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BEAGLE BULLETIN

Mrs. Dawn Kennaugh, *Principal*

LUNCH MENU

11/27 Chicken Tenders w/Roll or
Berry Yogurt Parfait w/Homemade Granola
11/28 Pepperoni Pizza or Ham & Cheese Sub
11/29 French Toast Sticks and Egg Patty or Beef Hotdog
11/30 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potato Bowl or
Banana Muffin, Yogurt, Cheese & Goldfish
12/1 Mini Corn Dogs or Crispy Fish Sandwich with Cheese

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found area was moved this year to under the stairway by the end of the first grade hallway.

During conferences, you will find the lost items at the front by the main entrance, so please take a moment to look through them.

Any remaining items not claimed by Christmas break will be donated to Ken's Closet.

Thank You!

MESSAGE FROM MRS. KENNAUGH

Thank you to everyone who attended a Parent-Teacher conference for your child this week. We appreciate you teaming with us to ensure your child's success. If you did not attend, your child's report card will be sent home after Thanksgiving break.

Our Fine Arts evenings are quickly approaching. We are hosting them on Monday, December 4 and Tuesday, December 5 at Beagle. Each 2nd through 6th grade classroom has been assigned an evening, but if you have children who are assigned to different evenings, you do not have to attend both. As a family, you may pick one evening to attend.

We wish you all a restful, safe, positive Thanksgiving!

As always, if you have any questions or would like to discuss any concerns, please contact me.

BOOK FAIR – THANK YOU

THANK YOU to everyone that visited the Book Fair. The book fair is a great fundraiser for the library, and with the purchases everyone made, it was a big success! A special thanks to those of you that purchased books from the teacher and library wish lists. With the proceeds from the Book Fair, we look forward to filling the library with the books your children love to read.

You can still order online

The ONLINE BOOK FAIR (www.scholasticbookfairs.com) will continue through November 28th. Any purchases made online will be shipped to the school for you to pick up.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 20-24	Thanksgiving Recess
November 28	Domino's Pizza Night
Mon. Dec. 4	Fine Arts Celebration 6:30 pm
Tues. Dec. 5	Fine Arts Celebration 6:30 pm
Fri. Dec. 8	Half Day for Students – Dismissed at Noon
Dec. 25 – Jan. 5	Holiday Recess
Mon. Jan. 15	No School – Martin L. King Day
Fri. Feb. 2	Half Day for Students – Dismissed at Noon
Wed. Feb. 14	Student Count Day
Mon. Feb. 19	No School – President's Day

GRAND LEDGE SHOPPING TOUR

Christmas time is right around the corner and the **Grand Ledge Shopping Tour** committee is looking for our help! The Shopping Tour is an organization here in the GL area that helps provide clothes and a toy for needy children in grades K - 5 at Christmas time. Each child is assigned a chaperone for an evening in December and the child and chaperone shop together for clothes for the student. After shopping they go to dinner at a local church and visit with Santa. The dinner food is donated by lots of local restaurants. The toys are donated by school families. That is where they need our help! If your family would like to donate some toys **please send the unwrapped toys to Beagle on or before Friday, Dec 8th**. If you would like more information please call the school at 517-925-5480. Thank you!

IT'S SPIRIT WEAR TIME!

This year we are offering Grand Ledge swag along with a limited edition Beagle Rocks T-shirt designed by our very own 6th Grader Caden Hoskins!

Visit http://sportsstop.net/beaglepto/ to order! The website to order is now live! The last day for orders is November 26th! All orders will be delivered to the school, or at Sports Stop by December 18th...just in time for Christmas!

G.L. DISTRICT AREA LIBRARY EVENTS

PJ Storytime - Friday, November 17

PJ Storytime is a relaxing evening storytime for young children with their accompanying parent or caregiver. Doors open at 6 pm for book browsing and check-out. Storytime begins at 6:30 pm. Children can wear their pajamas and bring a special stuffed friend or toy. Quiet stories will be read and a light snack served. Special stuffed friends or toys are welcome to stay the night with the library bears. Pictures of the after-hours activities of the toys and bears will be posted on our social media. Special friends can be picked up from their adventure on Saturday morning when the library opens at 10 am.

