



Grant Wood Little Dogs NEWSLETTER



Grant Wood Elementary School - 1423 Hillside Dr. Bettendorf, IA. 52722

John Cain, Principal

April 2017

Important Dates to Remember:

April 3 rd – 7 th	GW Book Fair	April 7 th	Grandparent’s Breakfast 7:00-8:30 am
April 12 th	Spelling Bee 11:00 am	April 12 th	Drop Everything and Read 3:15-4:00 pm
April 14 th	No School Good Friday	April 17 th	No School
April 26 th	Early Release (Preschool @12; K-5 1:10 PM)	May 5 th	Munchies w/ Mom 7:30-8:30 am

PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports)

Daily drawing winners of RCRS yellow doggie paws, which are given to reinforce positive behavior.

Olivia Howard Gabrielle Sheets Daziyure Coats

Kaden Nixon Nolan Drish



March Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students for earning the honor of student of the month for March. These students did an outstanding job showing safety to their classmates and staff at Grant Wood on a daily basis. Those students are:

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| EC1 – Amiyah Henry | EC2 – Riley Wisecup | K1 – Isla Galliard |
| K2 – Brooklyn Logsdon | K3– Braydin Wyers | 1A – Ashlyn Beers |
| 1B – Abby Yohe | 1C – Leewona Hicock | 2A – Kayoli Hicock |
| 2B – Wyatt Freking | 3A – Nicholas Johnston | 3B – Kaley Kokshin |
| 4A – Emma Pearson | 4B – Nicholas Schmidt | 5A – Preston Szczyzewski |
| | | 5B – Alexa Besser |

Look for their BIOS and pictures displayed in our PBiS case in the hallway.

PRINCIPAL'S CONNECTION

Attendance Reminders

Grant Wood Elementary starts each day at 8:30 a.m. Our first bell rings at 8:25. Please make sure that your child is here and ready to learn at this time. Our school day ends at 3:20 p.m. and children should be picked up soon thereafter. It is critical for learners to arrive on time and remain in school until 3:20. Classrooms are very busy environments at the beginning and at the end of each day. Again, as a reminder, if your child is to be absent due to illness or medical appointments, please contact the Grant Wood office prior to 8:30 a.m.

Easy Fundraisers

Recycling a few of the following items at school assists us in raising money for student programs, guest presenters, sports equipment, technology and more. Check out these easy methods of recycling: Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Soup Labels, Swiss Valley Milk Caps and pop tabs.

Attention all Grandparents of GW students

Please join us on Friday, April 7th for Grandparent's Day at Grant Wood. Our activities will begin with breakfast being served from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Activities will include breakfast, visiting your grandchildren's classroom and joining your grandchild for morning recess. If you have any questions, contact the elementary. We hope to see you there!

Safety

Grant Wood Elementary is a very congested environment at 3:20 every weekday afternoon. We have been doing a very nice job of respecting aspects of safety; but there is always room for improvement. We will continue to need your assistance to maintain a safe environment for all children. The following suggestions are for parents who pick their children up from school around 3:20. Suggestions include:

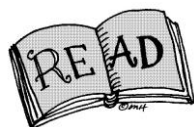
1. Park a block away from school. Now that Spring has arrived, enjoy a quick walk. Meet your child at the dismissal doors and walk back to the vehicle together. Remember to use the crosswalk. Another option could include arranging a place a block from school for your child to meet you.
2. Always cross at the crosswalk. It is very important for children to be trained to use the crosswalk at all times. As parents, it is our responsibility to begin teaching this lesson even when we are walking with them. Encourage your child to use the crosswalks near school to ensure his/her safety.
3. Be sure to pull up to the curb for your child. Do not ask them to cross into the path of traffic as this is unsafe at any time.

