

# Graham's Good News



February 28, 2012

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



## Dates to Remember

**February 29**

Picture Day

**March 5**

Casimir Pulaski Day  
NO SCHOOL

**March 15**

Graham School and  
Westminster Presbyterian  
Reading Night  
4:30-6:00

**March 16**

End of Second Quarter  
2:00 Dismissal

**March 22**

K-2 Spring Musical 6:30  
Book Fair -5:00

## A Note from the Principal

Dear Graham Families

Next week all 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade students will be taking the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT). This is a high stakes test that assesses your child's mastery of the Illinois Standards and benchmarks. The teachers and students have been working hard all year long to prepare your child for this test.

All students will be testing Tuesday, March 6th-Tuesday, March 13th. Each student will take 3 reading tests and 3 math tests. Fourth grade students will also take 2 science tests.

You can help your child start his testing day off well by making sure they get a good nights sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, arrive to school on time, and encourage them along the way.

Thursday, March 1st, parents are invited to attend an ISAT information luncheon with their child. You will learn about test taking tips and hints, get to experience an ISAT practice test, pick a RIF book with your child, and eat lunch with them. The program will run from 11:15-12:15. Please send back the ISAT reservation form, or call the school to let us know if you will be able to attend. I look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Siltman



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## YEARBOOKS

Don't miss out on your chance to get a Graham School yearbook.

Yearbooks will be \$13.00/each, checks need to be made out to Graham School. Please see Mrs. Day in the main office for order forms.

**Get your orders in by March 21 to guarantee your copy of**

**the first Graham School Yearbook!**



**Yearbook**

## Dismissal Reminders

Graham School dismisses at 3:00. Please make sure to pick up your child(ren) at 3:00. If you cannot make it here by 3:00, please consider SCOPE as an after school alternative.

If your child is a car rider, please come to the fence on the playground to pick them up.

Please keep in mind when driving down Cook Street in front of the school, that there are children present, so please obey the posted speed limit signs.

Also a reminder there is no smoking on school grounds while waiting for dismissal. Thank you for helping keep our children safe and happy after school.



## Picture Day

Spring Picture Day has been rescheduled for February 29. There is **no money** due at picture time, but you must fill out a form to select the backdrop for your child's picture. Selection forms will be sent home on Tuesday, February 28. **Students do not have to wear uniform on Picture Day.**

## ISAT Luncheon

Join Us on Thursday,  
March 1st  
11:15-12:15  
for an ISAT informational luncheon for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade parents.  
**Help your child get the best start on the ISAT!**

- ~Eat lunch with your child
- ~Learn tips and hints for testing days.
- ~Pick out a RIF book with your child

