

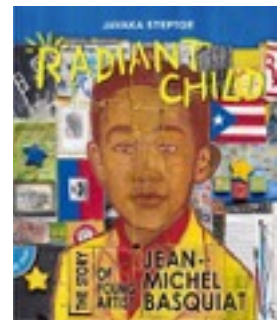
# Spartan Scoop

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

## What a Celebration We Had!

Dear Parents,

A big celebration was held on Monday, January 23. The elementary students finished their Mock Caldecott activity with an assembly in the gym, watching the announcement of the real Caldecott winner, and popcorn from GNB Bank. This year, the elementary students chose the book, The Night Gardener by Eric and Terry Fan as their winner. The real medal went to Javaka Steptoe's book, Radiant Child. The Mock Caldecott activity motivates kids to read and allows them to become critical thinkers about illustrations.



Kid's Club in January focused on creating open vs. fixed mindsets and encouraging acts of kindness in the elementary. Guidance counselor Mrs. Sherry Rizzuto creates the lessons for these mixed age groups, which meet twice a month.

Fourth grade students were chosen by the state to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) tests this month. These tests do not provide individual or school results, but they do provide information of at what level American students achieve. Each student takes only one test and most are finished in about 30 minutes.

Well, it is no secret we have pretty great paraprofessionals in our building, but did you know each one has already attained, or is working on completing training to become licensed paraprofessionals by the state of Iowa? Paraprofessionals do a lot of work to help our school run smoothly. Thank you!

The Grundy Center Elementary School Report Card was released in January. While we plan to improve the "acceptable" rating, we are sure proud of the positive changes we have already implemented this year. With the assistance of our Teacher Leadership (TLC) program, we have a much stronger system in place for teaching, assessing, and progress monitoring our K-4

### Dates to Remember:

- Feb. 8 1:15 Early dismissal
- Feb. 20 We DO have school
- Feb. 22 1:15 Early dismissal
- Feb. 23 4th grade NAEP testing

students.

Not only does February bring Valentine's Day, but it is also the Mega Party Day! The Mega Party is a group reward for fundraising in the fall. The day entails students spending time in the gym with inflatable activities and music. Some students also earn a pizza party that day. Thank you all who support our annual fundraising efforts!

The third grade team wrote a McElroy Excellence in Education grant to purchase science materials, including an outdoor weather station. The station is a Davis VantagePro2 6163 and is mounted above the roof of the elementary building. All types of weather data are taken, including wind chill, which is very important this time of year. Soon, we will be adding wireless Internet to the system which will provide data online to anyone. Thank you third grade team!

We got fooled into thinking winter was playing nice toward mid-January, however, it is back! Please make sure your child has boots, hat, mittens, and all other appropriate clothing for fun times on the playground!

Thank you for your support,  
Brian Sammons, Elementary Principal



In April, we will be having an author visit our school! It is one of the most exciting times of the school year. Right now, it is still TOP SECRET!

Third graders look for bones in owl pellets during science.