New GW Construction

On Monday, April 3rd, the Bettendorf School Board will be approving us to move forward with initial plans for our elementary. The floor plan design will be made available to the public at this meeting. We have spent numerous hours determining placement of classrooms and learning spaces to best serve our students. Please look for the draft that will be shared following Monday's Board meeting. We will continue to make adjustments to the details of the floor plan in the coming weeks as well as begin the interior design stage of the project. Thanks for your continued support as we enhance our ability to serve all students in a 21st century building.

Notice of Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of the Bettendorf Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact Lana LaSalle, Affirmative Action Coordinator, Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, 610 Holmes Street, Bettendorf, IA 52722, 563-359-8261 or llasalle@bettendorf.k12.ia.us.



Library News

Library & Technology Update

April is **National School Library Month** and **Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Month** as well as **National Poetry Month**. In order to celebrate we will be holding a Family DEAR event on Wednesday, April 12th from 3:15-4:00pm at the GW library. Both Davenport and Bettendorf Public Libraries will be partnering to sign up for library cards and share about their summer programming. We will also have story time and space for families to read together. I hope to see you there.

In library, students in each grade are completing research units. Students have learned how to develop research questions, how to search for information, evaluate web resources, and take notes focused on a topic. Watch for these projects to be added to our library website.

Don't forget to watch for the important dates listed below to keep up with all the awesome opportunities coming up for your child this month!

Library Resource of the Month:

Celebrate **National Library Week** by reviewing some of the great resources that libraries provide to parents & kids!

<http://www.ilovelibraries.org/parents>

<http://www.bettendorflibrary.com/programs/youth>

<http://www.davenportlibrary.com/kids/>

Technology Tool of the Month:

Celebrate **National Poetry Month** by reviewing the following resources with your child. Jump into poetry!

<http://www.shelsilverstein.com/>

<https://www.poetry4kids.com/>

And don't forget, song lyrics count too!

<https://kidsongs.com/lyrics>

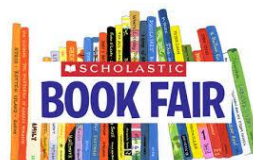
Important Dates:

April 4th-8th: Spring Book Fair (Tuesday Evening, Wed/Thurs. Lunch, & Fri. Morning)

Thursday, April 6th: 6:00-7:00pm @ BMS 2017 Bettendorf Elementary MakerFest

National Library Week: April 9th-14th

Wednesday, April 12th: 3:15-4:00 Family Drop Everything & Read Event



Contact Information:

Ms. Lisa Gogel- Teacher Librarian

lgogel@bettendorf.k12.ia.us

563-359-8277 (ex. 4023)

Grant Wood Library Website

<http://gw.bettendorf.k12.ia.us/our-school/httpssitesgooglecombettendorfk12iausgrant-wood-elementary-libraryhome>



April 2017, Notes from the Nurse

PLEASE READ the Student council section of the newsletter for some exciting upcoming events.

It is officially spring, and summer is just around the corner. This month's news is on safety. There are always those accidental injuries but as we know, so much can be prevented through safety measures. There are many great resources available on the internet regarding safety but the following information is just a snip-it of safety reminders.



Always using age- and size-appropriate **car seats and booster seats** and make sure they are properly installed. Medic EMS checks car seats and booster seats one Saturday each month in their Eldridge EMS location. The next car seat and booster seat check is April 15th from 9:00 a.m. – noon. No appointment is necessary. In the event that you were to get a new car seat or booster and wanted it checked right away, you can call Medic EMS at 563 323-6806 to schedule an appointment.



Making sure your child always wears the **right helmet** for their activity and that it fits correctly. Wearing a helmet is a **must** to help reduce the risk of a serious brain injury or skull fracture. However, helmets are not designed to prevent concussions. **There is no "concussion-proof" helmet.**

BIKE RODEO COMING: On May 6th, 2017, Nelson Chiropractic and the City of Bettendorf will host the Bettendorf Bike Rodeo in the east side of Cumberland Square from 12pm to 2pm.

The Bicycle Rodeo will be a fun way to introduce and educate children on bicycle safety skills.