PRE PARADE PARTY - Fri. Dec. 1@ 4-6:30pm

Come join us for stories in the Children's Department or enjoy cocoa and make a graham cracker "gingerbread" house in the 1931 Room. GLADL'S a great place to get ready for the parade downtown.

PAWS FOR READING - GL LIBRARY

Dogs love a good story too! Practice reading aloud to Bear, a certified therapy dog, in a no-pressure environment. Please phone the library at 517.627.7014 to register for a 10-minute reading. The next on is scheduled for Tuesday, November 21 from 6-7pm.

GRAND LEDGE POM PON CLINIC

Grand Ledge High School Pom Pon is holding its annual pom clinic for grades K-5 on Saturday, December 9, 2017, from 9 am -12 pm, in the auxiliary gym at the High School. Additional information is available from Kristin Shriner at 517-927-4925. Register and pay by November 17th to guarantee a T-shirt. Walk in registrations will be accepted at the door for $30 each.

Technology Upgrades Transportation Services

Like many other aspects of our daily lives, technology is improving the efficiency with transportation as well. The GLPS transportation department is excited to launch a new electronic system to communicate bus stop information beginning in January 2018. The two applications, **Versatrans E-Link** and **MyStop,** use planned route information and actual GPS data. E-Link is used by parents, students and school administration to see current route assignment information. MyStop is used by parents and students on a daily basis to see when the bus will arrive. No longer will riders have to wait outside during winter months and rainy days. MyStop allows the students to wait inside longer without fear of missing the bus.

There are many advantages available with E-Link**.** It will improve student transportation communication. For example, a message can be sent to bus riders when the bus is delayed. E-Link will show multiple stops if the student has different riding arrangements for different days of the week. It allows a parent to access their child's bus route, as well as pick-up and drop-off times.

MyStop is a simple, yet informative tool that gives parents, guardians and students the ability to know exactly where the school bus is. MyStop graphically displays the school bus location on a map as well as the estimated time of arrival (ETA) to a specific student's bus stop. (It's important to note that users must be enrolled with E-Link before they can access MyStop.)

It will be available as either a web application or as a native app for iPhone® and Android™ smartphones. The web application allows users of other devices including PCs to access the information via a Web browser. Please watch for more information on how to access these applications in the near future.

WONDERING ABOUT PRESCHOOL OPTIONS?

GSRP Preschool Offers:

- Low student/adult ratios (Max 8:1)
- Highly qualified & certified staff
- School-day programming (Monday-Thursday)
- Creative Curriculum focusing on:

  Language development, Literacy, Math, Social Emotional Development, Physical development, Science, Social Studies, Creative Arts

- Licensed by the State of Michigan

Classrooms are located in:

SPACES AVAILABLE IN YOUR DISTRICT!

Charlotte
Eaton Rapids
Grand Ledge
Maple Valley
Potterville

HOW DO I ENROLL?

GSRP is a state funded preschool program for 4 year olds. It specifically serves children from middle income households. It is administered by the State of Michigan.

To enroll, a child must be
4 years old on September 1st.

Decisions for enrollment into GSRP are based on individual family experiences.

- Family income
- Concerns about your child's development
- Challenging behavior
- English as a second language
- Family school difficulties
- Environmental risk
- Single parent home due to divorce, deployment, incarceration, illness.
- Change in guardianship

Learn more and apply at

www.eatonpreschool.org

517.541.8724

EDUStaff

OUR DISTRICT NEEDS YOU!

EDUStaff is an educational staffing company who specializes in providing guest teachers and other employment classes to our partnering school districts. Founded in 2010, EDUStaff has quickly become known in the educational community as providing outstanding customer service to both our partnering districts and our external employees; the guest teacher.

BENEFITS OF BEING A GUEST TEACHER

Becoming a guest teacher provides a number of benefits for those who are interested including:

- ✓ Flexible schedule to accept assignments when you want.
- ✓ Work in your child or grandchild's school.
- ✓ Make a positive difference in your community.