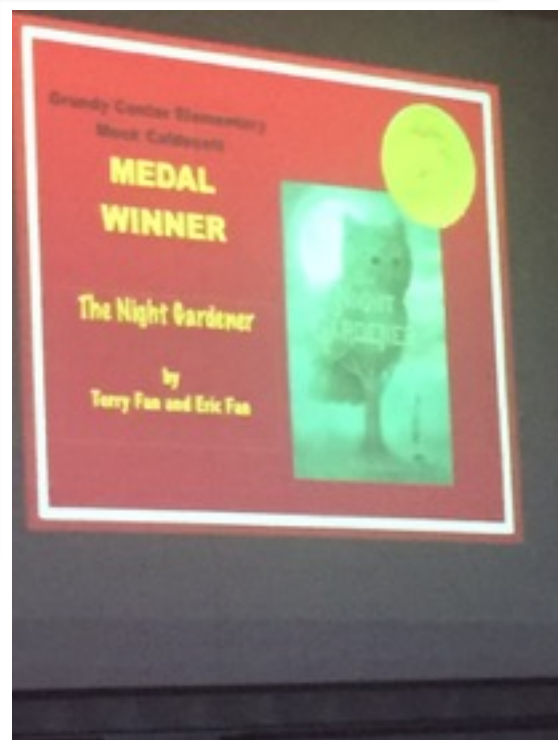
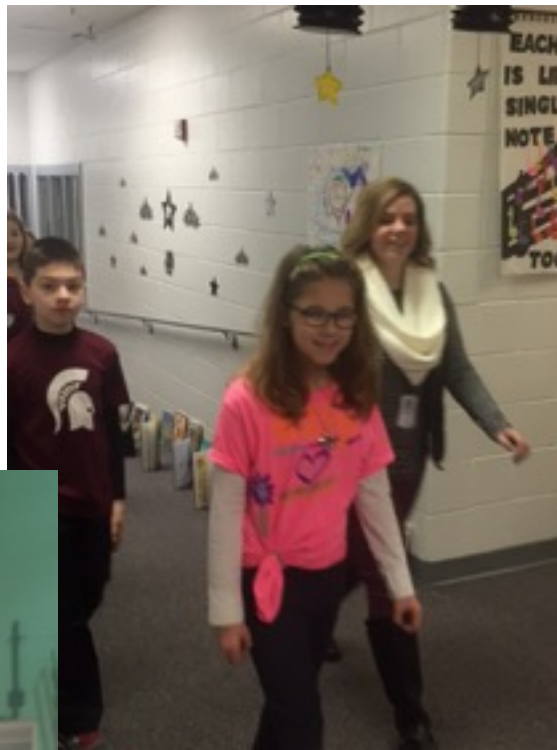


Third graders make ice cream in Ag in the Classroom.





All kindergarten through fourth grade students celebrated their Mock Caldecott activity in January. What a celebration of books!





Kindergarten students are reading and learning about what science is. They made posters to share with the class.

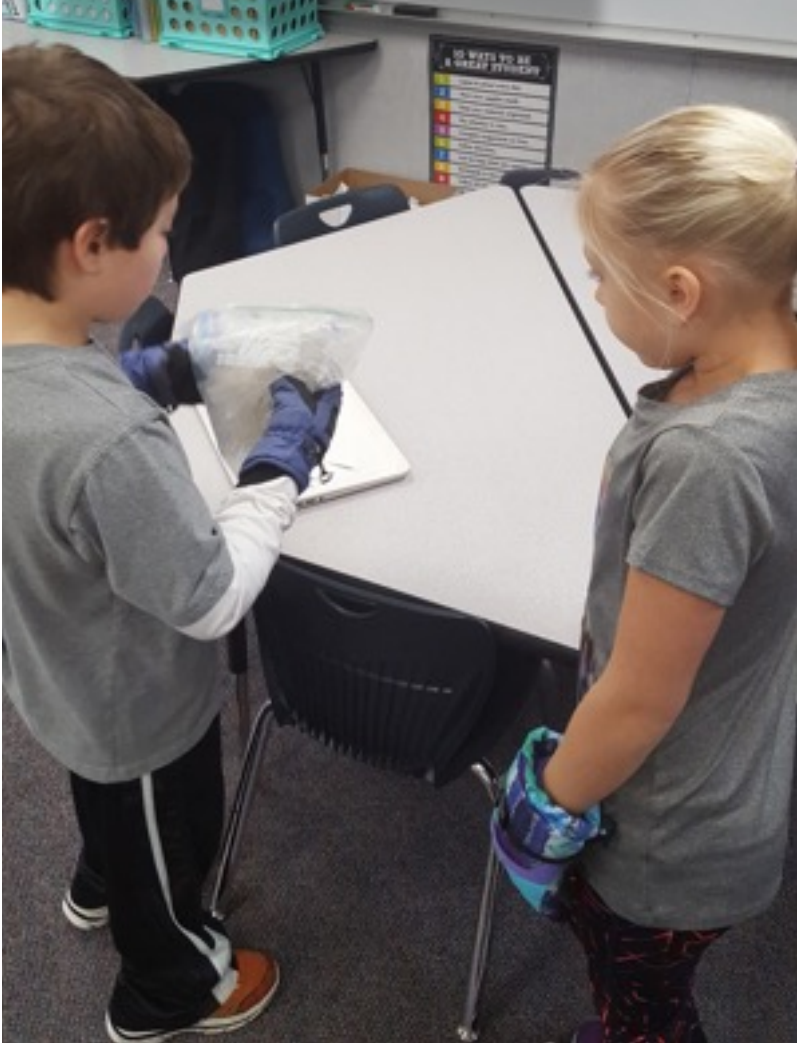


In music, the students are doing creative movement as response to music by "Shadowing" with partners.