It will teach the importance of seeing, being seen, and remaining in control of the bike at all times through handling drills and activities. Children should bring their bikes and helmets for participation and free inspections.

This year Nelson Chiropractic would like to offer this as a free event to the community. Participating children will also receive a free t-shirt while supplies last. For more information, to volunteer, or to RSVP for this event, call (563) 359-9541 or email nelsonchiro2@aol.com.



Encouraging your child or teen to follow **sports safety** rules and to practice good sportsmanship.



Using **playgrounds** with soft material under them like mulch or sand, not grass or dirt.



Using **gates** at the top and bottom of stairs to prevent serious falls in infants and toddlers.



Windows are vital for survival, but keep Safety in Mind

Fall Prevention.

- Keep windows locked when children are present
- When opening, make sure children can't reach them
- If a window is double hung, open the top instead of the bottom
- Don't rely on screens to prevent falls.
- Keep furniture away from windows.
- Don't allow children to jump on furniture or beds that could lead to a fall

Safety

- Make sure windows are not sealed shut with paint, dirt, or weathering.
- Keep escape routes free from clutter.
- Practice escape routes with everyone in the home
- Practice escape routes during the daylight and dark time
- Keep emergency escape ladders in second or third story bedrooms
- Make sure windows lock to seal out moisture and air and keep intruders out



Make sure there is a **smoke alarm** in every bedroom and common area on all levels of the home.

Make sure you are checking and changing batteries monthly.

They should be mounted at least 10 feet from the stove and less than 12 inches from the ceiling and away from windows, doors, and ducts.

Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless gas, and it can kill you. Carbon monoxide alarms should be installed in a central location outside every bedroom and on every level of the home. Like a smoke detector check the batteries monthly and change appropriately.



This is a GREAT time to make or review **Fire Escape Plans and Emergency Plans** for your family.



CONCUSSION

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury. Concussions are caused by a bump or blow to the head. Even a “ding,” “getting your bell rung,” or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious. You can’t see a concussion. Signs and symptoms of concussion can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days or weeks after the injury. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms yourself, seek medical attention immediately.

Please see the attached information from the Centers for Disease Control’s (CDC) “Heads Up” program. Attached to the newsletter is the parent Fact Sheet from the CDC.

More information is available on their website at www.cdc.gov/Concussion



While it is a good idea to take preventive measures against **ticks** year-round, be extra vigilant in warmer months (April-September) when ticks are most active.

Avoid Direct Contact with Ticks

- Avoid wooded and bushy areas with high grass and leaf litter.
- Walk in the center of trails.

Repel Ticks with DEET or Permethrin

- Use repellents that contain 20 to 30% DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) on exposed skin and clothing for protection that lasts up to several hours. Always follow product instructions. Parents should apply this product to their children, avoiding hands, eyes, and mouth.
- Use products that contain permethrin on clothing. Treat clothing and gear, such as boots, pants, socks and tents with products containing 0.5% permethrin. It remains protective through several washings. Pre-treated clothing is available and may be protective longer.
- Other repellents registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may be found at <http://cfpub.epa.gov/oppref/insect/>

Find and Remove Ticks from Your Body

- Bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors (preferably within two hours) to wash off and more easily find ticks that are crawling on you.
- Conduct a full-body tick check using a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body upon return from tick-infested areas. Parents should check their children for ticks under the arms, in and around the ears, inside the belly button, behind the knees, between the legs, around the waist, and especially in their hair.
- Examine gear and pets. Ticks can ride into the home on clothing and pets, then attach to a person later, so carefully examine pets, coats, and day packs.
- Tumble clothes in a dryer on high heat for an hour to kill remaining ticks. (Some research suggests that shorter drying times may also be effective, particularly if the clothing is not wet.)

We hope you find these safety tips helpful to you and your family. Please contact the school nurse with questions or utilize one of the references listed below.

