



Spartan Scoop

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

Dear Parents,

There is much to look forward to in the coming months with holidays on the horizon. Just a reminder that with fall holidays, come the change of seasons, please be sure your child is equipped for outdoor recess with temperatures of zero degrees and above. If the weather does not allow us to be outside, we have recess in our classrooms. Recently, each classroom purchased up to \$75 worth of indoor and outdoor recess equipment. This was made possible through our annual fundraising activity. Thank you, again for all of your support.

Field trips provide students with an educational experience outside of the school building. Each year, all grades are encouraged to research and prepare for an out of town field trip to enhance their curriculum. Last month fourth grade students took a field trip to Center Grove Orchard in Cambridge, Iowa. While there, they studied the pollination process and growth of the pumpkin plant, which is also part of their science curriculum. Transitional Kindergarteners took a trip to Uncle Bill's Farm in Grinnell, Iowa. They rode through the pumpkin patch, saw barn yard animals, and learned a little about the history of farming. In November, third grade students will be taking a field trip to the Iowa Wild Hockey Education Day where they will get to participate in STEM related activities on the concourse of Wells Fargo Arena and then watch a mid-day hockey game! All of these field trips are made possible through our annual fundraising.

Read-a-Million Minutes is moving full steam ahead with the students and community members reading about 87,000 minutes the first week! Mrs. Strohbehn's fourth grade class read the most minutes this week. All community members are invited to read minutes and turn them in!

Our annual MOCK CALDECOTT awards are kicking off November 1. We will study 20 of the best picture books of the year! This activity is funded by a Grundy Center School Foundation grant. In February, we will watch the live Caldecott announcement and keep our fingers crossed!

Brian Sammons, Elementary Principal

Dates to Remember:

11.1	Mock Caldecott Kickoff
12:45	Early Out
11.6	2nd Grade to UNI show
11.8	Kids Club
11.9	3rd grade to Des Moines
11.15	12:45 Early Out
11.21	End of 1st Trimester
11.22-11.24	Thanksgiving Break
11.29	12:45 Early Out
12.1	Report Cards Sent Home



P.E. and the arts are combined at Grundy Center Elementary. Here are the dates for the Spring Fling!
Kindergarten

Thurs., March 22, 2018

1st and 3rd Grades

Mon., April 9, 2018

2nd and 4th Grades

Tues., April 10, 2018



High school student, Jake Ascher created this steel spartan art for the newly renovated elementary gardens. Thanks, Jake!

Literature was spotted in the MUSIC room. That's right, the music room. Literacy is encouraged at every opportunity at G.C. Elementary!



Mr. Thoren and the high school cheerleaders kicked off Read-a-Million Minutes and Homecoming week!





Once again, Grundy Center Elementary staff members participated in creating book character pumpkins. For all pumpkin photos, please go to: MrBSammons.weebly.com





Students in second grade feeling proud after demonstrating some great singing skills.



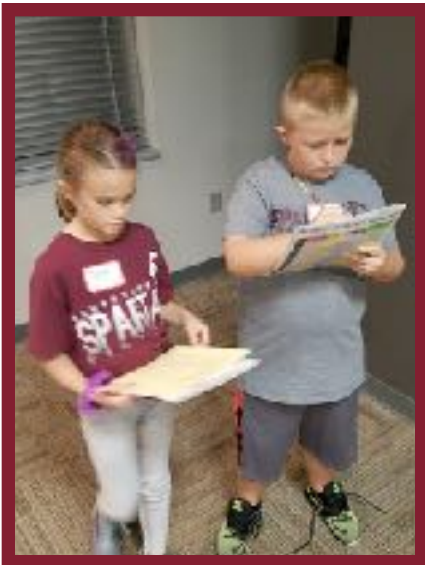
The Book Fair was open during conference week! Thanks to Mrs. Saak for arranging the Book Fair and Mrs. Lindeman for helping out!

First graders learning about Air and Weather utilizing the FOSS Science kits! Here we are experimenting with some tools meteorologists use; anemometer, wind vane, and bubbles.



Students working in teams to perform instrumental ostinatos (repeated patterns).





20 of our 3rd and 4th graders were trained as conflict managers on October 13th. The 6 hour training teaches students how to peacefully mediate conflicts between peers during recess. The students chosen for this opportunity are seen as respectful, caring, and responsible leaders in their grade. We are proud to have our conflict managers out at recess to help us solve our problems!

