

March, 2010 Newsletter

Grayling Elementary School
Rated a Grade A School Two Years in a Row!



Melissa's Message

March is Reading Month! Join in the fun with your kids. March 1st is the Kick-Off Assembly at 8:30. March 25th will be GES Reading Night 5:30 until 7:00. March 31st we will have Rock and Read Rally in our lobby throughout the day. Weekly Activities include Reading Rewards for one student in each

classroom every Friday for the most minutes read. The Classroom Reading Challenge is for each class to *Read Across the Solar System* with goals varying for each classroom depending on number of students. Every day each classroom will participate in DEAR (Drop Everything and Read). Several teachers will be

calling their students at home to see if they can "catch them reading". Join us in the celebration and share your love of reading with your children!

If you have questions about our school or would like to volunteer, please call me at 344-3600.

Melissa Stone

POPCORN!

Friday, March 12 & 26
50 cents per bag!

GES Dates to Remember 2009-10

Early release day March 5,
Student Records.

Spring Pictures: March 9

Vision & Hearing Screening
March 15-19

Parent Teacher Conferences:
March 17, 1-4:00. 1/2 day for
students

Reading Fun Night: March 25,
5:30-7:00

DARE Graduation: 5th Grade
only, March 26, 2:00

Spring Break. April 2-12.

4th Grade Choir Concerts:
April 19 & 20, 2:00

5th Grade Choir Concert:
April 22, 2:00

Jr. Deputy Graduation:
4th Grade only, May 20, 2:00

Picnic & Portfolio Day:
May 28th

Last day of School. 5th Grade
Graduation: June 10

Writers of the Month for February

Congratulations to the Writers of the Month this month! They are:

Fifth Grade:

Easton Farrell,
Jaxon Moyer,
Samantha DeVriendt, Megan Oppermann, and Skyler Robison

Fourth Grade:

Chris Brannam,
Katelynn Kowalski,

Brent Weismiller, Alyssa Cobb, Christian Deschene, and Teemu Garrity.

Third Grade:

Dana Trudgeon, Kara Sheehan, Emily Sajdak, Demario Brody-Harris, Eli Wright, and Charles Pelka.

Glen's, Spartan, Box Tops and Cambell's Soup Labels, etc.

Thank you to everyone who participated in any of the cash back for schools activities this year! We are very thankful for the extensive contributions we have received. This has allowed us to be sure to keep the little extras available for the students. In box tops alone we earned over \$1,600! We are able to purchase prizes for Reading Month in March, provide transportation for several field trips, ice cream for the writers of the month, and will be purchasing a better camera for recording the plays & concerts so that the dvd's you purchase are better quality. We will also be purchasing some items for the students to play with outside during recess in the spring. We have been able to do all of this and more thanks to your generous contributions.

Junior Deputy Begins in 4th Grade

Thanks to our liaison officer, Chase Barnett, with the assistance of our former liaison officer, Jason Alexander, Junior Deputy is ready for kick off. Beginning March 8th and lasting through May 20th, these officer have arranged for the following speakers to engage our students in these community services: MSP K-9—Tpr. Harold Terry; Snowmobile/Marine - Dep. Pendergraff, CCSO; No Smoking—SFC Roberta Williams, MI ARNG; MSP Crime Lab—F/S John Lucey, MSP; Internet Safety—Dep Alexander, CCSO, Central Dispatch—Dispatcher, Terry Nielson, CCCD; MMR—Matt Holcamp, MMR; Fire Department—Steve Eddie, GFD; Bullying— Dep Chase Barnett, CCSO; Sheriff's Office—Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, CCSO; and DNR—CO John Huspin, DNR.

Thanks to Kim Sptel, Julie Hickman, Shifrah Shippy, Chad Patterson, Stacie LaLonde, Cheryl Millikin and Donna Pratt for taking pictures at the Daddy Daughter Dance!

Reminder about New Immunization Requirements

The Health Department would like us to remind parents that there are new immunization requirements in effect for the 2010-11 school year for all children entering kindergarten, all sixth grade students, and all children changing school districts:

*2 doses of Varicella (VAR) vaccine or history of chickenpox disease

Required for all children 11 through 18 years who are changing school districts or who are enrolled in 6th grade:

*one dose of meningococcal vaccine (MCV or MPSV4)

*one dose of tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis (Tdap) if 5 years have passed since last dose of tetanu/diphtheria vaccine (DTaP, Td, DT).

Please see your physician or call the local health department for details.



Reading Fun Night will be held on March 25.

5:30—7:00 p.m.

This event is for students only.

Please bring your child into the building, sign them in and you can run errands or have some quiet time then pick them up at 7:00.

Kids' Night Out will take place at Grayling High School on March 19, 2010. Registration information available from Teresa Bonamie at the high school! 344-3512

Science Fair Results

Thank you to all who participated in the 2010 Science Fair! All students came away from the science fair with a deeper understanding of the scientific method. Congratulations to the following winners:

Third Grade:

Grand Champion—Gracie Lochinski

1st Place—Kayla Quick

2nd Place—Tyler Brandt & David Walsh

3rd Place—Demario Brody-Harris

4th Place—Andrew Reichelderfer

5th Place—Esabella Powers

Fourth Grade:

Grand Champion—Jensyn Moggo & Jaden Gauthier

1st Place—Madison Sptel, Jenna Shelp & Kaitlyn Padgett

2nd Place—Sam Davis & Carlie Wilson, Alyssa Cobb & Sara Piehl

3rd Place—Josh Schmidt & Teemu Garrity

4th Place—Andrew Hopkins & Ashdon Frisbee

5th Place—Isaac Chipman

Fifth Grade:

Grand Champion—Easton Farrell

1st Place—Cortney Hickman

2nd Place—Madeline Westfall

3rd Place—Troy Summers

4th Place—Brienna Shear

5th Place—Lyric Leas & Roger Walsh

Superintendent Awards go to: Brock Layman & Chad Hawley, Anna Fisher, Haley Kocefus & Madison Helsel, and Hailey Hartman & Ashley Vitale

Principal Awards go to : Theresa Gardiner, Rebecca Cheney & Tiffany Cook, and Amber Cook