

The Grand Island Central School District BRIDGE

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The Community Newsletter for the Grand Island Central School District

'Tis the Season for Giving at Veronica E. Connor Middle School



Sticker Shock

On November 15, students from Veronica E. Connor Middle School traveled to Tops Friendly Market to participate in the One Island, One Team, One Dream, to be Drug Free Sticker Shock activity. After a pizza party hosted by Tops, the students put stickers on all the cases of beer and other alcohol products in the store. The stickers warn of the dangers of underage drinking and penalties for selling alcoholic beverages to minors.

Thank you to the following for their participation:

Students - Joe Chadima, Justin Chadima, Jacob Dollendorf, Hailey Geyer, Chloe McQuestion, Stephen Parisi, Jenna Tavano, and Sara Wolcott. One Island, One Team, One Dream, to be Drug Free member Lisa Dollendorf and Student Council Advisors Patricia Myers and Kay Saunders.

The students and staff of Veronica E. Connor Middle School have shown their generosity and compassion this holiday season by participating in numerous fundraisers. A fundraiser was organized in an effort to raise money for the Neighbor's Foundation of Grand Island. Students were asked to "Give Change to Make a Change." Several teachers participated in the fundraiser by placing containers in their rooms for students to deposit their change. The students went above and beyond any expectations, raising \$1,653.33. Classrooms that raised over \$300.00 each were both Mrs. Slaght's math 7 plus classes and Miss MacDougall's first mod science class.



Students also wrote letters to Santa to show their support for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Many students wrote heartfelt letters demonstrating their unselfish character. Almost 600 letters were written and delivered to the Macy's Believe Program. Macy's Department Store will donate \$1.00 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation for each letter that was written.

The outpouring of support proves that VCMS has character and commitment to helping their community. Great job Veronica Connor Middle School!

Faculty and staff have worked together to donate several toys for the season. In addition to this, students have been bringing in canned goods and non-perishable items to donate. Over 3,000 items were brought in to help our neighbors here on Grand Island.

Many people also participated in Mrs. Grande's Annual Blanket-Making Drive. Over 50 blankets were assembled and will be donated to the Salvation Army.



A Message from your Superintendent

This Bridge article will be my final one as Grand Island Superintendent. Six years ago when I began my service to this community, I believed that Grand Island was a very special school district. Nothing over the years has diminished that belief and, in fact, I am more convinced now than before that Grand Island is outstanding. There are several highlights on which I would like to comment.

The success of any district is tied to its students. Our students constantly have demonstrated their desire to achieve academic excellence and have worked very hard to achieve a high level of performance. Regardless of the grade level, we have seen the daily efforts and motivation on the part of our youth to grow intellectually. They want to do well in their classrooms.

Beyond that, I refer to the "Good News" section of each and every Board of Education meeting. We are never at a loss of items to include on the agenda to highlight the positive activities of our students. They care about our community. It is their faces that I will miss most in leaving the district.



Robert W. Christmann
Superintendent of Schools

Along the way I have had the opportunity to meet many wonderful parents. It is through their guidance, support in good and bad times, encouragement, and love that our students have flourished. The strength and ability of our parents to say no when necessary is also critically important to the students' proper development. No district has better parent support in bringing out the best in their children.

No learning is likely to occur unless, and until, you have quality professionals. Our teachers have shown themselves year after year to have set high standards for the performance of their students as well as for themselves. To be an effective teacher is not an easy task. It takes a special person to teach and an even more special person to devote himself or herself to all the extra hours that it takes to be the best educator possible. Our Grand Island teachers burn with a desire to make a positive difference for students. Our classrooms come alive every day because of the exceptionally high quality of our teachers' skills in combination with a high level of caring that sets them apart from others. We remain a top performing school district in large part due to the best faculty and staff any superintendent could hope to employ.

Great teachers require great administrators. The level of leadership of our administrators at both the building and district levels is also a key component of why we do so well as a district. They too take on challenging responsibilities with knowledge, confidence and caring.

This column could be used as an opportunity to highlight some of the achievements we have made over the last six years but I will leave that for others to judge. I am proud of what has been accomplished and believe that even better outcomes lie in the future of our district.

