

# Spartan Scoop

## DATES TO REMEMBER...

Mar. 4	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester
Mar. 9	1:15 Early Out
Mar. 11	Kindergarten Round-up 8:30 and 12:30
Mar. 14-18	Spring Break
Mar. 22	Conferences 2:00-8:00
Mar. 22	1:15 Early Out
Mar. 24	Conferences
Mar. 24	1:15 Early Out
Mar. 25	No School
Mar. 28	No School



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## A NOTE FROM MR. SAMMONS...

Happy March! The winter snow is finally beginning to melt away. Green grass will be here soon!

Just a few reminders about picking up students at the end of the school day.

1. Please park in designated areas.
2. Please remind your child he or she cannot cross the road to get to your car without an adult.
3. Please drive slowly and watch all intersections carefully.

Thank you for helping us keep kids safe!

We are half way through Read-a-Million Minutes. Perhaps you have heard about the magic book that has been floating around. We have had special guests come in to talk about animals, one room

schoolhouses, and even hockey! We are well on our way to meeting our community goal of 125,000 minutes. Please remember, your minutes of reading can count as well!

Kindergarten round-up will be on Friday, March 11. There are two sessions. After dropping off your child, we ask that you stay for a parent information meeting that will last approximately 10-15 minutes. We are very excited to welcome the newest Spartans to our building!

Plans are being made for Grundy Center Elementary's summer school in July. This summer school is by invitation only and should not be confused with the state's mandatory 3<sup>rd</sup> grade retention summer school to begin in 2017.

Thank you for supporting our schools!

My blog can be found at  
[www.mrbsammons.weebly.com](http://www.mrbsammons.weebly.com).

# SNAPSHOTS FROM SCHOOL

Kindergarteners write about what they would do if they were President.

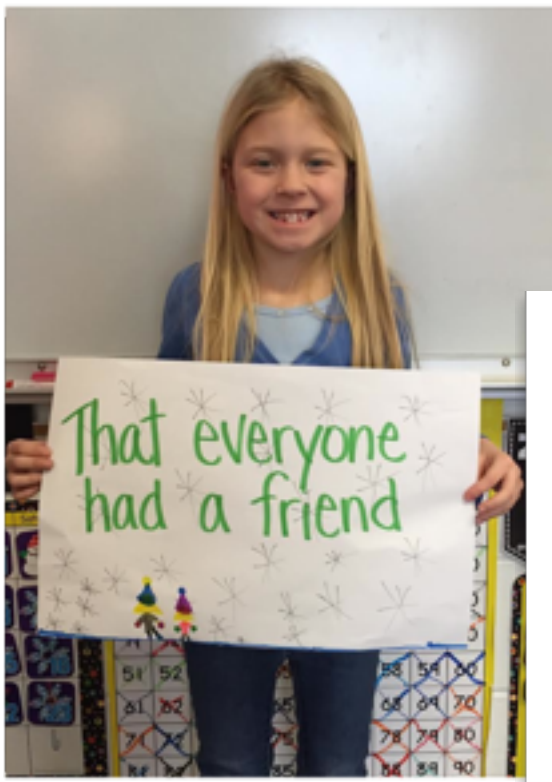


Third graders celebrate good classroom behavior with pj's and stuffed animals.

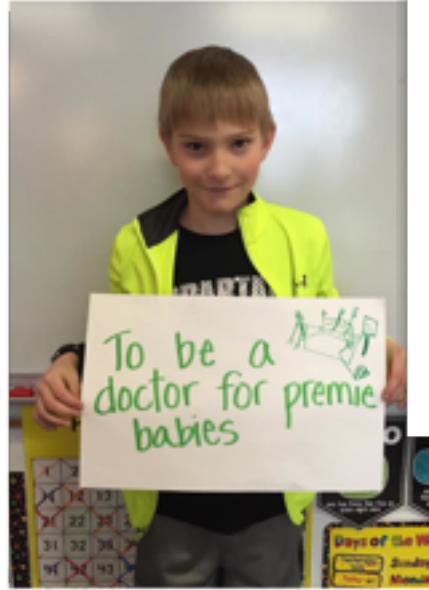
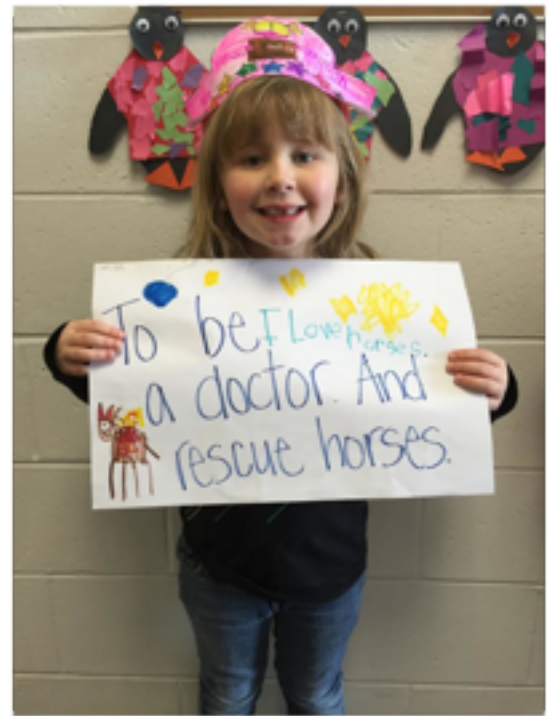


