

A Note From the Principals

A warm welcome to all our new and returning Bulldogs! We hope you had a restful summer and are ready to start a new school year. We are very proud of all the hard work **students, parents and staff** put forth last year and want to continue our excellence this year! Do not hesitate to call or e-mail us if you need assistance. We are very excited about the upcoming school year and look forward to seeing all of you soon!

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Classroom Assignments

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE FRONT AND BACK DOORS OF THE SCHOOL, AT 4:00 P.M., ON MONDAY, AUGUST 18th!

- **1st – 5th grade students** will **begin classes** at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 26th.
- **Kindergarten students** and parents will **meet their teachers** on Tuesday, August 26th **OR** Wednesday, August 27th. **Please see the enclosed letter with your appointment time on one of these two days.** Kindergarten students will **begin classes** at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, August 28th.

“Meet the Teacher” or “Stop and Drop”

1st Grade Stop and Drop-August 19th, 6:00-7:00PM

2nd Grade Stop and Drop-August 25th, 6:00-7:00PM

3rd Grade Stop and Drop-August August 20th, 6:00-7:00PM

4th Grade Meet the Teacher-August 27th, 6:00-7:00PM

5th Grade Meet the Teacher-August 28th, 6:00-7:00PM

“Meet the Teacher” is for parents. The teacher will review classroom information and procedures. “Stop and Drop” is for parents and students. Families may stop by anytime between the hours available to drop off supplies, check out the classroom and meet the teacher.

New Student Orientation and PTC “Meet & Greet”

We will have a new student orientation on **Thursday, August 21, 2014**. There are two times offered for the orientation, at 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM, for your convenience. There will be a bus available at both sessions for your child to take a “practice ride” if he/she is anxious about riding the bus. We will also be taking a tour of the school. Please join us for one of the orientation times if your child is new to the school. PTC will also be having a “Meet & Greet” on this day from 5:00 PM-8:00 PM. **This is for all Grant Elementary students and families.** Please join us to welcome the new students and families to Grant Elementary!

New Staff

Welcome to our new staff members at Grant Elementary School!

Laurie Hoynes (Assistant Principal)

Jim Maglosky (5th Grade)

Sarah Czaplicki (3rd Grade)

Colleen Metz (4th Grade Intervention Specialist)

Jill Deitrick (Title 1)

Kyle Bizjak (Speech Therapist)

Ann Grosz (Psychologist)

Kurt Eyman (Family Liaison)

Crissy Skiles (Principal’s Secretary)

Beth Morgan (Librarian)

Shyla Jacob (Classroom Aide)

Visitors and Student Pick-up

All visitors to Grant Elementary School will need to sign in at the main office and get a visitor’s pass. If you are picking up your child for an early release or from the clinic, you will be asked to present photo identification. If you are picking up a child, please remain in the office area. We will call down to your child’s classroom and he/she can meet you in the office. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation regarding our school’s safety procedures.

Lunch Information and Student Fee Payment System

'Pay For It'

"Pay For It" gives parents the ability to see their child's cafeteria account balance, what their child has purchased for the last 30 days and set up low balance e-mail reminders. Parents can put money in their child's account, on-line, using credit cards or an electronic check. This account can be used to pay school fees, lunch fees, activity fees and fundraisers. **For more information on how to sign up for this service, please see go to www.weschools.org and click on the 'PAY FOR IT' link under the 'Parents' tab. The sticker attached to the front of this packet has information needed to link your child to the account you create.**

There is also information regarding free and reduced lunch on the 'Pay For It' site. Paper copies of the free and reduced lunch form will be sent home the first week of school. Applications from 2013-2014 school year are good until Sept. 30th. You MUST fill out a new application to receive this program after Sept. 30th.

Breakfast is available before school at a cost of \$1.90 / Reduced cost is \$0.30 and the cost for **lunch is \$2.85 / Reduced Cost is \$0.40**. Menus will be available soon!

School Hours, Drop off and Pick up, and Child Care

- Children can arrive at 8:45 AM and wait until the 1st bell rings (students come inside if weather is severe). School **begins** at 9:00 AM.
 - School ends at 2:53 pm. Buses use the bus loop in the back of the school to pick up students. Parents pick up students at the front entrance. **Please see the enclosed map for pick up and drop off procedures.** Also, please follow the traffic pattern and be patient! Safety is our main priority!
 - Before and after school childcare will be available this year **at Grant Elementary School**. This program will be offered through the YMCA. Please visit our website for more information on this new program.
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Attendance Line and Early Release

- If your child will be absent from school, please call the school's attendance line at, **440-283-4085** (24 hour line). If we do not receive a call from you, and your child is absent, we will call you to verify the absence. This is for the safety of your child.
 - If your child needs to be released from school prior to dismissal, please send in a signed note with your child's name, child's teacher and the time they will be leaving school early. The office gets these notes first thing in the morning from your child's teacher. It is **very** helpful to know **ahead of time** when a student is leaving. It helps us keep everyone SAFE and have your student ready when you arrive!
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PTC

Please join the Grant Elementary Parent-Teacher Council. Our PTC is a wonderful organization and our members organize several fun activities for the students throughout the school year. Meetings are held monthly and a great way to get updated information about the school, upcoming events for students and meet other Grant Elementary parents. **Please see the enclosed letter from the PTC.** We hope to see you at the meetings!

Bus Passes

Bus passes will be mailed out for all grades on **August 15, 2014**. Please call the Transportation office at 440-975-3736 if you have not received a bus pass by **August 21st**. **If changes occur during the school year with your child's transportation needs, please inform Transportation and the school office so we can accommodate you.**

School Clinic and Medications

For a child to take any over the counter medication a form must be filled in IN ADVANCE of the child taking the medication. **ANY doctor prescribed medication** given to children at school requires a physician's note. This includes inhalers. If you have any questions please call the school clinic at 440-283-4116.

School Communications, E-mail Notification System, Calendar of Upcoming Events and Our School Website

Please be sure to sign up for the e-mail notification system. *You will receive information on how to do this the first week of school.* In an effort to "go green", **almost all information from the school will be sent through the e-mail system.** Bi-monthly newsletters will be E-MAILED to you or are available on the Grant Elementary School website. There is also a calendar on our website with upcoming school events. You can access this site by going to www.weschools.org and clicking on *Grant Elementary*. Until you receive the information on how to sign up for the e-mail, please be sure to check our website for current information and news.
