

GRANT ELEMENTARY

August 1, 2016

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! We are so excited to welcome back our Great Grant Eagles and get to know our new community members. Together, the Grant staff and you, will continue to make Grant a place where students can grow emotionally, socially and academically. Thank you for entrusting your most valuable asset, your children, to us. We look forward to another successful year.

Parking and Safety for the students coming and going home from school:

The students' safety is still one of our main concerns. Please allow enough time in the morning and after school to safely drop-off and pick up your students. This is a reminder as to where you can park or drop-off students.

On 10th street, there are 4 types of parking. The blue color represents handicap only, the white represents loading and unloading of passengers (**Grant's designated drop-off and pick-up zone**), the yellow is for freight loading and can be used for drop-off and pick-up, and the green is 15-minute parking.

On 11th street, there are only green curbs, which represent 15-minute parking.

Jackson Street has the bus zone and the white, loading and unloading of passengers zone.

All curb space will be enforced between the hours of 7am - 4pm. Please help us to make this efficient by having your children ready to exit when you park and by having them only exit on the left side to avoid traffic. **This area is not for parents who plan on getting out of their car.**

Before-school drop-off and After-school pick-up:

To continue to ensure the safety of our students, it is very important that every student is dropped off during supervisory hours and is picked up on time or has a place to go after school. Our campus has supervision beginning at 7am. All students dropped off before 7:30am need to be in the cafeteria. If you are going to be late to pick up your student, please call the office to notify us. All students not picked up on time will be in room F-17, awaiting an adult to pick them up.

Grant Elementary Behavior Expectations "GRANT EAGLES CARE":

Grant has implemented a school wide behavior expectation program. During the 1st weeks of school, we will be reviewing and teaching our students these behavior expectations. Our matrix is included in this mailing. Please review these expectations with your children before the 1st day of school to support our efforts in providing your children a positive climate where they can learn and thrive.

School Uniform policy:

Grant is a uniform school and many parents are following the expectations that students come in uniform everyday. A school wide effort will continue to be in place to support this policy at Grant. We are getting support from the Assistance League and will have the capability to provide uniforms for those families who need help. Please call the school office if you need financial assistance with the uniform.

Grant does have some specialty uniform pieces for purchase in the office such as Grant Eagle t-shirts, sweatshirts and sweatpants.

The uniform consists of the following options:

*Navy blue and Khaki long pants, skirts, jumpers or walking shorts (boys' and girls' styles)

*White, blue, hunter green polo shirts

The pants, shorts, and shirts may be purchased at any retail store and be of any material.

Parent visitor and volunteer passes:

It is important that all adults on campus go to the office and sign in. You will be given a Volunteer/Visitor sticker to wear at all times, while you are on campus. Students need to be able to recognize who are Grant parents and community members. We want our students to be safe from strangers.

Supply list:

Grant is providing a list of supplies that would be appreciated by your child's teacher at the beginning of the school year. If you are able to support our needs it would be greatly be appreciated. Thank you.

GRANT OFFICE HOURS

The Grant office will be open beginning Wednesday, August 10 from 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The school's phone number is 535-6227.

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENT: Room assignments will be posted on the walls outside the office and on the back of the school on Tuesday, August 16, at 5:00 PM. Please be prepared that we will have combination classes this year and did our best to ensure those students placed in these classes will succeed.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL is Wednesday, August 17. Please have your child line up at the circle area, on the blacktop, behind their classroom number. We will start the first morning of every school week with an outdoor assembly on the blacktop at 7:53 AM. Please do join us at the morning assembly.

WELCOME TO SCHOOL COFFEE:

You are invited to a "Welcome to School Coffee" on the first day, Wednesday, August 17, at 8:15 AM in the school cafeteria. Please come for coffee, treats, to meet the principal, and to learn how you can be involved at Grant School. This is for 1st through 5th grade parents.

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SCHOOL HOURS:

Kindergarten:	8:00 AM - 2:06 PM	*Tuesday dismissal at 12:30 PM.
Grades 1,2,3:	8:00 AM - 2:06 PM	*Tuesday dismissal at 12:30 PM.
Grades 4,5:	8:00 AM - 2:15 PM	*Tuesday dismissal at 12:30 PM.

***Please note: THE FIRST EARLY TUESDAY WILL BE TUESDAY, August 23.**

NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCES - IMPORTANT: If your child will be absent on the first day of school, you must call the office at 535-6227. Any time your child is absent it is important that the school be notified immediately.

TRANSPORTATION: If you have any questions about transportation and bus schedules, please call 535-6185.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INFORMATION:

You should have received information on Free/Reduced/Paid school lunches from the district office.

A new application must be filled out each year, even if your child received a free or reduced lunch last year. PLEASE FILL OUT THIS APPLICATION EVEN IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT EAT IN THE CAFETERIA. Please call Food Services at 535-6021, if you have not received an application or stop by the school cafeteria.

BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served from 7:15 to 7:50 AM. Breakfast costs are: Full price: \$1.75. Reduced: 30 cents.

LUNCH : Lunch costs are: Full price: \$2.75; reduced .40 cents.

Calendar of events for August and September:

August 19: PTA sponsored Family Movie Night- 8pm on the grass

Be prepared to learn more about parent roles at Grant and enjoy a movie.

Free nachos, soda or water, and popcorn for parents who join PTA for a nominal membership fee of 5 dollars. Please help support Grant's PTA.

August 17: First day of school

August 23: First early release Tuesday

Reminder: No school on September 5th

September 6: Back to School Night 6-7:30pm.

September 16: Parent meeting (PTA, 2nd cup of coffee, SSC, SELAC) 8:15am
(parent meetings are every third Friday of every month)

Reminder: No school from October 3rd-7th

Altered dismissal days:

12:30 dismissal time on Nov. 23 and June 8

12:15 dismissal time on Oct. 31- Nov. 4 and March 16-17

12:30 dismissal time on Tuesdays from Aug. 23- May 30 (except: Nov. 8, Nov. 22 and June 6)

Sincerely,

Paulette Zades, Principal

Remember: First day of school is Wednesday, August 17.

