WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Mrs. Kelly Smith, Principal

March 16, 2018

Dates to Remember

MARCH IS READING MONTH

Fri Mar 23	Dinosaur Visit
Mon Mar 26	Board of Education Meeting
Fri Mar 30	No School
Apr 2-6	No School Spring Break
Mon Apr 9	Classes Resume
Thu Apr 19	Popcorn Sale - Johnston & Toomey
Thu Apr 19	PTO Meeting 6:30
Tue May 1	County Wide School Board Meeting
Thu May 14	Board of Education Meeting
Sat May 19	Relay for Life - Eaton County
Fri May 25	1/2 Day - 11:40 out
Mon May 28	No School - Memorial Day
Wed Jun 5	1/2 Day - Last Day!
Mon Aug 20	First Day of School

PRINCIPAL'S PRIDE

Wow! We had 95% of parents attend parent-teacher conferences. This is wonderful, because your child's education is a partnership between school and home!

The students took the Delta Math Screener (12 questions) on Monday. This was used to show us where the students currently stand with the following end-of-the-year benchmarks:

1. Count up to 20 objects.
2. Compare numbers to 10.
3. Name numbers 11 to 19 using ten ones and some more ones.
4. Find numbers that add to make 10. Example: 7 + ___ = 10
5. Add numbers to 5.
6. Subtract numbers within 5.

I encourage you to practice these math skills with your child. You can incorporate math into many daily activities you are already doing: playing games, cooking, eating meals, driving to an after-school activity, exercising, writing, planning a birthday party, etc.

Next week we are asking the students to practice rhyming words as part of our March is Reading Month theme. So, you can help them rhyme with the following words:

Monday: mad; Tuesday: stay; Wednesday: pal; Thursday: dog and cat

Here is number seven on the list of things we should say to children: You can change your mind. It's good to decide, but it is also fine to change.

Have a wonderful weekend!

SPRING FOOD DRIVE WITH GLEAP

It's time for the Spring Food Drive again! During the week of March 19th thru March 22nd we ask you to bring in a different item each day. Last year, GLPS gathered over 4000 items of food and toiletries for the Grand Ledge Food Bank, and over $800 in cash and gift card donations. Items that are a current priority for the Grand Ledge Food Bank are listed below:

Monday, March 19th - **Protein Food**: Canned tuna, canned beef stew, canned ham, canned chicken, boxes of Macaroni & Cheese

Tuesday, March 20th - **Breakfast Foods**: Cereal, Jelly, Syrup, Granola Bars, Small boxes of raisins

Wednesday, March 21st - **Pantry Items**: Canned fruit, canned vegetables, salad dressings, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, flour, sugar

Thursday, March 22nd - **Toiletries**: Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner

Friday, March 23rd - **Cash, Checks, Gift Cards**: Please make checks payable to GLEAP. Gift Cards to Meijer for fresh produce.

Thank you for supporting our Grand Ledge Community Food Bank! For questions please contact Michelle D'Alessandro at mdalessandro@gleap.net or Marlene Promer at mpromer@gleap.net

MUSIC INFORMANCES

Just wanted to remind you of the upcoming dates for our Music Informances. Hope to see you there!

Monday, March 26th: 8:45 Patterson, 9:15 Toomey, 9:45 Johnston, 10:15 Borgman, 10:45 Pacsai, 12:45 Surace, 1:15 Promer, 1:45 Justice, 2:15 Vue, 2:45 Jarrard

Tuesday, March 27th: 8:45 Rodriguez, 10:45 Gregory, 12:45 Laugal, 1:15 Browning, 1:45 Memmott, 2:45 Price

AUTISM AWARENESS SPIRIT WEAR

April is Autism Awareness Month and Spirit Wear t-shirts, sweatshirts and socks are available for purchase.This is a fundraiser and proceeds will be used within GL's ASD program. Deadline is March 18.To place an order, please visit https://grandledgeautismawareness.itemorder.com/sale?read_message=true . See the flyer below on page 7.

EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Grand Ledge Middle School Equestrian Team is seeking 5th graders thru 8th graders to join us representing Grand Ledge in the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association (MIHA) meet in Mason, MI.

All riders are required to have their own horse and tack.

Please join us for sign up on March 19th at 7 P.M. at Hayes Middle School Library.

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. Thank you Neff families!

4TH ANNUAL SEWING FOR THEIR SENSES

Many of our children struggle with managing their sensory systems throughout the school day, which can cause discomfort, frustration, meltdowns, and behavior issues. This can affect student learning (individual and peer), social interactions, and the child's self-esteem.

Whether you are a talented sewer or someone who can cut fabric or hand stitch, please JOIN US! Bring your own sewing machines, cutting boards/mats, and scissors/rotary cutters to help sew adaptive equipment for our Grand Ledge Public Schools' students. This equipment can help them manage their sensory input and be more successful in the school setting.

