

# Graham's Good News



March 1, 2011

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



## Dates to Remember

**March 8-18**  
ISAT Testing

**March 7**  
Pulaski Day- NO SCHOOL

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

**March 24**  
Spring Musical/ Book Fair

**April 6**  
2:00 Dismissal

**April 7-25**  
NO SCHOOL- Spring Break

**April 25**  
Teacher Institute Day- NO SCHOOL

## A Note from the Principal

Hello All

It is hard to believe that we are beginning the month of March. We are nearly 3/4 of our way through the school year. There is still so much to accomplish the remainder of the year. The next big undertaking for Graham School will be the administration of the ISAT test. Next week we will be administering the ISAT test to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. This test measures the progress students are making towards the Illinois Learning Standards. Each 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade student will take 3 reading tests and 3 math tests. Fourth grade will also be taking 2 additional science tests. Each test session takes about 45 minutes.

Graham School will be testing March 8-11 in the morning with make-up tests taking place in the afternoons, or the week of March 14-18.

We have been working hard all year long to prepare the students for this test. This is the opportunity for our Graham School All Stars to shine bright.

Friday, March 4 we will be holding a special kick-off assembly during morning meeting to motivate students to do their best. Parents are invited to attend this assembly.

Please make sure your child gets a good night sleep and arrives to school on time. Please make every effort to schedule appointments in the afternoon or after school.

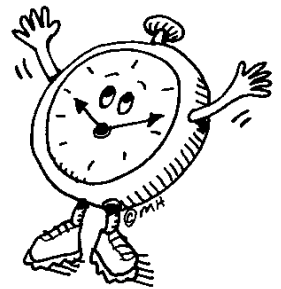
Thank you for taking the time to help your child be more successful.

# SNOW DAYS

We will have our Emergency Weather Make Up days on April 4, 5, 6 and June 9. Please note this will change when our Spring and Summer Breaks starts. These do count as mandatory attendance days for your child.

## Tardy Reminders

School starts at 8:25 am. If your child enters the building after 8:30 am, you will need to escort them to the office and sign them in. Tardy students must receive a pass to proceed to class. Every tardy after the 3rd unexcused tardy, the student will serve a lunchtime detention. Please make sure your child is at school and on time in the morning. Every minute counts towards their instructional time.

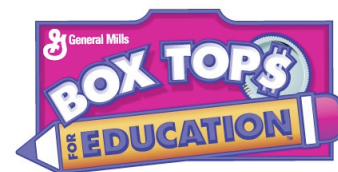


## Pepsi Caps

Graham School will be participating in the Pepsi cap collection. Pepsi products which contain the special yellow community cares cap is worth \$.05 to Graham Elementary School. What a great and easy way to help our school raise additional funds for student and teacher use. Please send your caps to school between March 1-April 30.

## 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...

Graham School teaches from bell to bell. Please do not pick your children up from school early or drop them off late unless they have a doctors appointment. When they are late or leave early they are missing lessons and directions. Thank you for your cooperation.