

# Graham's Good News



January 28, 2011

Graham School's instructional focus: **To Comprehend I must read carefully, listen closely, understand fully, and respond thoughtfully.**



## Dates to Remember

February 1  
**School Improvement- NO SCHOOL**

February 11  
**Lincoln's Birthday- NO SCHOOL**

February 14  
**PARENT/TEACHER  
CONFERENCES- NO SCHOOL**

February 17  
**Kindergarten Information Night**

February 28-11  
**ISAT Testing**

March 7  
**Pulaski Day- NO SCHOOL**

March 18  
**End of Third Quarter 2:00 Dismiss**

April 1  
**2:00 Dismissal**

April 5-25  
**NO SCHOOL- Spring Break**

### A Note From the Principal

Hello All

I am so very excited to tell you about the wonderful experiences we have had at Graham School since returning from winter break. Our 2nd quarter awards ceremony was wonderful. It was a chance to recognize the hard work of many of our students we had students who earned recognition for perfect attendance during 2nd quarter, for meeting or exceeding expectations on their math facts test, for turning in their weekly reading logs, for being good citizens all quarter, and for completing their winter reading. We were able to recognize a total of 228 students which is 84% of our students for their hard work. We are very proud of our boys and girls.

We had a total of 111 students who completed their winter reading challenge. As a result we were able to take all of these boys and girls to Barnes and Noble to choose a book for their at home reading library. We have many wonderful readers. Thank you for helping to build the love of reading in your child.

Graham School also hosted a fabulous Jazzy Dad's breakfast yesterday. We had a total of 117 gentlemen who joined a Graham School student for breakfast. A great time was had by all. I look forward to our our Magnificent Mom's breakfast in May.

Thank you for being Graham School supporters and attending our activities as well as helping your children. Please remember to have them READ, READ, READ each and every day.

Parent/Teacher  
Conference



## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Second Semester Parent/Teacher Conferences are approaching. On Monday, February 14 we will be scheduling conferences between 12-7. Teachers will be sending home times for each student soon, so please be on the lookout.

## COLD AND FLU SEASON

This is the time of year when we start receiving questions concerning when a child should be home due to illness. Your child will need to stay home or go home from school if he or she:

- ❖ Has a fever of 100.4°F or greater
- ❖ Is vomiting
- ❖ Has diarrhea
- ❖ Is in the first 24 hours of antibiotic treatment
- ❖ Has a rash with a fever
- ❖ Is extremely tired and unable to participate in learning
- ❖ Has a sore throat with fever/swollen glands
- ❖ Has excessive/disruptive coughing
- ❖ Has ear pain/discharge
- ❖ Has drainage from one or both eyes



Your child may return to school when he or she:

- Has been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication
- Has had no significant vomiting, nausea, diarrhea for 24 hours
- Has had no significant cough or sore throat for 24 hours
- Can eat or drink normally
- Is rested and alert for learning
- Has a note from the healthcare provider stating the child may return

Illness prevention is key. It is important that all of us keep our hands clean by washing with soap and warm water frequently and especially before eating, before preparing food, and after using the restroom. Covering coughs and sneezing will prevent the spread of germs.

### BOX TOPS CONTEST

Graham School is setting a yearly goal of collecting 25,000 box tops. We will be having a monthly contest. The classroom with the most box tops at the end of each month will receive a special prize. So make sure to collect your box tops and turn them in to your classroom teacher!



### **REMINDER about DENTAL examination requirements:**

**All current Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade** students are required to show proof of a dental examination by May 15. The Proof of School Dental Examination Form is to be completed by your child's dentist. Proof of a dental exam performed on or after November 15, 2009 will be accepted. If you have an appointment scheduled after May 15, please submit proof of that appointment by May 15. It is my pleasure to serve you and your students.

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