GUEST TEACHER REQUIREMENTS

Per State of Michigan law, the below requirements outline how to become a guest teacher:

- ✓ Current Michigan Teaching Certificate
- ✓ Expired Michigan Teaching Certificate
- ✓ 90-credit hours from a college, university or accredited community college

HOW TO APPLY

Log on to www.EDUStaff.org

For more information contact our customer service department.

www.EDUStaff.org | 877.974.6338

THIRD GRADE READING LAW

A Parent Guide to Public Act 306

EATON REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY

1 What Is The Law All About?

- In an effort to boost reading achievement, Michigan lawmakers passed Public Act 306 in October 2016.
- To help more students be proficient by the end of third grade, the law requires extra support for K-3 students who are not reading at grade level.
- The law also states that a child may be retained in third grade if they are one or more grade levels behind in reading at the end of third grade.

2 What Do I Need To Know As Parent?

- Your child's reading progress will be closely monitored beginning in kindergarten.
- If your child is not reading where expected, a plan to improve reading will be created. This means your child's teacher and school will work with your child to find where your child needs support in his/her reading development and create a plan to support him or her. This plan includes:
    - Extra instruction or support in areas of need.
    - Ongoing checks on reading progress
    - A Read-at-Home plan that encourages you and your child to read and write outside of the school day.
    - Your child may be encouraged to participate in summer reading programs.
- The extra supports in your child's reading improvement plan will occur in small groups during the school day. Your child will not miss regular reading instruction.
- Starting in 2019-2020 school year, in order to be promoted from third to forth grade, your child must score less than one year behind on the state reading assessment, or demonstrate a third grade reading level through an alternate test or portfolio of student work.
- If you are notified your child may be retained, you have the right to meet with school officials and to request, within 30 days, an exemption if in the best interest of your child. The district superintendent will make the final decision.

3 What Can I Do To Support My Child?

Read at home with your child daily with books they enjoy, even in the summer. Some ways to do this:

- Read out loud to your child.
- Listen to your child read.
- Echo read (You read a line, then they repeat) .
- Read together at the same time.
- Reread or retell favorite stories.
- Talk to your child about the reading.

As you read:

- Ask your child to share what they remember.
- Ask questions about the reading.
- Talk about your favorite parts, what you've learned, or who is in the book and what they do.
- Talk about the pictures in the book how they connect to the words on the page.

- Talk to and with your kids a lot: Knowing more words helps kids to understand the words they read better.
- Encourage writing: Let children write the sounds they hear, spelling is developmental and a work in progress.
- Be involved in your child's education and support the reading plan if your child has one.

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Dear Beagle Families

Thank you all for your past support of Team Beagle. Last year we raised more than $1,100 for the American Cancer Society. It is my pleasure to inform you that we will once again be organizing our team for the 2018 Relay. This year's Relay will be held Saturday May 19, 2018 from 11am-11pm at Beagle Elementary.

I am looking for students, staff, and parents to join Team Beagle for a fun, inspiring year of fundraising. Our 2018 goal is $2,000, which will be used by our local organization to fund cancer research, patient care services, and education and prevention initiatives.

We all know someone who has been affected by cancer and I believe that we can show Relay For Life of Eaton County (formally Relay for Life of Grand Ledge), that Beagle Rocks!

In addition to individual fundraising, we will be doing fun team fundraising events. I am currently working on some starter fundraisers and looking for more ideas. We will be meeting once a month to get together as a team to work on more ideas to meet our fundraising goal. These can include District 5 (I am currently working with them to make this happen), just as an example.

To be a member of Team Beagle, you must register yourself and/or your child. It is simple to sign up and all your information is secure with the American Cancer Society.

I have set up a website for our team. You can visit teambeagle.weebly.com for easy sign up, view scheduled team fundraisers, with more being added soon.

There will be an informational meeting/first team meeting on Wednesday November 29th at 6:30pm in the Beagle Media Center. I look forward to seeing you and making a great season of fundraising. If you have any questions regarding the team or Relay For Life, please feel free to email me at monroep@glcomets.net.

Let's show them that Beagle ROCKS!

Patrick Monroe
Team Beagle Captain