



GRANTFORK GAZETTE



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HOME OF THE PANTHERS

August 19,
2022

Upcoming Events

August

- 23 - Curriculum Night
4th - 6-6:30, 5th 6:45-7:15
- 30 - Mum orders/money DUE

September

- 1 - Pantherwear orders & money DUE
- 1 - Volunteer forms DUE
- 1 - Fall picture day
- 5 - NO School - Labor Day
- 21 - Early Dismissal - 2:20
- 23 - Half-day teacher in-service 11:50 dismissal

We always love this time of year! Freshly waxed floors, children with clean shoes, new backpacks & lots of smiling faces. Their bright eyes reflect our own feelings of excitement and anticipation. Another school year has officially begun!

Even with all the hectic things that go on in those first few days of school, it never seems to lose its magic. The students' energy echoes the enthusiasm of all teachers, staff and parents.

During the next several months we will challenge our students to reach their fullest potential, taking them to the next level. The rewards will outweigh the negative!

We as the faculty and staff appreciate the support of all our parents & hope that you all know that we are all working towards the same goal - success for your child!

We have a couple new faces this year at Grantfork. We would like to welcome our new Band/Music teacher, Mr. Matthew Polett! We also have a student teacher this year in Mrs. Luitjohan's class. Please welcome Kristen Galbiati, we are so excited to have her here & she will learn so much from some of the best teachers in the district!!

If at any time you have questions, or concerns, please let us know!



Check out the
calendar above for
important events!

Quote of the week:

"The difference between school and life?
In school you're taught a lesson, then
given a test. In life you're given a test that
teaches you a lesson!"

Tom Bodett

VIP Word for August: RESPONSIBILITY - knowing & doing the right thing!

CURRICULUM NIGHT:

Curriculum Night will be held on August 23rd in the gym, here at Grantfork. Fourth grade from 6:00 – 6:30 & fifth grade from 6:45 – 7:15. This is for parents – students do not need to attend.

This time is different than previous communication – please make note of it.

VOLUNTEER FORMS:

Volunteer forms came home at Back to School Night. If you would like to send in supplies or treats for parties, or help out with field day in the spring or teacher appreciation week in May, we would welcome that help!! Please fill yours out & **return it to school by September 1st.**

MUM FUNDRAISER:

Order forms are coming home today for our first fundraiser of the year! We are joining forces with Bloomers Botanicals & Landscaping to offer two sizes of mums! All orders and money are DUE by August 30th. Checks may be made payable to Grantfork Elementary! All profits from this fundraiser will be used to fund our AR point club program as well as classroom projects & incentives. We want to reward our kids with GREAT prizes for their reading & academic achievements. Last year's top AR winners received a new Chrome-book!



ABSENCES

If your child is absent, please call the office before 9am to let us know he/she is out & why. If we don't hear from you by 9, we are required by law to call you. If there is no contact made, that absence is considered unexcused!

If you take your child out on vacation, that requires approval from the principal – all work must be turned in the day your child returns to school.

Each student can miss 2 days per quarter without a doctor's note and still qualify for our Quadruple A Club, which is a quarterly reward. Any days after those 2, would require a doctor's note or funeral card to be considered excused for the purposes of Quad A.

All absences will still be part of the permanent record for each student, whether excused or unexcused & will show up on their report card.

Truancy is when a student has 5% or more unexcused absences.

PANTHER-WEAR:

Every Friday is spirit day & we encourage students & staff to wear their Panther gear. Order forms came home at Back to School Night. **All orders & money are DUE by September 1st.** Checks should be made payable to Grantfork Elementary!

TUMBLERS

We also have Grantfork Panther insulated tumblers for sale. They are \$15 each or 2 for \$20. If you'd like one, just email Mrs. Lutes. Checks can be made payable to Grantfork Elementary.

QUADRUPLE A CLUB

At Grantfork, we have an incentive program called Quadruple A Club. Students have the opportunity to earn the privilege to be part of the Quad A Club. Student eligibility will be determined based on four criteria:

Accountability (students can forget 2 times/quarter)

- Overdue library books
- Not returning permission slips, notes, report cards, midterms, etc by the due date

Achievement

- All "C's" and above on their report card

Attendance

- Missing two days or less during each quarter
- Absences due to quarantine or with a doctor/dentist note or funeral card do not count against AAAA.

Attitude

- Receiving "no outs" for the entire quarter

We have a "3 strikes = you're out" per week policy.

3 strikes = "out note".

1 strike = warning,

2 strikes = warning,

3 strikes = "out note" sent home for parent signature

Please remember this program is not used as a punishment, but as an incentive & reward.



SCHOOL STORE/REWARD-CESS:

On Monday afternoons, from 2:15 – 2:30, students have the opportunity to have an extra recess. During that time, we sell snacks at the "school store" out the Art room window. This is not linked in any way to your child's lunch account. They must have cash in hand – everything is \$50 cents or \$1.00. Below is a list of items & their prices:

Students may purchase 2 items – but not 2 of the same items. Students must have exact amount – we cannot make change!!

SCHOOL STORE PRICES

Gatorade	1.00
Popcorn	1.00
Cheez-its	.50
Goldfish	.50
Slim Jim	.50
Fruit snack	.50
Chips	.50
Big pickle	.50
Water bottle	.50

Remember – students need the exact amount – we cannot make change!