These third grade students are working with owl pellets in science and then enjoying ice cream they made during Ag in the Classroom.





a note  
from your  
music  
teacher...

Happy New Year Elementary Families!

As you begin marking important dates on your 2017 calendars, you'll want to be sure to **save the date** for our grade level music concerts:

**Monday, April 10**

6:00 pm – Kindergarten

6:30 pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

7:15 pm – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Tuesday, April 18**

6:30 pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

7:15 pm – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

*All concerts will be held in the Elementary Gym.  
More details will be provided as the dates get closer.*

Let Mrs. Steenhoek know if you have any questions.  
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# February



## ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU

Don't WATCH the Clock,  
do what it does  
Keep Going.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

<p><b>MILK IS SERVED WITH ALL MEALS</b></p> 	<p><b>USDA is an EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER</b></p>	<p>1 PULLED PORK OPEN FACE SAND. MASH POT., GRAVY &amp; BREAD STRAWBERRY SPINACH SALAD BANANA</p>	<p>2 PIZZA STEAMED CALIF. MIX MIXED GREENS COTTAGE CHEESE PEACHES</p>	<p>3 TERIYAKI CHICKEN RICE PILAF STIR FRY VEGGIES CARROTS &amp; DIP MANDARIN ORANGES</p>
<p>6 CHICKEN NUGGETS CHEESY BROCCOLI CELERY &amp; DIP CLEMENTINES DINNER ROLL</p>	<p>7 BEEFY NACHOS W/CHIPS SALSA GLAZED CARROTS MARINATED SALAD APPLE SAUCE</p>	<p>8 HOT DOG on a WG BUN BAKED BEANS RANCH BACON SALAD PEACHES</p>	<p>9 LASAGNA MIXED GREENS GREEN BEANS PEARS BREADSTICK</p>	<p>10 EGG SCRAMBLE DRAGON PUNCH TRI-TATOR CINNAMON ROLL FRESH APPLE SLICES</p>
<p>13 MINI CORN DOGS BAKED BEANS BROC. &amp; DIP FRESH ORANGE SLICES BREAD &amp; BUTTER</p>	<p>14 CRISPTO CHEESE SAUCE SALSA STRAWBERRY SPINACH SALAD STEAMED CALIF. MIX FRESH APPLE SLICES COOKIE</p>	<p>15 CRISPY CHICKEN PATTY on a WG BUN LETTUCE, TOMATO POTATO SMILES 3- BEAN SALAD BANANA</p>	<p>16 CHILI GRILLED CHEESE SAND STEAMED BROC. CARROTS &amp; DIP <b>PEACHES</b></p>	<p>17 SCALLOPED POT. and HAM GREEN BEANS PICKLED BEETS STRAW. FRUIT W/ JELLO DINNER ROLL</p>
<p>20 SNOW MAKE-UP DAY EACH BUILDING WILL DECIDE THEIR MENU. AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT OUT.</p>	<p>21 MEXICAN PIZZA LETTUCE, TOMATO SALSA CORN PEARS</p>	<p>22 SLOPPY JOE on a WG BUN BAKED BEANS CARROTS &amp; DIP MAND. ORANGES</p>	<p>23 CHICKEN &amp; NOODLES GLAZED CARROTS RANCH BACON SALAD PEACHES BIRTHDAY CAKE</p>	<p>24 TURKEY &amp; GRAVY MASH POTATO BREAD- OPEN FACE SAND BROC. &amp; DIP CRANBERRY SAUCE ORANGE OR APPLE</p>
<p>27 CHICKEN TENDERS BAKED BEANS CARROTS &amp; DIP APPLE SLICES BREAD &amp; BUTTER</p>	<p>28 WALKING TACO W/ CHIPS LETTUCE, CHEESE, TOMATO SALSA &amp; SOUR CREAM CORN PEACHES PUDDING</p>	<p>On the salad bar everyday: Lettuce, spinach, broccoli, tomatoes, and radishes. Fruits are also on the bar.</p>	<p>CELEBRATING FEB. BABIES ON FEB 23, 2017</p> 	<p><b>American</b>    <b>Month</b></p>