Third graders brought their favorite books to school to share for Read Aloud Day on February 24!





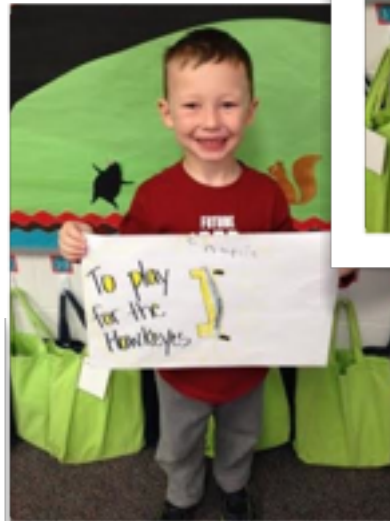
Students worked in guidance classes studying Martin Luther King, Jr. They shared their own dreams.



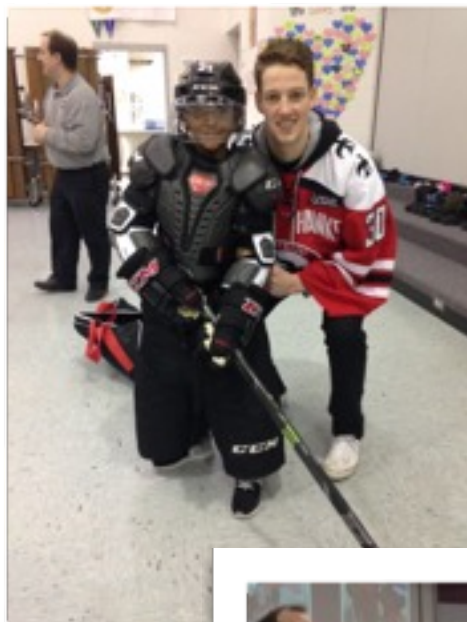
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First graders read with flashlights during Read-a-Million Minutes



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Members of the Waterloo Black Hawks hockey team and staff visited Grundy Center Elementary to get the students motivated to read for Read-a-Million Minutes!





Kathy Zeiner and Carol Iverson visited with the students about one room schoolhouses and the importance of reading.

A hockey book display for Read-a-Million Minutes.



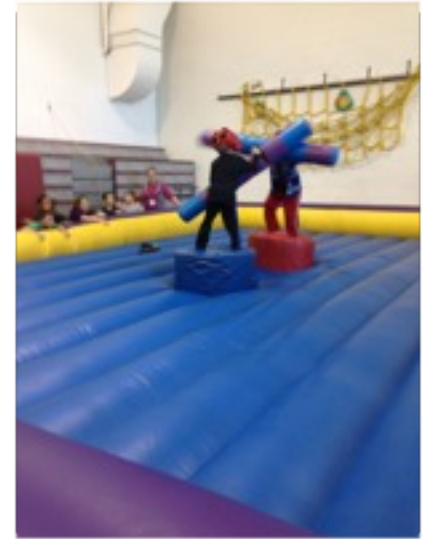
Grundy County Conservationist, Cole Anderson, visited with the students about different animals and encouraging them to read for Read-a-Million Minutes.



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Students enjoyed the Mega Party provided by our annual fundraising company.



An Abraham Lincoln book display helped us celebrate President's Day and encouraged us to read.



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A fun Read-a-Million Minutes bulletin board keeps track of our minutes we have read.