

# The Grayson Gator Gazette

September 17, 2018

## “Vision Statement”

Grayson is a place where:

Everyone is safe and empowered

Differences are respected

Success is expected



Dear Grayson Families,

We are off to a great start in week 3 of school. I've had the pleasure of spending time in all of our classrooms, and I can tell you that our teachers and students are working hard. As the beginning of year excitement continues I wanted to share a few things with you regarding proper dress attire, early dismissals, and reminders for pickup.

Although flip flops and other open toe sandals are very comfortable in the warm months, we kindly ask that you do not send your children to school in these shoes. Children need protective and appropriate footwear to be comfortable and safe at school. We want children to be free to safely run, climb, and engage in other active play. Rubber soled and closed toe shoes are the best choice. Flip flops, platform or heeled shoes, slip on shoes, and fancy dress shoes prevent safe play and are not appropriate for our very physical activities.

We also want to remind you about early dismissals. Grayson Elementary values student attendance and the instructional process. Consequently, early dismissals are for rare, occasional and urgent needs that cannot be scheduled outside of the school day. Students to be excused from school before regular dismissal time must bring an excuse from home stating the time and reason for the early dismissal. Parents are strongly encouraged to make personal appointments before or after school hours since being dismissed early from school can cause a disruption to the educational process. Chronic early dismissals negatively impact the instructional process. The principal will request a one-on-one meeting for those who are consistently requesting early dismissals.

A huge thank you goes out to all of our families for being patient with us the first few weeks of school while we were working on our pick up procedures. I am happy to report that the car loop is moving faster than it ever has! In order to keep the cars moving and to ensure our students' safety, we ask that you don't get out of your car while in the loop. Also, please make sure that you have your car rider sign present for staff to see.

Have a great week!

Dr. Samantha Lam

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **EVERY THURSDAY – EARLY RELEASE – 2:57 p.m.**

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| September 13 <sup>th</sup> :                   | PTA Meeting – Library – 7:00 p.m.               |
| September 14 <sup>th</sup> :                   | Popcorn Friday                                  |
| September 17 <sup>th</sup> :                   | Cub Scout Open House – Library – 6:30-8:30 p.m. |
| September 20 <sup>th</sup> :                   | Daisy Troop #76781 – Gym – 7:00-8:30 p.m.       |
| September 25 <sup>th</sup> :                   | School Picture Day                              |
| October 3 <sup>rd</sup> :                      | COUNT DAY                                       |
| October 16 <sup>th</sup> :                     | PTO Meeting – Library – 7:00 p.m.               |
| October 23:                                    | Rolladium Night – 6:30-8:30 p.m.                |
| October 26 <sup>th</sup> :                     | <b>HALF DAY – Dismissal at 11:58 a.m.</b>       |
| Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup> – Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup> : | Book Fair                                       |
| October 29 <sup>th</sup> :                     | Evening Parent Teacher Conferences              |

**GRAYSON STUDENT ABSENTEE HOTLINE (248) 674-8090  
DAY CARE (248) 674-6381**

**COUNT DAY**

Please make sure your child is in school on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is our official Count Day for the State of Michigan.

**IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION**

To comply with the public health code, it is necessary that all Kindergarten students and all new enrollees are properly immunized or have a completed exemption form on file (see info in the next paragraph). **Also, vision testing is required for all Kindergarteners.**

Non-medical waivers based on religious or philosophical beliefs must be certified at the Oakland County Health Division.

Parents of children who are unable to receive vaccinations due to medical reasons should consult their healthcare provider for a medical waiver form. For more information visit [www.oakgov.com/health](http://www.oakgov.com/health) or contact Nurse on Call (NOC) at 1-800-848-5533.

**BOOK FAIR**

Scholastic Book Fair is coming up; the dates are Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ATTENDANCE TIDBIT**

The social experience has a powerful impact on a child's feelings about school and his or her ability to be academically successful. When a child continuously shows up late to class, other students are distracted. Attention is drawn away from the teacher or assignment and toward the child who has just arrived. Some children are embarrassed when everyone's attention is drawn to them. Being on time means that the student is not the unexpected center of attention.

**PTO MEETINGS FOR 2018/2019**

The meetings will be held in the Library starting at 7:00 p.m.

October 16  
November 15  
January 17  
February 12  
March 14  
April 16  
May 23

**POPCORN FRIDAYS**

For 50 cents your child will enjoy a bag of delicious popcorn. All proceeds go the PTO. The dates are:

September 21, 28  
October 5, 19  
November 2, 16, 30  
December 14  
January 11, 18  
February 1, 8, 22  
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
May 3, 10, 17, 31

**ROLLADIUM NIGHTS FOR GRAYSON**

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

October 23  
November 8  
January 15  
February 21  
March 19  
April 18  
May 14

**REMINDERS**

**EARLY RELEASE THURSDAYS – 2:57 p.m.  
DISMISSAL!!**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE AND COME IN WITH  
YOUR CHILD IF THEY ARE LATE, SO YOU  
CAN SIGN THEM IN.**

The Waterford School District policy is to keep children home **for 24 hours after a fever or vomiting** before being sent back to school

If your child is sick and you take them to the Dr., please remember to get a note from them with the dates your child is to be out so those days can be exempted.

Please remember to call the absentee line 248-674-8090 or the school office at 248-673-8900 if your child will not be at school.

Please make sure your child understands their arrangements for dismissal before they come to school in the morning. We understand that last minute arrangements may need to be made, but we are trying to restrict calls to the classrooms so not to disturb learning.

**TARGET & MEIJER REWARDS PROGRAM**

Grayson earns money every time you shop at Target or Meijer when you use your Rewards card. It is not a charge card and is used at the register to credit our school with a percentage of sales made. It is a very easy way for our school to earn some extra money. Forms are available on line at [Target.com/tcoe](http://Target.com/tcoe) or [www.meijer.com/rewards](http://www.meijer.com/rewards)

**REMINDER - MONDAY MORNING**

**BOTTLE & CAN DROP SUPPORTING PTO**

The PTA will be collecting bottles and cans at the front door of the school every Monday morning during drop off. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE!

**PLEASE SAVE TO SUPPORT OUR PTO -  
SEE INFORMATION ATTACHED**

- Labels for Education
- General Mills Box Tops for Education
- Spartan UPC'S
- Aunt Millie's Spirit Labels
- Tenuti's Grocery Receipts
- Kroger Cares Program
- Shoe Recycling
- Tyson A+ Project