

Grant Elementary School

Building tomorrow's leaders one student at a time

From the Office.....

During the month of April students in grades 2-5 will be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. Testing will take place April 11-15. It is important that students receive the proper amount of sleep and are encouraged to do their very best on these tests.

Science Fair competition took place Friday March 25. This is an outstanding event sponsored by Stanley Consultants. Grant was well represented in this competition by Fifth Graders from Mrs. King's and Mrs. Ziegenhorn's class's.

Participation: Jackson Livermore, Jacob Petersen, Sam Reinier

Honorable Mention: Moriah Morter, Joshua Hutton, Garrett Mueller,



3rd place team biological: Lauren Kundel and Lauren Brady

3rd place team Physical: Paige Miller and Maddy Beik

3rd place biological: Joe Morrison

1st place team biological: Kendi Jones and Kortney Kuhlenbeck

Becky Wichers and Jason Wester

Important Upcoming Dates

April 5	Fourth Grade Internet and Cell Phone Safety Assembly
April 6	Fifth Grade Internet and Cell Phone Safety Assembly
April 11-15	Iowa Test of Basic Skills Grades 2-5
June 3rd	Field Day @ noon
June 6th	1:00 p.m. 5th grade recognition
June 7th	Last day of school 1:30 dismissal

What's New in the Classroom....

ITBS testing information by Grade Level. Teachers are currently collaborating to put together the grade level testing schedule.

MUSCATINE SCHOOLS			ITBS TEST
GIVEN GRADES 2-5, APRIL 11-15, 2011			
NO TEST GIVEN IN GRADES 1			
CONTENT	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	4 th and 5 th Grade
READING TESTS	Vocabulary	Vocabulary	Vocabulary
	Word Analysis	Reading Comprehension	Reading Comprehension
	Reading: 1 st Period	Word Analysis	
	Reading: 2 nd Period		
MATH TESTS	Math Concepts	Math Concepts and Estimation	Math Concepts and Estimation
	Math Problems	Math Problem Solving and Data Interpretation	Math Problem Solving and Data Interpretation
	Math Computations	Math Computations	Math Computations
SCIENCE TESTS	No Science Test Given	Science	Science

Looking Ahead to Next Year

Transfer Requests for Next Year

If your child was previously approved for a school transfer to Grant, he or she is automatically approved for the coming year, and you do not need to fill out a form. There are a couple of exceptions:

- If you have moved into a new school attendance area and still want your child to attend Grant, you will need to fill out a transfer request form.
- If your child is a fifth grader and you want your student to attend a middle school that is not your attendance area, you will need to fill out a transfer request form.

Kindergarten Round Up...

The Muscatine Community School District is conducting its annual kindergarten / preschool registration. Registration will be held from 8am to 7pm on Thursday, April 7. The event will take place at the Administration Building which is located at 2900 Mulberry Avenue. Parents are asked to bring immunization cards and birth certificates. Incoming kindergarteners must be five by September 15, 2011.

On Friday, April 29, incoming kindergartners and their parents will participate in the kindergarten visit. Both parents and

Upcoming Assembly...

On April 5 and 6 the Fourth and Fifth Grade students will attend an assembly in the Grant Media Center on **Internet and Cell Phone Safety**. Detective Tovar from the Muscatine Police Department will be presenting to the students about the safe way to use these 21st Century Tools. Parents please take the opportunity in the evening to talk to your child about what was discussed at this assembly

From the Nurse...

During the months of April and May, the school nurse will be presenting updated health curriculum to grade 2-5. The lessons are part of the Human Growth, and Development Curriculum and have been approved by the Board of Education.

Second graders will view the video, "Happy, Healthy, Drug-Free Me." This video talks about behaviors and feelings that promote good self-esteem as well as the health consequences of alcohol and tobacco.

"Exercise is Good for You," will be presented to the third graders. This video teaches students about the Food Pyramid and the importance of exercise. School Nurses want students to get excited about exercising and developing healthy habits.

The focus of fourth grade is "Blood Borne Pathogens and Other Traveling Germs." This video reinforces good hand washing habits and teaches safety in situations where blood may be involved. (i.e. sports or playground injuries, nosebleeds, etc.)

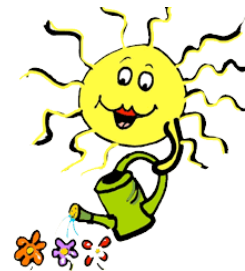
Fifth graders will view a brief video entitled, "Immune System: Doing Its Part". Information will be provided to students about how our body fights off viruses(including AIDS) and disease, and what causes allergies.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the videos or would like your child excluded from the class, please call me on Tuesday or Thursday at 263-7005.

With Healthy Regards,
Teresa Kulick RN
School Nurse

Requests for Next Year

Requests for next year's teachers are being accepted. Please submit a letter or email to Mrs. Wichers explaining the request and rationale by May 3. Your input will be considered when making class assignments.



children will be invited to attend this special event. Current kindergartners will not attend school on this day.

PTO Notes...

Thank you to all those that came out and showed your support for our school during the Pizza Ranch fundraiser. In three hours we raised over \$400! The PTO would also like to thank the many families and individuals that helped staff the evening.

Watch for information from the PTO regarding Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2-6.

