

# Spartan Scoop

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

## Fall is Here!

Each month, I meet with all three sections of individual grades for 30 minutes to promote books, show book trailers, and read to students. Last month, the book we read was, The Blowfish Book by Jessica Olien.

Our annual fundraiser has begun! Thank you to all who help out and help us raise money for special activities at our school. Field trips and special guests are events we are able to do because of the fundraiser.

Red Ribbon Week begins October 23. Counselor, Mrs. Rizzuto has some special activities planned for this week of health and safety awareness.

The costume parade will be on October 31 in the gym beginning at 2:20. The students will walk through, sing a song, and then return to their classrooms. Parents are invited to attend.

The University of Iowa Mobile Museum visited us on September 21. The students walked through the large bus and learned about wind energy, doctors, and German immigrants.

Kids Club last month focused on getting to know the members in your Kids Club and reading the book, The Invisible Boy. The students wore name tags for a week so we learn to call each other by their names.

Thank you to the churches of Grundy Center for donating money to purchase books for our One Community, One Book initiative. Every child in our school building now has access to this book as there is



### Student Arrival Times

A reminder about student drop-off times in the morning. If your child is eating breakfast, he/she may arrive at 7:50 and enter the school building. If your child is not eating breakfast, he/she may arrive at 8:00 and enter the building.

There is an 8:00 arrival bell and an 8:15 tardy bell letting students know they need to be in their classrooms.

### Dates to Remember:

Oct. 5 Walk/Bike to School  
 Oct. 17 Fundraising due  
 Oct. 19 1:15 Dismissal  
 Oct. 20 1:15 dismissal  
 Oct. 20 Conferences 2-8  
 Oct. 20 Picture retakes  
 Oct. 23 Red Ribbon Week  
 Oct. 25 1:15 dismissal  
 Oct. 25 Conferences 2-8  
 Oct. 28 No school  
 Oct. 31 Costume parade 2:20

one in every classroom.

Later in October, the State of Iowa will be visiting the Grundy Community Preschool and Child Care's preschool campus. This is a verification visit and is a requirement in order for Grundy Center Schools to provide free four-year old preschool to our families.

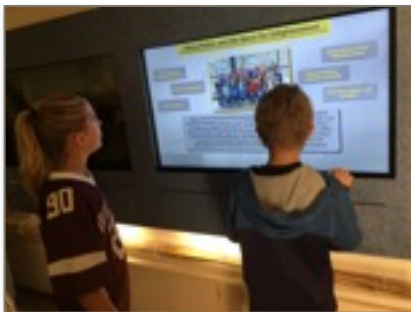
Think In 2016 was held on Saturday, September 17. About 55 teachers, librarians, principals, and other children's book lovers from around the state attended this morning workshop. Special guest speaker, Mr. John Schumacher, inspired the group to get kids to read and gave them information about new children's books. To read more about Think In, please visit [MrBSammons.weebly.com](http://MrBSammons.weebly.com).

This month is Fire Safety Month. The second grade students will be having some guests in to visit about how to prevent accidental fires and how to stay safe in the event of a fire.

The fourth grade students will be visiting Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center on the campus of the University of Northern Iowa to see the play, Frindle.

Have a great month and Happy October!

Brian Sammons, elementary principal



All grades got to visit the mobile museum





Third grade students learn about beats in music class



Senior Alexa Strickler reads to 3G during Homecoming week

Grundy County Ag in the Classroom teacher, Tara Leytham, does a safety around grain and animals lesson with third graders

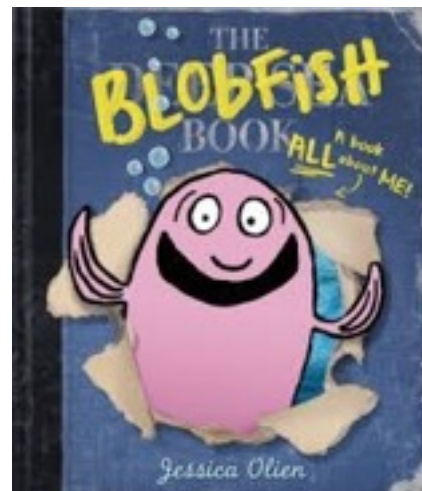




Kindergarten students work on counting in their Math Workshop groups

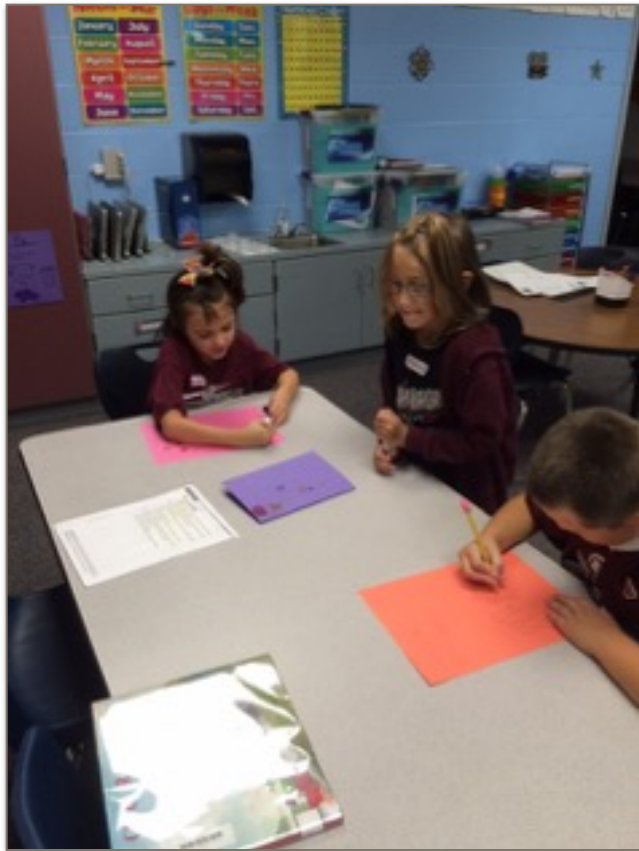


Mr. Sammons reads a book and does book talks with second grade students



Fourth grade students practice their recorders





A book birthday for Shy by Deborah Freedman was celebrated by some elementary students

