

Perry Center Communicator



October & November Events!

October 1st -	Late Start - Full-day students start at 10:20 No school for AM kindergarten or AM Y5 students
October 6th -	7:00 Board of Education Meeting
October 13th -	6:30 Family Council Meeting
October 20th & 21st -	Picture Day
October 27th -	6:00 Y5 & Kindergarten PTO Meeting
October 31st -	Halloween Parades
November 3rd -	7:00 Board of Education Meeting
November 4th -	No School - Teacher Professional Learning Time
November 10th -	6:30 Family Council Meeting
November 17th -	7:00 Board of Education Meeting
November 18th -	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30
November 19th -	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30 1/2 day for students (11:27 dismissal) PM Young 5s & City School Regular Schedule
November 20th -	Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30 1/2 day for students (11:27 dismissal) PM Young 5s & City School Regular Schedule
November 21st -	1/2 day for students (11:27 dismissal) City School Regular Schedule No School - PM Young 5s
November 24th -	6:00 Y5 & Kindergarten PTO Meeting
November 26th -	1/2 day all students No School - PM Young 5s

Thoughts for October...

I can't believe that I'm already sitting down to write the October newsletter. The first month of school went by so quickly. I hope by now that your children are all settled into their new classroom, have learned about their new teacher and have adjusted to the new routine. Hopefully, you and your family have also slipped back into your good evening habits of talking about what took place at school each day. One tip I use is instead of asking, "How was school today?" is to ask them to tell you one thing they learned or to tell you about their day. The answers will amaze you!

It was great seeing many of you at our Curriculum Night, the City School Family Council meeting and the Young 5/ Kindergarten PTO meetings. I am always reminded of how dedicated and involved our

parents are. You should be proud of yourselves for making this investment in your child.

I'd like to take a minute to say thank you to all of our great custodians: Cathy, Carol, Elaine, Rodney and Tiffany who worked so hard all summer to make our building beautiful. Also to our Operations Director, JP Adams and his maintenance team including Art Leid. They helped make our landscaping, marquee and new floors a reality. Grand Blanc's maintenance and custodial team really outdid themselves this summer. Thank you to everyone!

As we start another year together I'd like to remind you that I always welcome phone calls or emails. If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions or thoughts about something please pick up the phone and call me personally at (810) 591-6077 or email me at tdale@grandblancschools.org

Important Phone Numbers

Perry Center Office

591-6078

Attendance Hotline

591-6080

Children's Garden

591-6083

Community Education

591-6088

Family Service Center

591-6082

Parents As Teachers

591-6135

I am really looking forward to getting to know you and working with you and your child this year!

Sincerely,
Tia M. Dale
Perry Center Director

Positive Behavior Support! You're a Star!



Grand Blanc Community School supports the Positive Behavior Support (PBS) program. This program encourages all buildings to have common expectations, teach behavioral expectations and have systems in place to reward those students who follow them. The Perry Center will continue the plan that was fully implemented last year. As a building, we are focusing on all students:

Being Safe
Being Responsible
Being Respectful

Students have had lessons on what it means to be safe, responsible and respectful in the classroom, cafeteria, hallway, bathroom and all other places in the school building. We are hopeful that this program will help us recognize and reward students for doing the right thing as well as to reduce incidents of bullying and misbehavior. All staff members at the Perry Center have talked with their students about being safe, responsible and respectful! We are taking it very seriously and the students are too! You can help at home by talking with your child about how they could be safe, responsible or respectful at home!

For rewards, students can earn **"You're a Star!"** tickets if someone finds them being safe, responsible or respectful. Once a child earns a ticket, they bring it to the office in exchange for a note to go home to you so you can reward and praise them for doing a great thing. Student's names will go into a drawing to lead the whole school in the Pledge of Allegiance on Fridays.

Students are very excited about earning tickets. If your child brings home a letter stating they were a "Star" today ask them about it. What did they do? Were they being safe, responsible or respectful. Talk about what it means to be safe, responsible and respectful at home too. If we all use the same words and expect the students to act this way they will rise to the occasion. If you have any questions about the Positive Behavior Support program or the You're a Star tickets please give us at call at (810) 591-6078. Watch for your ticket notices coming home soon! We know each student can meet our expectations ~ they are all Stars!

Security Information

We have again issued a building security tag for easy pick up & drop off of your child. Here is how the tag works:

If you would like to walk your child to the classroom instead of signing in as a visitor you will show the hall monitor your security tag and will be allowed up to the room. The tag allows us to recognize you as a parent or guardian of one of our students. Tags are customized for easy identification.

If you forget your tag you will be asked to sign in and given a visitor badge for use during your visit.