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

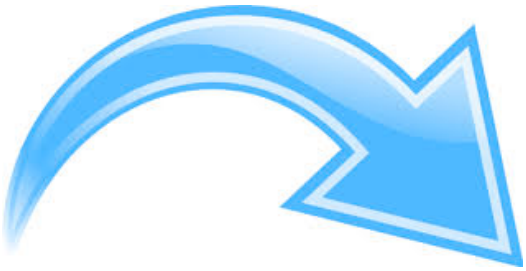
WHO: School Staff, Support Staff, Family and Friends of Grand Ledge Public Schools

WHAT: Sewing adaptive equipment for our GLPS' students

WHEN: Saturday April 21, 2018 - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

WHERE: Delta Center Elementary 305 S Canal, Lansing

Donations are welcome too! You can sign up to donate items listed below, or a food item at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/9040D45AFAA2FAB9-sewing3: Monetary donations to purchase weighted pellets, fabric in 3yd pieces of broadcloth or denim for inner blanket, fabric in 3yd pieces of fabric for the outer blanket, shipping/strapping tape, spool thread and bobbin thread (white or beige). Donations may be dropped off in advance to the offices at Delta Center or Beagle Elementary Schools. Questions: Contact Shari Burg burgs@glcomets.net or Gerri Guild gguild@eatonresa.org



Please be sure to read the pages below for even more fun events around the community!

St. Patrick's Day Parade with Meet & Greet @ the library

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Parade 2 p.m.
Meet & Greet 3 p.m.

Peter Rabbit will march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, then head over to the library for stories from our own 'Beatrix Potter' (Cindy Langenberg).

Great photo op - bring a camera!

Grand Ledge Area District Library
517.627.7014 grandledge.lib.mi.us

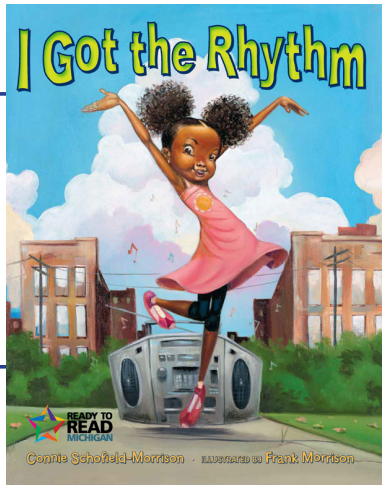
Everyday moments are learning moments

Literacy Celebration Stage Show & Activities

Musical Fun with Karen Bonnici

1:15 & 2:45 p.m.

Join us for a unique performance combining music and stories to tickle the funny bone presented by Karen Bonnici.



Book Reading

1:50 p.m.

A reading of *I Got the Rhythm* with Connie Schofield-Morrison and Frank Morrison. Brought to us by Ready to Read Michigan.

Sunday, March 18, 2018
1–3:30 p.m.

Hannah Community Center

819 Abbot Rd, East Lansing

Enjoy children's activities, music, storytelling and meet some of your favorite storybook characters: Pete the Cat, Clifford, Peter Rabbit, Rainbow Fish and Jane Yolen's Dinosaur.

Free book per family while supplies last.

Early Childhood Literacy Coalition members include: CACS Head Start, Capital Area District Libraries, Clinton Great Start, Delta Township District Library, DeWitt District Library, East Lansing Public Library, Eaton Great Start, Grand Ledge Area District Library, Ingham Great Start, Library of Michigan, WKAR/Ready to Learn and RIF Lansing.

Great Start

Early Childhood Literacy Coalition

Ready to Read Michigan

Find us on Facebook

Early Childhood Literacy Coalition

GRAND LEDGE HIGH SCHOOL

welcomes you to

The 25th Annual Putnam County

SPELLING BEE

MARCH 22-25, 2018

Thursday-Saturday at 7:30pm
Sunday at 2:00pm

PG-13

Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13

for tickets call 517-925-5895
or visit www.glmusicals.net

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

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.

Johnny Mac's
SPORTING GOODS
YOUR 'HOME TEAM' STORE

Grand Ledge Autism Awareness 2018

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. **Go to the online store at https://grandledgeautismawareness.itemorder.com**
2. **Choose your items and add them to your cart**
3. **Securely checkout with your credit card**

Online Store Deadline: **Sunday March 18th, 2018 (11:59pm EDT)**

Grand Ledge Autism Awareness Youth S/S Cotton Tee

$12.00

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Grand Ledge Autism Awareness L/S Youth Cotton Tee

$16.95

Grand Ledge Autism Awareness Cotton L/S Tee

$16.95

Grand Ledge Autism Awareness Hoodie

$27.00

Grand Ledge Autism Awareness Youth Hoodie

$25.00

Grand Ledge Autism Awareness Tri-Blend L/S Tee

$18.00

Grand Ledge Autism Awareness Tri-Blend Tee

$15.00

Grand Ledge Autism Awareness Ladies Tri-Blend Tee

$15.00

Twin City Autism Awareness Socks

$15.00

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Questions?
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http://www.johnnymacs.com/

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.

Eaton RESA Contacts:
Jennifer Eaglin, Early Literacy Specialist, jeaglin@eatonresa.org
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