

**GRANT WOOD
LITTLE DOGS**



Grant Wood Elementary
1423 Hillside Drive
Bettendorf, IA 52722
John Cain, Principal

Educational excellence is the foundation of the Bettendorf Community School District. Working in partnership with the family and community, we will instill and nurture in all students the knowledge, skills, creativity, and confidence to pursue their dreams and to succeed in a global society.

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OCTOBER 2019

October 3rd—Homecoming Parade 6pm

October 15—Mobile Food Pantry

October 17th—Student Flu shots,

October 17th—PTA Meeting 6:30pm

October 18th—Donuts w/ Dad 7:30-8:30am

October 18th—Fall Picture Retake

October 18th—24th Book Fair

October 21st-24th Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 24th Early Out (Preschool @ 12:00 pm

K-5 @ 1:10 pm)

October 25th No School

October 28th No School

November 1—Assembly 1:45-2:15pm

Every Wednesday Early Release at 2:30 pm

Meet Our New Staff

My name is Drew Sass, I am the new 3rd grade teacher at Grant Wood Elementary this year. I am a Bulldog alum, I graduated from Bettendorf High School in 2015, and I am so happy to be back in Bettendorf. I graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in May of 2019. I am super excited to be a part of the Grant Wood team and I am looking forward to an awesome first year.



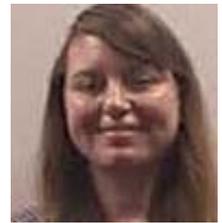
Drew Sass
3rd Grade Teacher



My name is Trisha Wood. I am an academic interventionist at Grant Wood and Neil Armstrong. This is my 17th year teaching in the Bettendorf school district. My husband and I celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary this summer. I have two sons. Blake is 8 years old and Carson is 3 years old. I am looking forward to a great year at Grant Wood!

Trisha Wood
Academic
Interventionist

Hi, my name is Nicole Lauer and I'm excited to join K1 at Grant Wood. I grew up in Rock Island and we moved to Bettendorf about eight years ago. My husband, Justin, works at the high school, and we have two girls at Hoover. I am a co-leader for my older daughter's active Brownie G.S. troop and my younger one is just getting started with Daisies.



Nicole Lauer
Paraeducator



Hi, my name is Courtney Broderick. I am the new building secretary at Grant Wood this year. I have been with Bettendorf School District for 13 years. I live in Bettendorf with my husband and have 2 sons and a stepdaughter. I am excited to be joining the Grant Wood Family and look forward to a great year!

Courtney Broderick
Secretary

Hi everybody! I'm Liz Hesse, 4th grade paraeducator! My husband, Nick and I moved to Bettendorf from my home town of Mason City in 2017. Most all of my family is there including my son, 5th grade granddaughter, Iris and 1st grade grandson, Jaxon. Although we miss them terribly, we absolutely love it here! I'm beyond excited to be a part of the Grant Wood family! When I'm not here working, I enjoy running my makeup business, watching movies and snuggling my dogs!



Liz Hesse
Para Educator



Amanda Dunaway
Para Educator

Hi I'm Amanda Dunaway. I have a degree in psychology. I'm married with 5 kids, stayed at home for a few years. I worked last year in the district as a sub para. Now I work in Pre-school as a Para in Miss Andrea's class. I really enjoy being here at GW.

Hello my name is Kaitlyn Lowder and this is my first year being a para. I have lived in Bettendorf my whole life, and attended Bettendorf schools. I plan on attending Upper Iowa University to continue my education to become a teacher next year. I am extremely excited to be working at Grant Wood this year, and I know I will learn and grow a lot. Go Bulldogs!



Kaitlyn Lowder
Para Educator



Ranger



Tisha Clark-Smith
4th Grade Teacher

Hi, my name is Tisha Clark-Smith and I am very excited to be part of the dedicated team here at Grant Wood! I am from Bettendorf and still live in our beautiful city! I love the outdoors, gardening, biking, and kayaking. I am blessed to have an incredible teaching partner, his name is Ranger. Ranger is a 4 year old Saint Bernard. He weighs 150 pounds and is a short hair, dry mouth. He is from the CARES program based in Kansas. Ranger loves his job! He can't wait to go to work every morning! We both are extremely lucky to part of this community and Grant Wood! Go Little Dogs!

