

Buzzin' in the Hive

JANUARY 2020



From the Principal...

Welcome Back Graden Hornets,

Happy 2020 to one and all! I hope that you have a wonderful beginning to the New Year. As 2019 came to a close, I found it time to look ahead with anticipation to the opportunities before us. I am most appreciative of the membership that makes up the Graden Family, and I am confident that many great things will continue to happen for the students who attend our school.

As most of us ponder New Year resolutions, we find ourselves reflecting on the academic and leadership progress our students have made and anticipate the unlimited successes of 2020. We are at the half-way mark of this academic year, a good time to look back, say thank you for what has been and what will be accomplished. A new semester also begins an opportunity for renewed commitment to the priorities essential for academic success. Students, please arrive on time to school, attend every day, lead by example, stay focused on your studies, complete your assignments, seek help from your teachers, stay organized, be KIND and become active and engaged learners.

Parents, the tardy bells ring at 8:40 am each morning. Students who arrive after 8:40 am are considered late and will need to have an adult come into the office to sign them in for school. Also note, early release days provide wonderful opportunities for students to attend appointments verses leaving school early.

While we work hard on the academics at Graden Elementary, we also work extremely

hard in promoting positive character development in our students. Each day our students begin the school day by reciting our "Graden Pledge" along with the "Pledge of Allegiance" and their classroom mission statement. Additionally, through the 8 Habits we are teaching our children to take responsibility for their actions and to apply the principles/habits by taking on leadership roles. In addition to these activities, we have many classroom activities and quarterly leadership assemblies, counselor lessons, interest groups and buddy assemblies. We truly feel that developing positive character within our students, along with solid academic skills, will give our students the skills they need for future success.

Over the next semester, we look forward to the academic growth of our hornets and will continue to embrace the social and emotional components of their development. I commend our dedicated teaching staff as they strive for continuous improvement to ensure the best learning experiences for your children. Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support of our many activities and fundraisers. You do make a difference.

In closing, remember to take care of yourself and if you need help or support, don't be afraid to ask, we always have time for that. Thanks too, for the "gifts" of your children. We promise to handle them with great care during 2020.

Don't forget that, on January 9, students will be dismissed at 1:30 pm. Also, there is no school on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King.

Additionally, the 2020-21, district calendar will be approved by the Board of Education mid-January; once that has been approved, we will email it out to all families. We want to be proactive so that you can make necessary appointments and vacations without having to miss school.

It's a great day to be a hornet!



With hornet pride and appreciation,
Dr. LuAnn Halverstadt, Graden Principal

 *Notes from the Music Room* 

In January the second graders will be performing "lights, camera, action" on the 16th.

Choirs will start again next month...

It sounds like things have slowed down but they definitely haven't!!



HAPPY NEW YEAR



WELCOME to Kindergarten

Graden Elementary.... "It's a great day to be a hornet"

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CALLING ALL Future Graden Hornets.....

Here's what we have planned:

Graden Elementary will be holding Kindergarten Transition activities for students entering Kindergarten in August 2020. Each session will be different. **Please plan to attend all sessions and bring your "Future Hornet" along too!**

Monday, February 24, 2020, 1:45-3:00 p.m.

Future Hornets will attend art, music, physical education and library classes and parents will get an overview of what kindergarten will be like for their child.

Monday, March 30, 2020, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Parents will receive many tips and ideas for helping to prepare their child for kindergarten. Please bring your future hornet as there will be activities for them to partake in.

Monday, May 4, 2020, 12:00-7:00 p.m.

*Parents will sign-up for a 30 minute time slot
Parents and students will take a self-guided tour of the building.
Students will meet with a teacher individually for an assessment and parents will fill out enrollment paperwork.

Please bring all documents to enroll your child (call for more details):
State issued birth certificate, 2 proofs of residency, and updated immunization record.

Students must be 5 years old on or before July 31, 2020 to enroll in Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year.

GRADEN ELEMENTARY 816-359-4340



November PTA Meeting
Tuesday, January 14th @ 6:30pm
in the Graden Media Center
Childcare provided by A+ Students



Support Graden PTA!

