



# TIGER TALK

## NOVEMBER 1, 2013

### GOBLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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#### Elementary Events Calendar

Tuesday, November 5  
Parents Club Meeting  
7:00 Elementary Library

Wednesday, November 6  
Picture Make Up Day

Friday, November 8  
Student of the month assembly  
9:00 a.m.

Monday, November 11  
Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 13  
Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 15  
No School for Students  
Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, November 19  
Fundraiser Products Delivered

Tuesday, November 26  
Staff vs. Student  
Basketball Game  
2:00

Wednesday, November 27  
Thursday, November 28  
Friday, November 29  
No School  
Thanksgiving Break



#### *Fifth Grade To Participate in "Keep A CLEAR Mind" Program*

*Keep A CLEAR Mind is a take-home drug education program for kids and their parents sponsored by the Van Buren/Cass District Health Department. Research studies show that parent involvement is critical to preventing or reducing risky behaviors in children, including substance use (tobacco, alcohol, and drugs), and other harmful life choices. The program consists of four weekly lessons based on social skill training. Each lesson introduces a weekly topic and is followed by a sequence of five activities to be completed at home with a parent. Small incentives such as folders, stickers, and bookmarks are provided to students who return lessons.*



To Report an Absence  
Call the Attendance  
Line at  
628-6043  
Transportation  
628-5614  
Elementary School  
Hours  
8:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Check us out on the  
internet at  
[www.gobles.org](http://www.gobles.org)

#### **Entering the Building on School Days.**

For the safety and security of students, the following door schedule will be used:

#### **Exterior Door at Main Office**

Open 7:30 – 12:00  
Locked 12:00 – 1:00  
Open 1:00 – 4:00

#### **Student Services Office (Center of Building)**

Open 7:30 – 8:05  
Locked 8:05 – 12:00  
Open 12:00 – 1:00  
Locked 1:00 – 2:55  
Locked 3:25

**When entering the building, please use these doors and check into the nearest office.**

### Student Honored at Capital

**Nic Sheppard**, a fourth grade student at Gobles, was recognized and honored at the

Capital building in Lansing for his exceptional success on the WKA racing circuit. Nic was a guest of Aric Nesbitt and Bob Genetski. Nic was elected State Rep. from schools and for representing Michigan so proudly and consistently on the WKA racing circuit. Nic finished the 2013 racing season THIRD in the nation.

At the capital, Nic spent the morning looking at bills, meeting congressional members, signing pictures, taking tours, and being introduced in both the Senate and the House.



### Way to Go NIC!



Mrs. Ryder's Language Arts students have adopted pen pals at Meadow Woods Nursing Home. Each week, students send pictures, letters and even poetry to assigned residents. Several residents have responded with their own thank you letters stating how much they appreciated receiving the 5<sup>th</sup> grade letters. It is a great opportunity for students to do something kind for someone outside of our school and demonstrates the class philosophy of "Good things come to those who give Good things." One 5<sup>th</sup> grade students stated, "It feels great to know that a simple note or picture can brighten someone's day and make them smile."

### Gobles Students Participate in Math Contest

Math is fun! Especially when students get to compete with other students by completing educational math games on the computer. All 5<sup>th</sup> graders are signed up to compete in county-wide and global math contests through the SumDog website. Students will use some of their computer lab time to compete against their classmates, area schools, and students worldwide. Students are able to see immediately where they rank in the contest. Teachers can tailor the questions to each students individual needs and correlate questions to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Common Core Curriculum National Standards. Students have individual username/log in and can access the website at school and at home.

### Tales from the Pumpkin Patch

Rainbow Fish, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Olivia, Captain Underpants, Arnold, Clifford...these are only a few of the pumpkin creations that you will find displayed in our lobby showcases. Recently, each K-5 classroom was asked to choose a book character to read about, discuss, and then create using pumpkins donated by Harvest Moon Acres. Students jumped at the chance to be creative, celebrate reading, and bring their book characters to life! We hope you get the opportunity to take a peek and enjoy viewing our classroom projects.

A BIG thank you to Harvest Moon Acres (Gobles, Michigan) who donated pumpkins to our teachers and students to create pumpkin book characters!

