

Graham's Good News



November 19, 2010

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



Dates to Remember

Wednesday, November 24

60 min Early Dismissal

Thursday & Friday November 25&26

NO SCHOOL- THANKSGIVING

Friday, December 17

2:00 Dismissal/

End of Second Quarter

December 20 - January 10

Winter Break

NO SCHOOL

January 17

NO SCHOOL

February 1

NO SCHOOL

February 11

NO SCHOOL

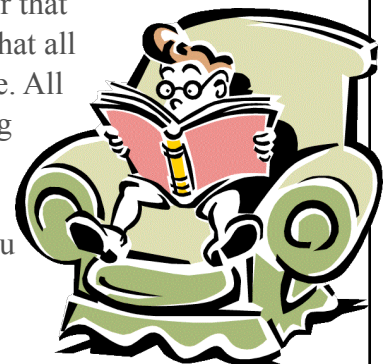
A Note From the Principal

Hi All!

What a wonderful evening we had at Graham School last night. The 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders performed a wonderful musical entitled Feeling Good and F.I.T. This tied very nicely to our new CATCH program and Fresh Fruit and Vegetable grant. We also celebrated Family Reading Night by letting each student in attendance choose a book to take home. Those students who were not able to attend last night received their book today. Providing students with books is a great way to help build strong reading skills and a strong comprehension background. As you know comprehension is the instructional focus at Graham School. As your child is reading ask them to tell you about what they read. This will work on their memory skills which is important when reading and remembering what they read.

Last week we did a school wide progress monitoring program. We were very impressed with the progress our students are making in reading. We have many students who have made great gains this school year. We are attributing this to the great instruction they are getting during the day and to all the reading that you have having them complete at home. Just a reminder that at Graham School it is an expectation that all students are reading each week at home. All K-2 students should be reading or being read to 60 minutes a week and all 3-5 students should be reading or being read to 90 minutes per week. Thank you for your support.

Mrs. Siltman



2:00 Early Dismissal

Graham School will be dismissing at 2:00 on Wednesday, November 24. Please make arrangements for the early pick up or additional after school care. Students must be picked up no later than 2:15. Thank you and enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday.



TALENT NEEDED!

The Family and Community Engagement Team is looking for a musician to volunteer to play background jazz music during the Jazzy Dad's breakfast on January 27th. If you know of anyone, please contact the school. Thanks for your help.



Dress Code Reminder

The cold weather is coming and after fall break students should not be wearing shorts. Please make sure your your child is wearing a coat so they are comfortable when they go outside for recess!

Dismissal

As you are aware we have changed dismissal procedures. This was done because we had car rider students exiting at the front of the building and at the back of the parking lot. There was also not enough parking in the parking lot after it was re-done. So, all car riders are now held on the playground. We are asking parents to please find a parking place in the parking lot or along Cook Street. Please exit your cars and come to the playground to get your child. Please walk them to your car through the cross walk where we have a crossing guard. This change was implemented for the safety of your child.

Please remember school dismisses sharply at 3:00. Please make every effort to be on time to pick up your child. If you will be late please call the office so we can notify your child and their teacher.



HELP WANTED

Parents to serve on our Family and Community Engagement Team (F.A.C.E). If you are interested please contact Vykye Johnson 525-3220.

Reminder...

If your child will not be in school, please call the school at 525-3220 by 9:00 a.m. to leave a message regarding your child's absence as well as the reason.