



Grayside Family Gazette



January 2025

Hello Grayside Families!

I hope your winter break was relaxing and that you were able to spend some time with family and friends. This year at Grayside is one in which we want our students to be “Inspired” to learn and to set goals to guide their own learning. Goal setting and learning can take place at home as well. As parents and guardians, you are an inspiration to your children each and every day. We want to make sure to remind you about our Shared Reading program at Grayside this year. If you read together as a family for 15 minutes, on 15 days in February, the whole family will get a gift. As you plan your reading, know that making time to do something small like reading with a child, lets them know that you believe in them and it can inspire them to keep on learning. Here are some tips from Scholastic.com that can be used to support reading at home.

1. What’s “Just Right”? Children feel confident and competent when they read books that are “just right.” But how do you find a “just right” book? Have your child read the back and front cover, and the first page of the book. If there are more than five words that he cannot pronounce or understand in context, the book may be too challenging. Be supportive about finding a more perfect fit. Choosing the right book will help your little reader feel successful.
2. Card Tricks. Do you think effective reading only takes place at libraries and bookstores? Think again! There are reading opportunities everywhere. Go to a greeting card store with your child and read the cards together. Later, vote for the ones whose words convey the best birthday wish or just thinking of you sentiment.
3. Picture This! During your next outing or gathering, take action-packed photos, then have your child create captions to go with each picture. Assemble the pictures and captions in a picture book or album, and add speech and thought bubbles to create a personalized—and probably hysterical—graphic novel.
4. Last Comic Standing. Take time to read and enjoy comic strips together. Share favorites from your own childhood and have your child put their favorites on the fridge. Read them aloud, and often—repetition is a great way to build reading skills. Soon, your child will love looking forward to the “Sunday funnies” each week.
5. Become a Fan. Your reader will soon develop a love for particular authors and illustrators. Nurture their fan-ship by helping them write a letter to their favorite author. Many authors have their own websites with contact information. You can also contact the book’s publisher; the mailing address for which can often be found on the back of the title page or on the publisher’s website.

As we welcome a new year, we want to do a review of our PBIS expectations for our students. With the long winter break students may need a refresher on what our common expectations are for being safe, polite, accepting, responsible and kind at school.

A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Imhoff, the Grayside Staff, and the students for a truly delightful Holiday Concert performance. We would also like to thank all our Grayside families for their continuing support of our music programming here at Grayside.

Our next Family Fun Night will be The Fab Family Dance Party and Ice Cream Social. It will take place at West Side Elementary School on February 13th starting at 5:00 pm. We hope you can join us!

Enjoy the new year and know that, as always, we look forward to continuing to work with you! Please feel free to contact us at any time.

Sincerely,
Bobbi Steele

Upcoming Events

Jan. 1st

No School
No EASP

Jan. 2nd

Classes Resume

Jan. 17th

No School
No EASP

Jan. 21st

Parent/Teacher Conference
4-6:30p.m.
No EASP

Jan. 23rd

Parent/Teacher Conference
4-6:30p.m.
No EASP

Jan. 29th

Parent/Teacher Conference
4-6:30p.m.
No EASP

Lunch Account Information

Breakfast for students grades 3-5 are free and lunch is \$3.10. You are able to deposit money at the Grayside office by check or cash. If you would rather use a card you can do so at the District office. If you have any questions please contact Jenny Hagemann at 847-5451 ext. 6686.

When sending in lunch money please put it in a envelope or a zip lock baggie with your child’s name on it. Thank you.



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Family Shared Reading Program

The Family Shared Reading Program has been enjoyed by the students and their families.

There's no Shared Reading for the month of January.

Look for information to come for the February Shared Reading.

Reminder from the school nurse:

Please remember that if your child has ANY of the following: Fever >100, diarrhea, vomiting, your child needs to stay home for 24 hours SYMPTOM FREE before returning to school. The fever should be gone without the use of fever-reducing medications for 24 hours.

If your child is gone for more than 3 days in a row you would need a doctor's note to return to school.

If you have any questions, please contact Alyssa Holzberger, School Nurse at 847-5616 ext 2250.

When your child has an appointment please get a medical note from that appointment for your child's attendance.

Mauston Elementary PTC: Parents and Teachers for Children

The next PTC meeting will be Wednesday, February 5th at 3:45-4:45p.m. at the West Side Elementary in the teacher's work room. Parents are welcome.

Lost & Found

Please have your child check the Lost and Found tables in the front entryway for any of their missing clothing.

Reminders

Before School

For safety concerns please drop your child/children off in the morning in the circle drive at the front of the school. Please do not drop off in the front parking lot.

Attendance

Just a reminder school starts at 7:55a.m. Please call in your child to the attendance line by 8:45a.m. if your child will be absent for the day.
847-5616

Messages

If you need to get a message to your child before the end of the day please get the information to the office by 2:00p.m.

Dismissal

Just a reminder that school dismisses at 3:15p.m. If you're going to be late picking up your child please make arrangements with someone who can pick them up.

Thank you for your cooperation