Carol Harris, MSN, RN, NCSN

Grant Wood/Mark Twain

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References

http://www.cdc.gov/headsup/basics/concussion_prevention.html

http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/pdf/Parents_Fact_Sheet-a.pdf

http://www.qconline.com/news/releases/nelson-chiropractic-presents-the-bettendorf-bike-rodeo/article_8ed7974c-be64-570c-87d6-ae51a56ab582.html

<http://www.nscorg/learn/safety-knowledge/Pages/spring-cleaning-checklist.aspx>

<http://www.cdc.gov/Concussion>

http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on_people.html



Grant Wood Little Dogs Student Council NEWS

Hello Grant Wood Families

The student council at Grant Wood has some exciting activities going on in April and May.

APRIL

During the month of April we will be collecting donations for the King's Harvest Pet Rescues Wish List.

Items of need consist of

- Wands and sounds toys for cats
- Kong toys for dogs
- Cat and Kitten food – specifically Purina Kitten chow, Friskies, Fancy Feast or Authority Kitten food.
- Tidy Cats clumping Litter 4 in 1 Strength
- 13 Gallon Garbage Bags (Tall kitchen)
- XL Puppy pads
- Small paper plates
- HE Laundry Soap
- Printer Paper
- Bounty Paper Towels.
- Chlorox Bleach
- Premium Milk Replacement for Kittens and Puppies
- Kuranda XL Dog Beds

If you choose to donate cash, please send it directly to King's Harvest Pet Rescues at 2504 W. Central Park Avenue, Davenport, Iowa 52804. (563) 386-3117

MAY

This one is big news and we hope you will all participate.

On **May 6th**, we are participating in the **JDRF One Walk** to help raise funds that go to the research for cure and prevention of Diabetes Type 1.

We have chosen to walk in honor of our 5th grade student Ali who has Diabetes Type 1.

We are very excited that our team name is "Team Ali Cat".

We hope you can join our team. It's very easy to join

1. Register at www2.jdrf.org/goto/alicat
2. Check in begins on May 6th at 8:30
3. Walk time is 10:00
4. Ask your family, friends, and neighbors to donate to your JDRF One Walk fundraising efforts. You can even invite them to walk with our Grant wood Team. Don't forget, you can fundraise online by creating a personal page to raise even more.
5. All contributions are done online under our team name. We are NOT collecting money at school
6. Join us at the JDRF One Walk and celebrate our teams achievement surrounded by people like you who want to change the future for all those affected with Type 1 Diabetes like our Ali.

T-shirts with our Team logo will be available for order soon.

We are so excited and really hope you can join us.

Thank you and hope to see you at the May JDRF One Walk.

Grant Wood Student Council.

PTA NEWS

- The Book Fair starts next week on Tuesday night and will continue all week.

Tuesday, April 4th - 5:30-7:30 pm

Wednesday, April 5th- during lunch (11:45-12:45)

Thursday, April 6th- during lunch (11:45-12:45)

Friday, April 7th- 7:00-8:30 am during Grandparent's Breakfast and during lunch (11:45-12:45 pm)

The book fair also offers the convenience of online shopping. Starting March 29th you can visit the site below and have books shipped directly to you. Online sales also extend past the fair at school- the website will be available until April 11th. All proceeds still benefit Grant Wood!

scholastic.com/bf/grantwoodelementaryschool6

- Grandparent's Breakfast: Friday, April 7th at 7:00-8:30 am in the Grant Wood gym. Invite grandparents or other "grandparent-like" special guests to a wonderful breakfast. RSVPs are not required. Donations are welcome. The book fair will also be open during this time.
- The Final Round of the Spelling Bee is Wednesday, April 12th.
- Teacher Appreciation Week: May 1-5. Please take a moment to let your teacher(s) know they are appreciated.
- Munchkins with Mom: Friday, May 5. More details to follow!
- Next PTA Meeting: Thursday, April 21st at 6:30 in the library. As always, free childcare is provided.

