

Spartan Scoop

Who Will Make the World a Better Place? Spartans Will.

Looking Toward 2017-2018

Dear Parents,

Just a few days left of the 2016-2017 school year! I want to again thank all of the staff at Grundy Center Elementary for making our school a warm and welcoming environment where we take teaching and learning seriously, but have a lot of fun along the way! Also, thank you to the parents who have so graciously supported their children whom we are proud to work with at our school.

We have a few new faces coming to Grundy Center Elementary next fall! Although we are sad some of our teammates are leaving, we are very excited to bring in top notch talent! **Mrs. Cassandra Albright**, who previously spent four years with BCLUW in 4th grade and special education, will be teaching third grade next fall. **Mrs. Stephanie Smith**, A former 3rd/4th grade teacher at St. Pat's in Cedar Falls, will round out our excellent third grade team. Joining us in transitional kindergarten this fall will be **Mrs. Amber Haskovec**, who previously taught preschool and first grade in the Bosco School System. Moving down from middle school special education will be **Mrs. Sarah Dier**, who will join us for part of her day. We are very excited to have these talented teachers join our team!

Our Teacher Leadership program will be stocked with veteran teachers dedicated to using their leadership skills to help our school community. Returning as our Student Achievement Coordinator is Mrs. Jan Lindeman. Our Lead Teacher role will see the return of Mrs. Sue Graham, who will also have some release from teaching time in order to be in classrooms. Our Mentor Teacher rolls will be filled by Abby Hendershot, Jama Johnson, Katie Lechtenberg, and Tara Liston.



There are many opportunities for your children to engage in reading this summer. We strongly encourage making reading a daily habit, and even more importantly, reading for FUN! Below are some of summer reading resources the students have been introduced to.

Dates to Remember:

June 2 Last Day - 1:15 Dismissal

July 10-27 Summer School

Aug. 21 Elementary Open House

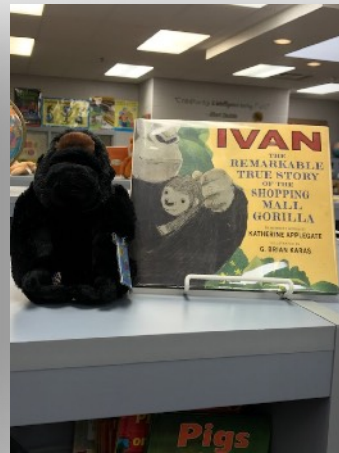
Aug. 23 First day of school!

1. Kling Memorial Library - Build a Better World (June 14-July 12)
2. MackinVia - eBook summer program with school username and password
3. Waterloo Bucks Summer Reading Scorecard
4. Bookflix and TrueFlix - free online books with school username and password

The students are voting to see which plush book character will be traveling to New York City this summer for a fun adventure. To see the winner and summer adventures, follow along on Twitter at twitter.com/MrBSammons or on my blog at MrBSammons.weebly.com.

Sincerely

Brian Sammons



Who will travel to NYC?

The kindergarten students worked very hard creating a pamphlet to share about their favorite book.

We then were able to share our pamphlet and hopefully encourage some 1st grade friends to read our book this summer!

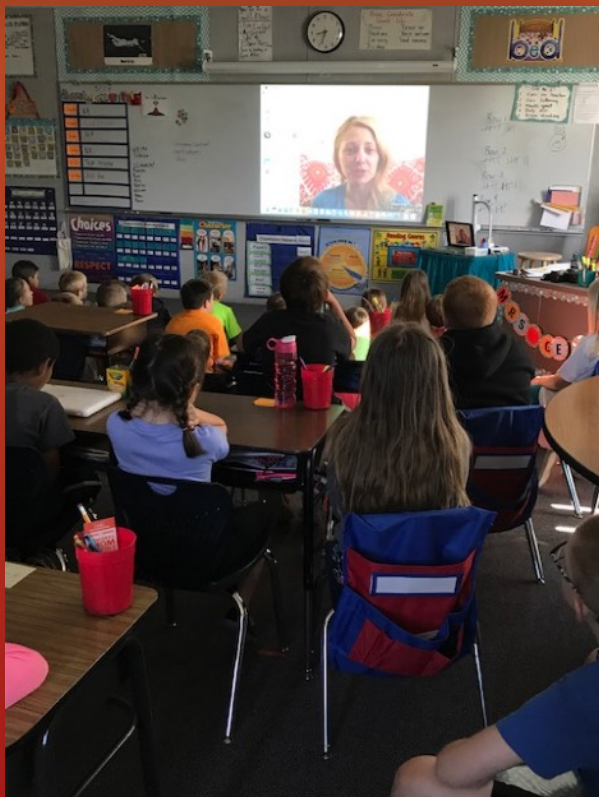




Members of the Grundy Center Community School Class of 2017 walked the hallways of the elementary building and told us their future plans. Thanks for coming!



All classes Skyped with our Virtual Artist in Residence, Hayley Podschun. She is currently on Broadway in Hello, Dolly!



The K-5 Track and Field Day was held on a cool day. We had a lot of fun! Thank you to all of the volunteers!



Members of the Waterloo Bucks front office visited Grundy Center Elementary to tell kids about an exciting summer reading program!

The students were sure happy to see Bucky!



Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers we have in our school. Your role in our children's education is part of what makes Grundy Center Elementary a great place to be!