If you are volunteering in your child's classroom we will ask that you sign in because we keep track of how many hours we have parent volunteers. We traditionally log thousands of volunteer hours and we like to brag about it so we keep close track! Thanks to everyone who helps!

If you need an additional tag you can get an extra by coming in to the main office.

Thank you for the cooperation in helping to keep our students and staff safe. If you have any questions about the security tags or just a building question please call 591-6078 and we'd be happy to help you!



Halloween Parades!

Halloween Parades will be held on Friday, October 31st. Students should bring (not wear) their costumes to school. Please keep in mind as you are helping your child pick a costume that all costumes should be appropriate for school—please no weapons, blood/gore, or very scary costumes at school.

AM Only Students—9:15 parade in gym
PM Only & All Day Students—1:15 parade in gym

The parade will begin upstairs and make its way down into the gym ~ all parents should wait in the gym for the parade to arrive. Moving the parade to the gym has been a big hit ~ it makes it much easier to see everyone!

Details about classroom parties will be coming home in each teacher's classroom newsletters.

Thank you for your help in making it a safe Halloween Parade for all students!

Youth Leader Wanted!

We are looking for a Youth Advisory Council leader. The YAC meets 1-2 times monthly, after school with students to discuss student activities, community service projects and to teach students about leadership. This role is similar to a Student Council Advisor and you will be trained on how to be successful in the role.

The YAC leader will be compensated \$12.50 per hour but must be fingerprinted and pass a background check.

If you are interested in this position please call Tia Dale directly at 591-6077 or email her at tdale@grandblancschools.org



October 1st

All Perry Center students will start school at 10:20.

Morning bus pick up times will be adjusted by 2 hours and 20 minutes.

There is NO AM Kindergarten or AM Young 5s class.



Student Medication Reminder!

Just a reminder that ALL student medications (prescription & non-prescription) should be stored in the main office. Students should not have medication in their backpack, on the bus or in their lockers unless this has been previously arranged through the office.

The main office is open daily from 7:30-4:00 and can be brought in anytime during those hours.



Grand Blanc Community School's Wellness Policy

Grand Blanc Schools are committed to helping children become healthy and active. Our Board of Education policy states that food served outside of our school lunch program will not sell foods with no nutritional value, all beverages will be sold in single serving sizes 20 oz. or less, no more than 50% of a program's food items can be candy and all snacks should meet a standard single serving size. Additionally, we are asking parents to consider sending healthy snacks or non-food treats for birthdays and classroom parties.

If you have any questions or would like to see the full Local Wellness Policy please call 591-6078 and we'd be happy to help!



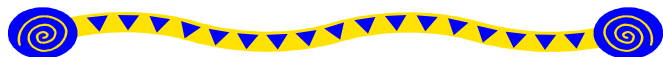
City School Family Council Meetings

Want to be involved in making decision about the events, fundraisers, activities that take place at your child 's school?

Mark your calendar for the following dates:

Monday, October 13th
Monday, November 10th
Monday, December 8th
Monday, January 5th
Monday, February 9th
Monday, March 9th
Monday, April 20th
Monday, May 11th
Monday, June 8th

All meetings start at 6:30 and are held in the Perry Paradise Room.



Young 5s & Kindergarten PTO Meetings

Now is your chance to get involved in the school with your Young 5 or Kindergarten student. There are many opportunities to help in the classroom, raise money for field trips and much more. Please join us for the meetings below. All meetings start at 6:00 and are in the Perry Paradise Room.

Monday, October 27th
Monday, November 24th
Monday, December 15th
Monday, January 12th
Monday, February 2nd
Monday, March 16th
Monday, April 27th
Monday, May 18th

Dear Parents,

Box Tops offer three easy ways to earn money for City School:

Clip — Clip Box Top coupons from hundreds of participating products and send them to school.

Shop — Shop at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops Marketplace (btfe.com/marketplace). Up to 8% of each qualifying purchase is automatically donated to our school. There is no additional cost to your purchase and many exclusive deals and discounts can be found!

Buy books — Purchase books online at Barnes & Noble through the Box Tops Reading Room. Our school will receive 6% of your new book purchases and 3% of all other online purchases.

One of the easiest ways you can help is to sign up to support our school at btfe.com. You will learn about new and easy ways to help our school earn the extra cash it needs.

Exclusive Web Benefits:

See how much our school is earning with Box Tops

Enter online promotions for chances to win Bonus Box Tops

Print money-saving coupons for your favorite Box Tops brands

If you have any questions please e-mail me at hmm525@sbcglobal.net

Please turn in your box-tops at the office. The deadline for October submission is October 29th, 2008 at 3:00 pm.

Sincerely,
Leslie McGue (Box Tops Coordinator)



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