WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEFF KINDERGARTEN

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Mrs. Kelly Smith, Principal February 23, 2018

Dates to Remember

Tue Mar 6	Conferences 5:00 - 8:00 pm Book Fair Open
Wed Mar 7	Little Caesar's Order/Money Due
Thu Mar 8	Conferences 5:00 - 8:00 pm Book Fair Open
Fri Mar 9	Conferences 12:30 - 3:30
Thu Mar 15	Popcorn Sale - Laugal & Jarrard
Thu Mar 15	Little Caesar's Pizza Order Pick Up Day
Thu Mar 15	PTO Meeting 6:30
Fri Mar 30	No School
Apr 2-6	No School Spring Break
Sat May 19	Relay for Life - Eaton County
Mon May 28	No School - Memorial Day
Wed Jun 5	1/2 Day - Last Day!

PRINCIPAL'S PRIDE

Tonight the PTO is sponsoring the Family Dance and Silent Auction from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. This will be a fun event filled with smiles, dancing, laughter, and memories! If you have not yet purchased tickets, you can still do so at the door!

As you know, the high school had to follow the "shelter in place" procedures on Tuesday morning. The safety of all students is a top priority, so Neff was kept well informed throughout the process. When an event like this occurs at the high school or nearby school, it is important for us at Neff to continue on with our day so we do not instill any unnecessary fear in the students. Please know we care and will continue to take good care of your children each and every day!

If you have not yet signed up to attend a parent/teacher conference, please do so as soon as possible. The teachers are looking forward to sharing your child's progress with you.

Here is number four on the list of things we should say to children: You've made a mistake. That was wrong. People make mistakes. I do. Is it something we can fix? What can we do? It's all over. You can start fresh. I know you are sorry. I forgive you.

Enjoy the weekend!

OUR SPRING BOOK FAIR IS COMING SOON!

The Follett Book Fair will be in the Neff Library
Monday, March 5 through Thursday, March 9!

Students will come down during their special class library time on either Monday or Tuesday to make their own "wish list". Their wish list sheet will come home with them on that day in their backpack.

If you want your student to purchase books, they may do so during school or they may accompany you at night during evening parent-teacher conferences on Tuesday, March 6 or Thursday, March 9. We will be open both evenings from 5:00-8:00 pm. (Please note: We will not be open during Friday conferences.)

A flyer, schedule and a letter with more information are attached to this electronic newsletter and will be sent home with students next Friday. They will highlight some of the books available to purchase and give you all the Book Fair details!

If you have any questions, please email me at cockroftn@glcomets.net or call me at 925-5625.

"Books don't just go with you, they take you places you've never been!"

FUEL UP TO PLAY 60 SMOOTHIES!

Neff Kindergarten has been granted funds through Fuel Up to Play 60. Fuel Up is a great organization dedicated to encouraging healthy eating and exercise in schools. The grant and our wonderful PTO have provided Neff with a rock wall, smoothie making exercise bike, smoothie blenders and a traveling exercise station. Your child will be offered a smoothie for snack once per month for the remainder of the school year. Smoothies include mixed berries, vanilla yogurt, apple sauce and apple juice. We are asking that you donate $1.50 by March 5th to help cover the cost of this healthy snack. Please send donations to your child's classroom teacher in an envelope labeled "smoothies" plus your child's name.

EYEGLASS COLLECTION TIME!

Cub Scouts Pack 657, on behalf of the Lions Club of Grand Ledge, is collecting used eyeglasses. These are checked and sanitized and given to those in need. A collection bucket is available at the Main Office from Feb 1 - 17.

LITTLE CAESAR'S PIZZA TIME! - DATE CHANGE

It's time for our Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser! We will be selling these Little Caesar pizza kits from **February 16th until March 7th**. These pizza kits are a wonderful option to keep in your freezer for those busy nights. This is one of our best fundraisers of the year. Our goal is for each person to sell 10 items. For each 10 items a child sells, they will have their name entered into a drawing for a $25 gift card to Target. The top seller in each class will get a pizza party lunch with Mrs. Smith, and the top selling classroom gets a pizza party for their class and the teacher will receive $50 in gift certificates. The money we earn from this fundraiser goes to support our PTA and enables us to bring in authors, buy subscriptions to our iXL program for the iPads, and more. You may place orders online or use the pizza brochure. Please do not include online orders on your brochure! More information is included in the letter attached to the flier.