Student of the Month

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September

EC1 Gabe Landreth
EC2 MaLayah Ratliff
K1 Lela Howell
K2 Mya Shay
K3 Ethan Hoffman
1A Carter Trevino
1B Anna Baraks
1C Lauren Menster
2A Ejahre Pass
2B Alana Peitscher
2C Aaron Dusenberry
3A Sadie Harnung
3B Andria Malloy
3C Allyson Baraks
4A Haley Duke
4B Leewona Hicock
4C Xavier Keckler
5B Wyatt Freking
5C Madison Woods

From the Counselor

Tips for Parents: Talking Around the Kids

By R. Morgan Griffin

Think your kids are too young to understand your grown-up conversations? Think again.

"In my practice, parents are constantly shocked by what kids have overheard," says Brad Sachs, PhD, a family psychologist in Columbia, MD and author of *The Good Enough Child* and *The Good Enough Teen*. "But as soon as children can talk, they're listening to what you say," he says.

Kids can be upset and confused by overheard adult conversations. But they may not tell you what they heard -- and you won't even know they're worried.

Before your kid repeats something mortifying in front of your mother-in-law -- or worse -- it's time to start speaking more carefully.

Talking Around the Kids: 6 Things to Avoid

What shouldn't you discuss when little ears could hear?

1. Fraught topics. Be careful talking with your spouse about big issues -- like financial problems or a family crisis. Your kids are listening. Kids are magnetically drawn toward arguments and emotional discussions, says Eileen Kennedy-Moore, PhD, a psychologist in Princeton, N.J., and coauthor of *Smart Parenting for Smart Kids: Nurturing Your Child's True Potential*. However, they may not really understand what's going on. Their interpretations may be scarier than what's actually happening.

What to do instead: "If something big is going on in your household, trying to hide it from your kids won't work," says Kennedy-Moore. "Give them the basic facts." The most important detail is how these changes will affect your child.

2. Trash talk. Are you always criticizing about your child's teacher, your mother, or your ex-husband?

What to do instead: Stop. You're modeling bad behavior for your kids. You may also say something mean about a person your kids care about -- and that can be deeply unsettling for them.

3. Criticism of your kids. Do you tend to vent about the frustrations of parenthood on the phone? Be careful. "It can be really hurtful if your kids overhear you criticizing them or talking about some mistake they made," says Kennedy-Moore. "They're likely to feel ashamed and then angry."

What you should do instead: Don't get in the habit of complaining about your kids. "Be discreet about your kids' indiscretions," says Kennedy-Moore. Try not to repeat them to others.

4. Complaining. Adults tend to complain a lot -- especially about their jobs. What's the problem? You're modeling a bad attitude that your kids could apply to school -- or later in life when they have jobs.

What you should do instead: Talk about the positive aspects of your work. "If you worked on an interesting project recently, make sure to mention that," says Kennedy-Moore.

5. Upsetting world events. "For kids, the world is a small place," says Kennedy-Moore. "They may overhear you talking about the news and assume that burglars are going to be coming to their house, or a tsunami may hit their town."

What you should do instead: You shouldn't shield your kid completely from world events. Just help them put the news in context and reassure them, Kennedy-Moore says.

6. Swearing. Many adults swear in front of their kids on occasion. Don't overreact when your kids imitate you -- that will just make the words more exciting.

What you should do instead: Try hard not to swear in front of your kids -- and never swear at them, says Kennedy-Moore. If you can't seem to control your profane outbursts, Kennedy-Moore has a suggestion. "Tell your kids to collect a quarter from you every time you swear," she tells WebMD. "They'll like doing that a lot."

Notes from the Nurse



Flu Shots—October 17 am only

Vision screenings for K-5th grade students will begin October 1st

Dental Screenings for Kindergarten students who have not turned in the required form October 1.

Please watch for consent forms for the dental bus.

Do I Send my Student to School Today?



School is a very important to your child's development. However, there are times when Students need to remain out of school due to illness related symptoms. The Bettendorf School Nurses encourage you to use the following guideline to help determine if your student should be sent to school. If your student exhibits any of the following symptoms, we ask that they be kept out of school until they are symptom free for at least 24 hours without the use of medication to control the symptoms.

Fever of 100.0 F. or above, orally, even in the absence of other symptoms

Vomiting

Diarrhea

Uncontrollable cough

Unexplained rash

Please follow these guidelines for ill children.

While many medications, both prescription, and over the counter will ease symptoms, they should not be used to mask/hide symptoms so students can return to school prematurely.