1. Keep collecting those Box Tops!
2. Purchase gift cards through www.shopwithscrip.com and a % comes back to PTA. Enrollment Code: C269B48434551
3. Use AmazonSmile when you shop online! 0.5% of your purchases comes to Graden PTA to support your school: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7173170>



Stay up to date with all PTA events and info:

https://graden.parkhill.k12.mo.us/parent_resources/pta or:
<https://www.facebook.com/gradenelempta>

Contact PTA:

If you have questions or would like to get involved, please email info@gradenpta.org,
or contact PTA President Jolayne Gorman: jolayne.gorman@gmail.com

Spotting Great Leaders at Graden



Reinforcing personal development and leadership; that is what Graden's Spotting Great Leaders Club is all about. The Spotting Great Leaders program is replacing the High Five Program, which was introduced in December 2012 to recognize personal development and leadership.

Students who are selected each month will receive a certificate which they can redeem at the 63rd Street Sonic location in Parkville, Missouri. A polka dot with the child's name will be displayed on the wall inside Graden Elementary for the month they are awarded. At the end of each month, the polka dots are taken down and replaced with a new polka dot honoring students for the next month.

Congratulations! We are so proud of our Graden Leaders!

Kindergarten

Lauren Gunderson
Tyler Shipp
Leah Lawson
Ava Sida

1st Grade

Hailie Routh
Jacelyn Phillips
Bridgette Freels
Elizabeth Craft

2nd Grade

Roman Totta
Zinnia Gray
Kinley Petroski
Mira Mathis

3rd Grade

Josh Lopez
Elijah Shipp
Carsen
Ketelson

4th Grade

Emmett Lopez
Andon Koren
Keydra Evans
Caliyah Brown

5th Grade

Masen Bindel
Tyler Briggs
Olivia Davies



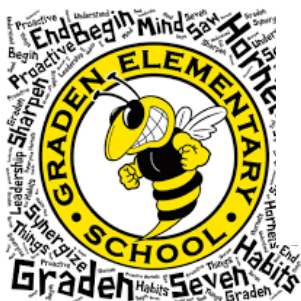
Graden at a Glance

January Calendar



Date	Event	Room	Time	Date	Event	Room	Time
6	5th Grade Bridges	EL		22	4th Grade Bridges	EL	
7	Robotics Club	1	3:30 PM	22	Tech Galore	16	3:30 PM
7	KinderDraw	16	3:30 PM	23	2nd Grade Bridges	EL	
8 -10	PTA Papa Murphy Nights			24	3rd Grade Bridges	EL	
8	4th Grade Bridges	EL		27	5th Grade Bridges	EL	
8	1st & 2nd Grade Mini Mathletics	20	7:45 AM	27	Young Rembrandts	25	3:30 PM
8	Tech Galore	16	3:30 PM	28-30	PTA BC Bistro		
9	EARLY DISMISSAL		1:30 PM	28	Spirit Day - Backward's Day		
9	2nd Grade Bridges	EL		28	VIP Assembly	Gym	9:00 AM
10	Spirit Day - Leadership Shirts			28	Grades 3-5		
10	Leadership Day	Gym	8 -12 pm	28	Habit Luncheons	Café	
10	3rd Grade Bridges	EL		28	Robotics Club	1	3:30 PM
10	Fire Drill		2:00 PM	28	KinderDraw	16	3:30 PM
13	5th Grade Bridges	EL		28	Spanish Club	25	3:30 PM
14	Spirit Day - Wear a shirt w/ positive message			29	4th Grade Bridges	EL	
14	Robotics Club	1	3:30 PM	29	VIP Assembly	Gym	9:00 AM
14	KinderDraw	16	3:30 PM	29	Grades K-2		
14	Spanish Club	25	3:30 PM	29	Tech Galore	16	3:30 PM
14	PTA Meeting	LMC	6:30 PM	30	Mathletics	17	7:30 AM
14	Robotics Club	1	3:30 PM	30	2nd Grade Bridges	EL	
14	Graden PTA Meeting	LMC	6:30 PM	30	Student Lighthouse	LMC	3:30 PM
15	1st & 2nd Grade Mini Mathletics	20	7:45 AM	31	3rd Grade Bridges	EL	
15	4th Grade Bridges	EL					
15	Tech Galore	16	3:30 PM				
16	2nd Grade Bridges	EL					
16	2nd Grade Music Rehearsal	Gym	9:00 AM				
16	2nd Grade Musical	Gym	6:30 PM				
17	3rd Grade Bridges	EL					
20	NO SCHOOL						
21	Spirit Day - Dress like a buddy						
21	KinderDraw	16	3:30 PM				
21	Robotics Club	1	3:30 PM				
21	Spanish Club	25	3:30 PM				





The Buzz From Last Month...

Holiday Party Fun



Have a great photo from a Graden event? Please send it to newsletter@gradenpta.org to have it featured in the newsletter and/or yearbook. We can't do it without you!