To make this fundraiser even more fun, we are going to hide Little Caesar in a different classroom each day. Whoever finds him will be able to go to the office and collect a prize. Have fun looking!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, March 6 from 5-8:00 pm, Thursday, March 8 from 5-8:00 pm, and Friday, March 9, from 12:30 - 3:30 pm. March 9th is a half day of school and we will get out at 11:40 am. You can access the conference sign up by going to Grand Ledge Website at www.glcomets.net, go to our schools, drop down to Neff Kindergarten and click on that, you will then see Parent/Teacher Conferences or use the following link: www.ptcfast.com/schools/Neff_Kindergarten_Center_1 to schedule your child's conference.

DOMINO'S FUNDRAISING BUCKS

Domino's Pizza is helping us raise some extra funds at their Grand Ledge location. Each time you order from the GL Domino's please use one of the $1 Fundraising Bucks when paying for your order. Each time we use one of the "Bucks" our school will receive $1 from Domino's. The Bucks were sent home with your child in the past few days. Thank you Neff families for helping support Neff and Domino's!

MILEAGE CLUB SIGN UP

Don't forget to sign your child up for the Sparrow Feelin' Good Mileage Club. If you still need to sign them up please go to www.sparrowmilesclub.com. It only takes a few minutes to do the sign up and your child will be eligible for lots of fun prizes while learning to exercise their bodies!

Follett Book Fairs

Dear Parents & Families,

Neff is hosting a Book Fair!

Supporting your child's love of reading is critical to their success. Supporting their school tells your child that school and learning are important. When you open a book with your child, you are opening the world to them—they wonder, think, imagine, and want to know more! The Book Fair encourages your child's reading habits, builds their personal library and raises funds for the school -- all at the same time! We would love to have you visit the Book Fair with your child.

Neff Book Fair Dates & Times:

Monday, March 5 & Tuesday, March 6:
Students only will visit during school hours 9 AM-3 PM*, We are also open from 3:00 4:00 PM for anyone to shop.

Wednesday, March 7 & Thursday, March 8:
Friends & Family Days! Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Friends, one & all may shop from 8:45-11:45 am, AND from 1:00-4:00 pm

EVENING HOURS: Shop on Tuesday & Thursday nights from 5:00-8:00 PM during Parent-Teacher Conferences. (Reminder: Book Fair Closes at 8 PM on Thursday night.)

Students will make their own wish list during their classroom visits to the Book Fair on Monday & Tuesday. They will write down 3 books that they "wish" to add to their home library. You are under no obligation to purchase, and of course it is up to you how many to buy! If you do choose to buy books, it is helpful to bring your child/ren's wish list with you when you come to shop. (We must add Michigan sales tax of 6% to the price, so please adjust payments to include the tax.)

We want your children to be readers for life. Support the avid readers in your family by visiting the Book Fair! We hope to see you there! Questions? Email me at cockroftn@glcomets.net or phone 517/925-5625. Thank you for supporting the Neff Library!

Yours in Reading,
Mrs. Nola Cockroft, Neff Library

*Classroom visit schedules are on back of this letter.

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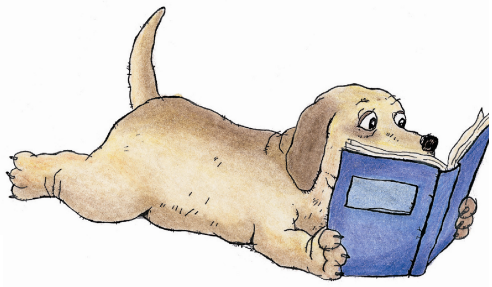


2018-2019 Kindergarten Registration & Round-Up

Do you have a child ready to start Kindergarten in the fall?
Now is the time to pre-register!

Your child must be five years old on or before September 1, 2018*
to be eligible to enter Kindergarten.

For information and to pre-register your child,
visit our website at **www.glcomets.net**
and click on

Kindergarten Round Up

At the conclusion of your online pre-registration, you will schedule an appointment to bring the required documents to:

Student Enrollment
220 Lamson Street
Room 206
Grand Ledge
(517) 925-5447

Kindergarten Round-Up

Monday, March 19, 2018
&
Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Two Sessions Each Date
4:30 pm
or
6:00 pm

Grand Ledge Public Schools
A Community Committed to Excellence

*In accordance with State Law, parents may complete a waiver for their student(s) with birthdays between September 2 and December 1.

Grand Ledge Community Recreation Presents:

MOTHER SON

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Grand Ledge Opera House

121 South Bridge St.

$10/Person

Limited Space Available

Register Online

www.glathletics.com

Click on the "More" tab (Community Rec)

For Questions Contact:

Jen Daly

Community Rec Coordinator
dalyj@glcomets.net
(517) 925-5440

Don't forget to wear something GREEN!

