choral Festival. **Please note:** Our last rehearsal for the school year will be that Wednesday March 14\textsuperscript{th}. All our singers will attend a special practice **at Lakewood High School Civic Auditorium the afternoon of the concert during school hours.** I will send a letter for parents with permission slips and complete details by February 28th. There will be a free Pizza Lunch sponsored by Ms. Smith during regular lunch periods for all participating Grant Singers the day following our concert, Thursday, March 15\textsuperscript{th}.

Grant Singers have been divided into 3 groups for a few rehearsals. Letters with the schedule were sent home on Jan. 17\textsuperscript{th}. In case you need to double-check, below are the Grant Singers’ group practices for January and February. All March rehearsals are combined groups (all singers). Please email your questions to carrie.smith@lakewoodcityschools.org

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**Kindergarten, 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} Grades   SPRING CONCERT, Thursday, March 29\textsuperscript{th}**

Welcome Spring with us as Kindergarten, First and Second grades perform at our **SPRING CONCERT on Thursday, March 29\textsuperscript{th} at 2:15 p.m.** in the Grant cafeteria. This performance will include all students in Kindergarten, 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} grades. See you there!  Ms. Smith, Music
News from the Gym

This quarter we are working on basketball skills and drills for all levels. This includes dribbling, passing and modified game play. Later in the quarter we will transition to underhand throwing and tossing. This will lead us into playing net games. We will continue to work on aerobic fitness as well as full body strengthening activities.

If there is ever a medical issue or concern you may have, please feel free to contact Mr. Manderfield through a written note or email at steve.manderfield@lakewoodcityschools.org