Parents/guardians should always call your school attendance office or phone line to inform

the staff that your student is ill and provide 2 symptoms they are experiencing.

Although students may "feel" better before the 24 hour symptom-free time frame, please

remember that they are still considered infectious to others until the symptom-free for 24 hours has been reached. At that time, it is safe to send your student to school.

We encourage you to contact your school health office if you have any specific questions

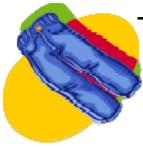
regarding the district wellness policy.

When everyone follows these guidelines, we can ensure a healthier school for both students and staff and reduce illness absences for everyone



WHAT ARE WE SEEING ALREADY

Strep throat, gastrointestinal symptoms and flu like symptoms such as stomach-ache, congestion, coughing, headaches, vomiting and diarrhea have already begun. Symptoms of strep throat may include one or all of the following symptoms: fever, sore throat, swollen glands, stomachache and headache. Headache is the most over looked symptom of strep throat.



The school health office is always in need of donations of underwear, socks, winter boots, elastic waist pants, shorts, t-shirts and sweatshirts sizes ranging from 4T up to medium adult sizes



This is a great time to screen your children for head lice. Always an “itchy” topic to discuss but frequently discovered when student’s return from summer and any long breaks. Head lice are usually spread from one person to another by direct contact with the hair. Personal items like combs, brushes, towels and bedding are frequent sources of infestation. Another common source is clothing, such as hats, ribbons, scarves and sweaters, all of which provide transportation from one individual to another. Head lice needs to be treated immediately because lice can spread quickly.

Lice do NOT jump from head to head, so simply being in the same class as a case of head lice does not mean that your child is at high risk for getting head lice. Head lice do not observe any class distinction; they can infest anyone, and are a problem which should be treated immediately. They may infest hair that is very clean.

If you would like more information, the Scott County Health Department has excellent resources on its website: <http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/health/lice.php> as does the Center for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/gen_info/faqs.html

Thank you for all you do!
 Carol Harris, MSN/MHA, RN, NCSN
 Grant Wood School Nurse, 563 359-8277 ext. 4035

From the PTA

Donuts with Dads—October 18th Join us for Donuts with Dads from 7:30-8:20 am in the cafeteria. Please bring your Dad, Grandpa, or any special adult in your life to Grant Wood for a donut and coffee. This is a free event. You do NOT need to bring donuts to attend. Just come and enjoy! Donuts and coffee are provided by the PTA. Cash Donations are always appreciated and will be collected at the event.

Grant Wood Conference Crunch - October 21st—24th—This is a chance to bring snacks into school for our amazing teachers and staff during conferences. A sign up genius will be emailed out to all PTA members. If you're new to PTA, this sign up genius will give you all the specifics you'll need and times and places to drop off your snacks at school

Fall Book Fair - October 18th—24th For every book sold gets money donated back to our school in the form of credit to supply books back to our library! This will be open during Donuts with Dad

PTA Meeting—October 17th 6:30pm Location TBD

Still haven't joined PTA? You can! Just grab a form in the office or email us and we can get one sent home with your student. It's not too late! Your \$10 membership gets you a school directory. Per student handbook, party invitations will not be distributed on school property. This directory may be used to contact students/parents outside of school. Thank you for helping the GW PTA be amazing. Without your help, volunteer hours and support we would not exist!

Can Tabs for Shriners Hospital

The Kaaba Shriners are in their 28th year of collecting can tabs to support Shriners Hospitals for Children, and if your family drinks beverages from aluminum cans, you can help! The 22 Shriners Hospitals in North America treat children up to age 18 with burns, orthopedic conditions, spinal cord injuries, cleft lip and palate, and other complex health care conditions. Treatment is free of charge.

The closest hospital to the Quad Cities is in Chicago and is supported by the Kaaba Temple Shrine in Davenport. The Kaaba Shrine can also provide transportation to and from the Chicago hospital for those in need.

Anyone needing more information concerning programs or treatment can call the Kaaba Shriners office at 563-386-2526 or use the Shriners Hospital Hotline at 1-773-385-5437. They would love to help!

Tabs can be given to your child's teacher or to Mrs. Duncan in Mr. Bartel's Room (3B). Thanks to all of you who saved your tabs over the summer. And thank you for contributing to this worthy cause! We had a great year last year. Let's do it again!