

# Graham's Good News



December 3, 2010

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



## Dates to Remember

Friday, December 17  
**2:00 Dismissal/**  
End of Second Quarter

December 20 - January 10  
**Winter Break- NO SCHOOL**

January 17  
**MLK. JR. Day- NO SCHOOL**

February 1  
**School Improvement- NO SCHOOL**

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

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

March 1-11  
**ISAT Testing**

March 7  
**Pulaski Day- NO SCHOOL**

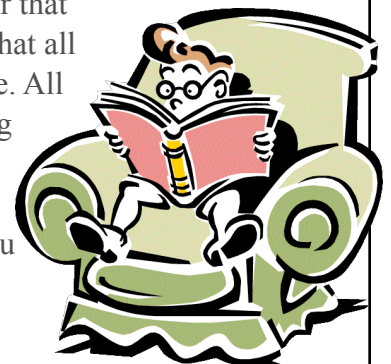
### A Note From the Principal

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



### 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.



### 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.

### 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.

### 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.