Professional Photo - Hoffman Photography

Music/Dancing - R & S DJ'z

Special Irish Gift - For Each Boy

Refreshments - Cookies, Juice/Water

USS Indianapolis Survivor: Dick Thelen
Thursday, January 25 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Learn about the experience of Dick Thelen, a surviving crew member from one of the country's worst navel disaster after Pearl Harbor. Light snacks with Q&A after program.

Football Fiesta
Wednesday, January 31 6 - 7 p.m.
Get ready for Superbowl Sunday with football trivia and appetizer demonstrations!

Michigan in the Civil War
Thursday, February 8 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Learn true stories about Michigan people in the Civil War and Governor Blair's search for troops to meet Lincoln's request. Historic photos and stories.

The Traveling Poets
Thursday, April 12 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Celebrate National Poetry Month with an evening of poetry featuring Lansing Poet Laureate, Dennis Hinrichsen, accompanied by area poets.

How to Adult—New Skills
Saturday, April 21 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Teens to young adults can learn practical life skills—everything from how to balance a checkbook to checking your car's oil. Please call 517.627.7014 to register.

Stepping Stones with the Friends
Wednesday, April 25 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Create a stepping stone for your garden. Snacks & storytime. Sponsored by the Friends of the Grand Ledge Area District Library. Please call 517.627.7014 to register.

Grand Ledge Area District Library Online Resources

For 24/7 access to what you need when you need it.

OverDrive eBooks & AudioBooks

RBDigital Digital Magazines

hoopla Movies, Music, & more

Mango Online Foreign Language Learning

Ancestry In library use research

MorningStar Independent Investment Research

SCOLA Foreign TV programming

World Trade Press City, States, Countries & Maps

MeL Michigan's Electronic Library providing online articles, books, digital images, and research information. Including MeLCat, an interlibrary loan system connecting Michigan libraries and Michigan library card holders.

GLADL Hours & Locations

Grand Ledge Area District Library Main
517.627.7014
131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge MI 48837

Monday-Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Grand Ledge Area District Library Wacousta
517.626.6577
13080 Wacousta Rd., Suite D Grand Ledge MI 48837

Monday & Wednesday	3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Friday & Sunday	closed

Facebook @ GrandLedgeLibrary
Twitter @ GrandLedgeLib
Instagram @ gl_lib

Grand Ledge Area District Library 2018 Events January - May

grandledge.lib.mi.us
517.627.7014

Additional information on programs available online @ *grandledge.lib.mi.us*
Unless otherwise noted, all programs will be held at GLADL Main, 131 E. Jefferson St. in Grand Ledge

PRESCHOOL Storytime

***Main* on Tuesdays 11 a.m.**
GLADL Main 131 E. Jefferson St., GL
January 16 - May 15
***Wacousta* on Thursdays 11 a.m.**
Watertown Twp. Hall 12803 Wacousta Rd., GL
January 18 - May 17
For preschool aged children 3-6 years old with their accompanying parent/caregiver. Stories and literacy enhancing activities.

Saturday Story Time
Second Saturday Monthly 11 a.m.
January 13 March 10
February 10 April 14
Busy weekday parents and their young children can enjoy music, movement, and lively stories.

PJ Storytime/Teddy Bear Sleepover
Select Fridays 6 p.m.
January 26 February 23
A relaxing storytime for young children and their accompanying parent or caregiver. Book browsing at 6:00 p.m., stories at 6:30 p.m. Feel free to wear your PJs and bring a stuffed friend or special toy. Friends can be picked up when library reopens Saturday morning.

Paws for Reading
1st & 3rd Tuesdays Monthly 6 - 7 p.m.
Practice reading aloud to a certified therapy dog, in a non-pressure environment. Please call 517.627.7014 to register.

Crafting for a Cause
1st & 3rd Thursdays Monthly 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Put your knitting skills to work creating items to benefit the GL Food Bank. Don't know how to knit? No problem. We can teach you!

Battle of the Books
Grand Ledge Area District Library (GLADL) will be teaming up with Delta Township District Library (DTDL) for the 2018 Battle of the Books.
Adults - Teens - Kids (4th grade & up).
Visit dtdl.org/battle for additional information.

Animation Station
Monday, February 19 1 - 3 p.m.
Transform your story ideas into animated short films using the library's SAM animation software.

Game Night
Monday, February 19 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Come in from the cold for a family fun game night. Snacks and games.

Lego-a-Palooza
Wednesday, March 14 5 - 7 p.m.
Love to build and create? Build a marble maze, light up with Snap Circuits, create with Legos, TinkerToys, and more!

