



September Newsletter

What's Happening at Grant

As we begin this new school year there are some important changes that you should be aware of. This year Grant has a new person that will be sharing some of the administrative responsibilities for the 2010-11 school year. Jason Wester, who currently resides at MHS, will be coming to Grant four afternoons each week.

Please know that we are both fully committed to keeping a consistent schedule to ensure that the students, parents, and staff at Grant get the best possible support. Our schedule will be as follows:

- Becky Wichers: All day Monday, Tuesday—Friday from the start of the day until 12:15.
- Jason Wester: Tuesday—Friday from 11:45 until the end of the day.

This change is due to many district level transitions which in turn have affected some of the schools. Shane Williams, former principal of Jefferson School and Diane Campbell, former associate principal of MHS have been hired as MCSD's Directors of Innovation & Instruction. Colorado's former principal, Joe Prosek has moved to Jefferson to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Williams. Corri Guy has been hired to fill the part time associate principal position at MHS and the part time principal position at Colorado. I am still the principal of Grant as well as being the principal at Colorado in the afternoons. Mr. Wester will complete this cycle by being an administrative manager at Grant in the afternoons. After this year Colorado School will have one full time principal and I will return to Grant as has been in the past.

We are aware that with any change arise some unanswered questions. Please feel free to contact me at Grant or email me at bjwicher@muscatine.k12.ia.us.

New Faces at Grant

We have some new faces that have joined our Grant community. They are:

Natalie Munday—PreK

Holly Hull—PreK

Amy Kling—Art

Dave Schuler—Counselor

Beth Elshoff—Teacher Lib.

Joni Turner—Nurse

Teresa Kulick—Nurse

Trina Curtis—Para

Wendy Subbert—Para

Denise Collier—Para

Beth Spaulding—Para

Sue Jensen—Para

Grant now has two fulltime preschool programs at Grant. These are for 3 and 4 year olds. We welcome these new staff members to Grant.

Bracelets @ Lunch

Ask your child about our new red and green bracelets that they wear each day for Main or Alternate choices!

Special points of interest:

- ☺ We have NEW basketball hoops in the gym. They are awesome and they are adjustable! Come check them out!
- ☺ We have another SMARTBOARD at Grant. Now the teachers can share 2 boards!
- ☺ Thanks...PTO!

UPCOMING DATES:

Sept. 24 Fall Pictures

Sept. 21 HWH begins

Sept. 22 Grades 3 & 4 to CMS for Ballet West Performance

Sept. 2 Homecoming Parade

Sept. 28 & 30 Fall P/T conferences

Oct. 1 No School

Oct. 4 Teacher In-Service Day- No School

The Leader In Me

Grant Elementary School has embarked on an exciting journey. The Leader in Me process is based upon Dr. Steven Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People.

The Leader in Me helps develop the essential life skills and characteristics students will need in order to thrive in the future. This process is integrated into the school's culture by helping create a common language which builds upon seven habits:

- Be proactive! (You're in charge.)
- Begin with the end in mind! (Have a plan.)
- Put first things first! (Work first, then play.)

- Think win/win! (Everyone can win.)
- Seek first to understand, then to be understood! (Listen before you talk.)
- Synergize! (Together is better.)
- Sharpen the saw! (Balance feels best.)

This semester teachers are attending training to learn about these principles. As the year progresses, students will be learning about how to apply these principles to their lives. As students learn about these principles, it is our hope that we will be helping mold tomorrow's leaders one child at a time.

Each month this continuing series will provide further information about how families can get involved.

"The best way you can predict your future is to create it."

—Steven Covey

PTO

The first PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday September 14 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center. Everyone is welcome. PTO meetings are held once a month. Usually meetings are held on the Third Tuesday of each month. All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

Our officers for the 2010-11 school year are:

- Kerry Dalbey -President
- Connie Harder & Vicki Jones - Vice Presidents
- Matt Hoepfer - Treasurer
- Julie Kundel - Secretary

The first meeting will be important as the 2010-11 budget will be discussed and voted on. Please come!

T-shirts and sweatshirts are still available to order. There are forms in the office you need one.

The homecoming parade will take place on Thursday September 23 @ 5:30. Please join us if you would like to show your school spirit. A flyer will be sent home that week explaining all the details.

Future Calendar Dates

Oct. 29 Halloween Party/Parade (2:30 p.m.)	Dec. 23 Winter Break Begins (3:30 dismissal)	April 11 ITBS Week
Nov. 15 Orchestra Concert (Gr. 5; 7:00 p.m.)	Jan. 3 Classes resume	May 31 Field Day (noon-3:15 p.m.)
Nov. 16 Band Concert (Gr. 5; 7:00 p.m.)	Feb. 18 School Carnival	June 2 Last Day of School (2 hour early dismissal)
Dec. 2 Winter Concert (7:00 p.m.)	Feb. 18 Spring Picture Day	
	March 11 No School	
	March 14 Spring Break begins	