

Grant Elementary School

Building tomorrow's leaders one student at a time

From the Office.....

March is a busy month at Grant for both students and families. Spring Conferences will be held March 8 and 10 with No School on March 11. If you have not already been contacted with a conference time please call and setup a conference with your child's teacher. This is a great way to create a two-way flow of communication that will enhance your child's classroom experience. Spring Break will be held March 14-18. Students participating in Band will perform in the All City Band Concert on Thursday March 24 @ 7:00 pm in MHS Gym. This is a great opportunity to observe the progress made by the students participating in band this year. Jump Rope for Heart is also being



held during March. All 2-5 grade students will be doing jumping and jump rope activities in class during the week of March 21-25. Fundraising packets will be available for those students interested starting next week (Feb. 28-March 4). Fundraising packets with money raised due back in office the week of March 21-25.

Becky Wichers and Jason Wester

Important Upcoming Dates

3/8 and 3/10 - Spring Conferences

3/9 - Student Council Sponsored Ugly Sweater Day

3/11 - No School

3/14 , 3/18 - Spring Break

3/23 - PTO Pizza Ranch Night 5-8 pm

What's New in the Classroom....

IOWA CORE CURRICULUM

Every student in Iowa deserves an education that helps them succeed in today's global economy. The Iowa Core (IC) delivers that education. IC is a statewide effort to improve teaching and learning that all Muscatine students engage in rigorous and relevant curriculum.



What is Rigor and Relevance?

Rigor and relevance means high expectations for ALL students. Essential elements of rigor and relevance are listed below:

- deep understanding
- development and expression of ideas
- connections to the real world

- challenging and engaging work
- higher order thinking skills

What are the five characteristics of Effective Instruction?

- Student-Centered Classroom
- Teaching for Understanding
- Assessment
- Rigor and Relevance
- Teaching for Learner Differences

The Art of Science of Teaching, by Robert Marzano

How will Iowa Core impact my child?

- Improve the education of your child by:
 - creating connections between the real world and school
 - encouraging a deeper understanding of knowledge and skills

- providing children with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed when they leave Muscatine Community Schools.
- enhancing student engagement in their learning experiences

How will Iowa Core's Twenty-First century skills impact my child?

Today's education must prepare students for a world that does not yet exist. Thus, the Iowa Core addresses the future needs of today's children in the following areas:

- Citizenship
- Employee skills (i.e., communication, leadership, cooperation)
- Financial literacy (i.e., wants vs. needs, credit)
- Healthy choices
- Technology

PTO Notes

Another successful Grant Winter Carnival is in the books. Thank you to the many Grant families that showed support during our preparations and during the night of. Many happy little faces were seen roaming the halls and it would not have been possible without the help of the volunteers that came forward in a variety of ways. We are in the process of wrapping up the financial end of the carnival and should have more information about that at our March PTO meeting. Thank you to all of our volunteers!



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the carnival and
Again a HUGE

Excellence in Education....

The Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust has provided Muscatine opportunity to present twenty seniors with \$2750 scholarships and ten with \$1000 scholarships. Five awards are also available for teachers, administrators, and support staff. Nomination forms are available at all Muscatine Schools, the Administration Center, Musser Public Library, MCC Library, and on the district's web site at <http://www.muscatine.k12.ia.us/forms.htm>. Nominations must be postmarked by February 28, 2011. Selections will be announced by April 6. A program honoring the students and staff will be held on Sunday, May 15 at the Clarion Hotel (formerly-Holiday Inn), followed by a reception. The community is invited. For further information, please contact Jan Collinson at the Muscatine Schools Administration Center (263-7223) or by email (jlcollin@muscatine.k12.ia.us).

Schools with the
eighth-grade students

*High achievement always takes place in the
framework of high expectation.*

~ Jack Kinder

From the Nurse....

“THE FEVER”

Many of the district's schools have had a large amount of students home sick due to a FEVER.

A fever is an elevation of temperature above the normal range of 98–100 °F.

With this fever we are seeing a stomachache or headache, which is lasting approximately 3 days.

Many concerned parents are asking, “Should I call the Dr.?” According to a Trinity Physician's Assistant parents

do not need to call the

accompanied by other

Please remember that Iowa
school for 24 hours after a



doctor unless the fever is greater than 102 degrees or is
symptoms such as cough or sore throat.

State Public Health recommends that a student stay home from
fever has subsided without medication.

With Healthy Regards

Teresa Kulick RN

School Nurse