

Paw Prints

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Paw Prints is a monthly newsletter for Grant Ranch School. This is an important communication link for parents and includes important happenings at our school.

You can read, download, and print this newsletter monthly on the Grant Ranch Webpage.

<u>http://</u> grantranch.dpsk12.org **About Paw Prints 2018-2019**

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Message from the Principal

As the end of the calendar year approaches I find this time to be a time of reflection of how we have grown as a community. Our students' academic performance continues to improves. I predict that we will Meet Expectations on the Denver Public Schools School Performance Framework in the upcoming school year. Students reading scores improve each month so please continue to read with your children at home!

We would like to welcome Mrs. Cynthia Mallet, our new language arts teacher for our 7th and 8th grade students. She is excited to join our staff and we are excited to have her!

We have a group of students collecting donations for people who are experiencing homelessness. Please send your donations to school. They are looking for items like new socks or underwear and toiletries like shampoo and tooth paste. Any help is greatly appreciated.

We are looking for someone to help us develop a student color guard. Once students know how to properly raise, lower and fold the flag they will be able to do it on their own and may only need support from time to time. Thanks for supporting this effort. Please call the main office if you are able to help with this important task.

Patricia Hurrieta Principal



Upcoming Events

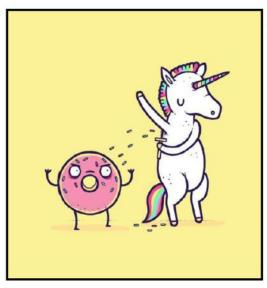
- December 7 Polar Express Day for ECE/Kdg
- December 14 Dads and Donuts 7:00 7:40 am
- December 14 Winter Middle School Dance 6-8 pm
- December 21 -ECE/Kdg Holiday Program
- December 24 January 4 No School Winter Break







Dads and D@nuts!



Who: GRS students together with Dads, Grandpas, Uncles, fathery figures

What: A breakfast of juice, coffee, and donuts

When: December 14, 2018 7:00 am to 7:40 am

Where: Grant Ranch!

Cost: \$3.00 per person

All proceeds will benefit the Grant Ranch PTO!

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Student Artist Wanted

The Grizzly Super Sleuth is coming and Mrs. Holden needs YOUR help!



Are you an artist? Do you like to draw? YOU may be the student artist featured for this project!

Guidelines:

The art must be a grizzly holding a magnifying glass. The artist should use his or her own interpretation to draw a Grizzly Super Sleuth. The drawing must be of a grizzly holding a magnifying glass.

The name and grade of the artist must be written on the <u>BACK</u> of the paper.

Size:

The artwork must be done on WHITE 8.5"x11" paper and the grizzly needs to be at least 10 inches tall. This paper is 11" tall from the top to the bottom.

Medium:

The artist may use colored pencils, crayons or markers to create the art. NO paint, please.

Deadline:

Each artist may submit ONE piece to the contest by December 14, 2018. Completed art can be submitted to the ENVELOPE on Mrs. Holden's bulletin board (room 177). The winner will be announced by December 21, 2018.

Other:

The drawing MUST be the work of the student. Only original artwork will be considered. Please do not use clipart or any other manufactured art. By submitting a drawing to the contest, the artist is agreeing that his or her work may be used for this project and that the artist is the only person who created the art. Parents, family members or friends should not create the art for the artist.

The artwork chosen will be at the discretion of Mrs. Holden and the judges. All decisions are final.



Congratulations to Evan McDaniel, 5th grade, who is our new Grant Ranch Spelling Champion! The Grant Ranch Annual Spelling Bee was held on November 7th, 2018 for third-eighth graders. The championship rounds were intense with Evan and Josslyn Alcon enduring many words in order to declare a champion. We had 25 total rounds in the bee this year!

A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Hemphill, Mrs. McNatt and Belen Farlan. Belen was our student judge and showed social intelligence by supporting spellers and being attentive throughout the whole process.

Students scoring in the top ten have the opportunity to advance to the interschool spelling bees that are held throughout the district.

| Place | Student Name | Grade |
|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| 1 | Evan McDaniel | 5 |
| 2 | Josslyn Alcon | 5 |
| 3 | Isabella Abbott | 4 |
| 4 | Shia Hickman | 4 |
| 5 | Jamison Brown | 7 |
| 6 | Jeremiah Escamilla | 6 |
| 7 | Arianna Mitchell-Flores | 3 |
| 8 | Neveah Cooper | 6 |
| 9 | Ryan Stanley | 3 |
| 10 | Jaden Zalesova | 7 |
| 11 | Eddie Cabello | 8 |
| 12 | Victor Rivera-Cordova | 8 |
| 13 | Kingston Salazar-Mangrum | 4 |
| 14 | Emma Vigil | 3 |
| 15 | Brianna Torres-Mateo | 8 |
| 16 | Allie Goentzel | 6 |
| 17 | Tenzin Rating | 8 |
| 18 | Kyri Thompson | 8 |
| 19 | Blaike McWhirt | 5 |





Save the Date!

On January 15, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., there will be a presentation for parents and adults on internet safety. We hope you can join us for this important topic. There is no cost for this event.

Raising Media Smart Kids: Tips on Managing Family Media Use & Internet Safety

 Learn tips on raising media smart kids, including managing family media use, choosing appropriate media, filtering home internet, limiting exposure on social media, and using safe district homework sites











Giving to Those in Need

Alena Aguilar, Clarissa Griego, and Gianna Rodriguez raised \$175 with the snack cart at the end of October. The money that they raised was part of a service learning project with Ms. Estes's PBL class. The girls donated \$50 to the MaxFund Animal Shelter, and \$125 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Great job, girls! Ms. Estes and GRS are so proud of you!



Shakespeare Club

Mrs. Castro will be hosting Shakespeare club, beginning November 16th for 5th and 6th graders. The club will meet Friday's during lunch and recess (11:45-12:30). Closer to the festival date we may meet more often. We will attend the Shakespeare Festival in April. Please contact Mrs. Castro if you need additional information.

AMBER CASTRO@dpsk12.org

Hour of Code

Mrs. Andrew will be hosting an "Hour of Code" for grades K-8, during Computer Science Education week, December 3-9. Hour of Code is a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to introduce code and show that anybody can learn the basics. Students will learn coding from a variety of games, mazes, and puzzles For more Information, visit https://hourofcode.com/us

News from the Library...



As you are aware, we have a national literacy support program called **Book Trust** at work in our school this year! Research shows that when kids choose their own reading material, they read more often and become more confident readers and learners. Book Trust will help make that happen.

Here's how it works:

Each month, your child has the opportunity to order 1-3 books *of their choosing* from the Scholastic Book Club flyer. *Every student gets to participate in the program and cultivate a love of reading for all!* And the best part is that it is FREE!!

Hopefully your child has been bringing home their free books to create their own personal library and has been sharing the books with family members.

According to numerous studies, reading at least 20 minutes per night will help your child grow as a reader. Re-reading favorite books (or reading to parents, siblings, or even the family pet) and creating a special place to keep them contributes to a greater love of reading and success in school.

More reading tips and ideas will be posted in upcoming Paw Prints. Happy reading!

Grant Ranch Garden

Our first Grant Ranch garden was a success! In August many classes participated in the garden kick off day. Students dumped soil, planted seeds, and watered. Throughout the fall classes took turns caring for the garden by watering it and covering it during a freeze. Earlier this month some of the youngest Grant Ranch students harvested our veggies. We had success with radishes and lettuce. The next garden will be planted in the early spring and hopefully we will have even more veggies to taste test.