Literacy Celebration
Hannah Center, 819 Abbott Rd., East Lansing
Sunday, March 18 1 - 3:30 p.m.
An interactive stage show, free activities, storybook characters, and free book for families, while supplies last.

St. Patrick Day Parade/Meet & Greet
Saturday, March 17 2:00 p.m.
Peter Rabbit will march in the St. Patrick's Day parade then head over to the library for stories from our featured reader 'Beatrix Potter' (Cindy Langenberg).

Babysitting Workshop
Saturday, March 24
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
For teens 12 years old and up. Receive various babysitting certifications. Registration, $30 class fee, and a sack lunch required.

Spring Break for Fun
Afternoons April 2, 3, 4, & 5
Play board games, build with Legos, and more. Additional details coming soon.

Spring Break for Fun
Morning April 4 11 a.m.
GL City Hall Gym 310 Greenwood St.
An interactive, program that engages all ages with poetry, puppetry, music, movement, & more!

Royal Victorian Tea
Saturday, May 5 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Children can celebrate Victorian Days with a Royal Tea hosted by a Princess. Treats, stories and more. Please call 517.627.7014 to register.

***Our Thoughts, Our Images*: Youth Photo Voice Exhibit January - February**
View stunning photo creations by local students depicting healthy communities; a Barry Eaton County Health Department summer project.

Blind Date with a Book February 1 - 14 Meet a new book! Pick up a wrapped adult fiction or non-fiction book and get an unexpected surprise.

Neff Family Dance & Silent Auction

Friday, February 23, 2018 6:00-8:00pm

Please join us for an evening of fun for the whole family!

Music, dancing, photo booth and silent auction!

Silent Auction winners announced at 7:45pm - must be present to win.

Please detach and return in a labeled envelope with cash or check made out to Neff PTO

Child's

Name_____

Teacher_____

Number attending_____ x

$2.00_____

Pre ordered tickets please check in at the ticket table.

Please return no later than Friday, 16th 2018

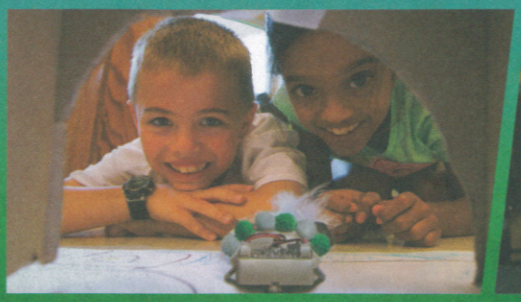
Ticket price at the door will be $3/person.

SEE US IN ACTION AT CAMPINVENTION.ORG

LET'S INVENT THE FUTURE TODAY!

FAST FORWARD to the ALL NEW 2018 Camp Invention program, where children are presented with fun, hands-on activities that encourage creative problem solving, teamwork, entrepreneurship and curiosity.

Camp Invention is a program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame®, a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the future of innovation and STEM. Program activities are led by experienced, local educators and inspired by the world-changing inventors that have been Inducted into the Hall of Fame.

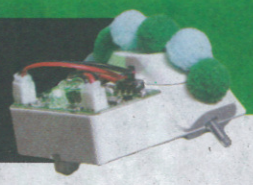


Explore the technology behind self-driving cars and invent a vehicle of the future.

Design futuristic dream homes with smart furniture and smart energy.

Build and personalize a robotic dog and compare the inner mechanics to the biology of living animals.

EVERY CHILD TAKES HOME TWO CUSTOM ROBOTS!



SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY & SAVE $25!

Register at campinvention.org or 800.968.4332.
Use promo code ***IDEAS25.*** Offer expires March 23rd.

Your local Camp Invention site information:

Price $225 (before discount) | For children entering grades K–6

Grand Ledge Schools TBD | 220 Lamson Street, Grand Ledge, MI 48837
June 11 - 15, 2018 from 9:00am - 3:30pm
Directed by Tricia Brentar
brentart@glcomets.net

Exciting news for this location: An Extended Camp experience is being provided to accommodate working families. Extended Camp hours are 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM and will cost an additional $80 per week. To sign up please select the Extended Camp option during checkout.

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit campinvention.org for other locations near you.

"I have seen an improved confidence in her since sending her to camp."
★★★★ Jim J., Parent

"That rocked! I can't wait for tomorrow!"
★★★★ Ryan S., Camper

"Love the variety of activities and different ways of thinking."
★★★★ Natalie S., Parent

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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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Kaytie Palmiter, Early Literacy Specialist, kpalmiter@eatonresa.org

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