My contract with the Grand Island Board of Education did not require me to live in the district. I chose to build a home on Grand Island because I saw the greatness

that our community had to offer me and so many other new residents. This is a special location with special residents. You have enriched my life by your friendship, support and understanding of a superintendent's professional and personal life. I will continue to be a "life-long" Grand Island resident because no other location could

be better than our Island.

I leave knowing that I have had the opportunity to serve under so many outstanding Board of Education members. They

have made the needs of children their first priority and so many have devoted countless hours of unpaid service to our students. In my 22 years as a superintendent I have recorded attending over 1100 school board meetings and having served under 125+ different board members. I can state without reservation that some of the very best of these caring committed board members were part of my Grand Island years.

This district is in great shape both academically and financially. Working collaboratively with others both within the district and externally, our district is a stronger one now than when I began. I expect a similar statement will be able to be made by the next superintendent.

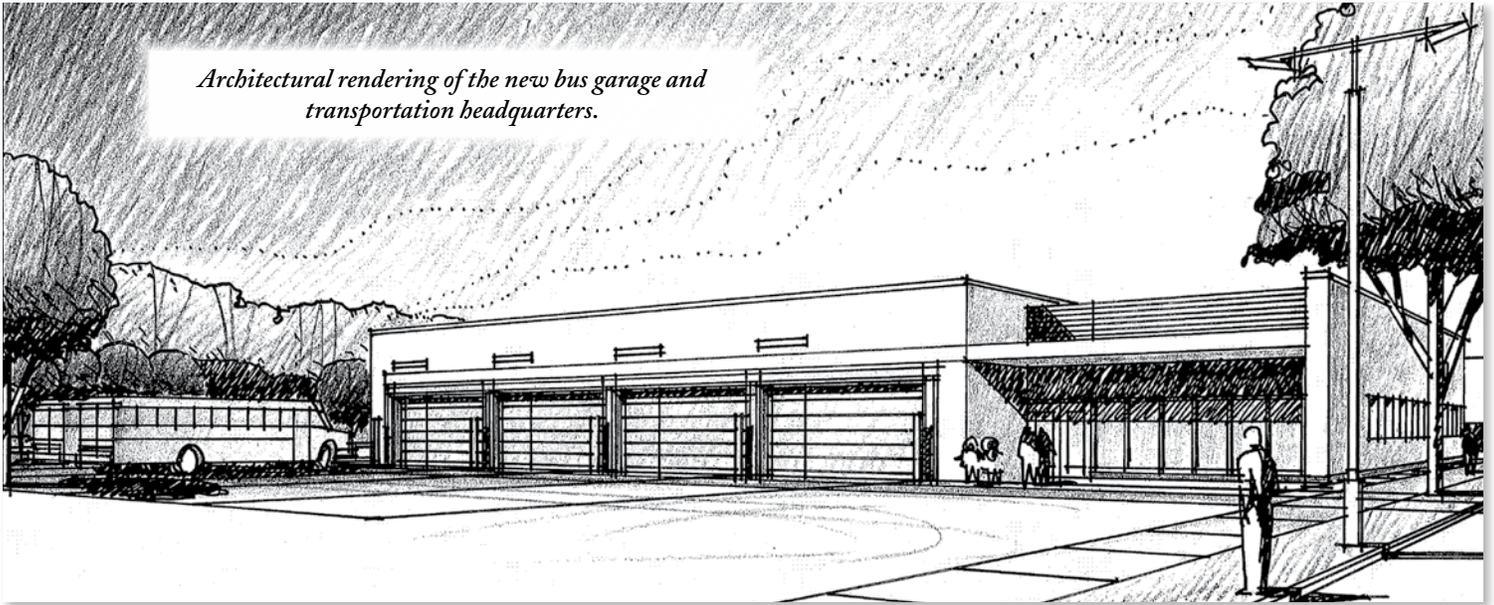
Thank you all for what you have given to me. I have been blessed in so many ways by being able to serve in Grand Island. Until we see each other the next time, I wish all of you much happiness and success.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert W. Christmann". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Robert W. Christmann
Superintendent of Schools

"I have been blessed in so many ways by being able to serve in Grand Island."

Architectural rendering of the new bus garage and transportation headquarters.



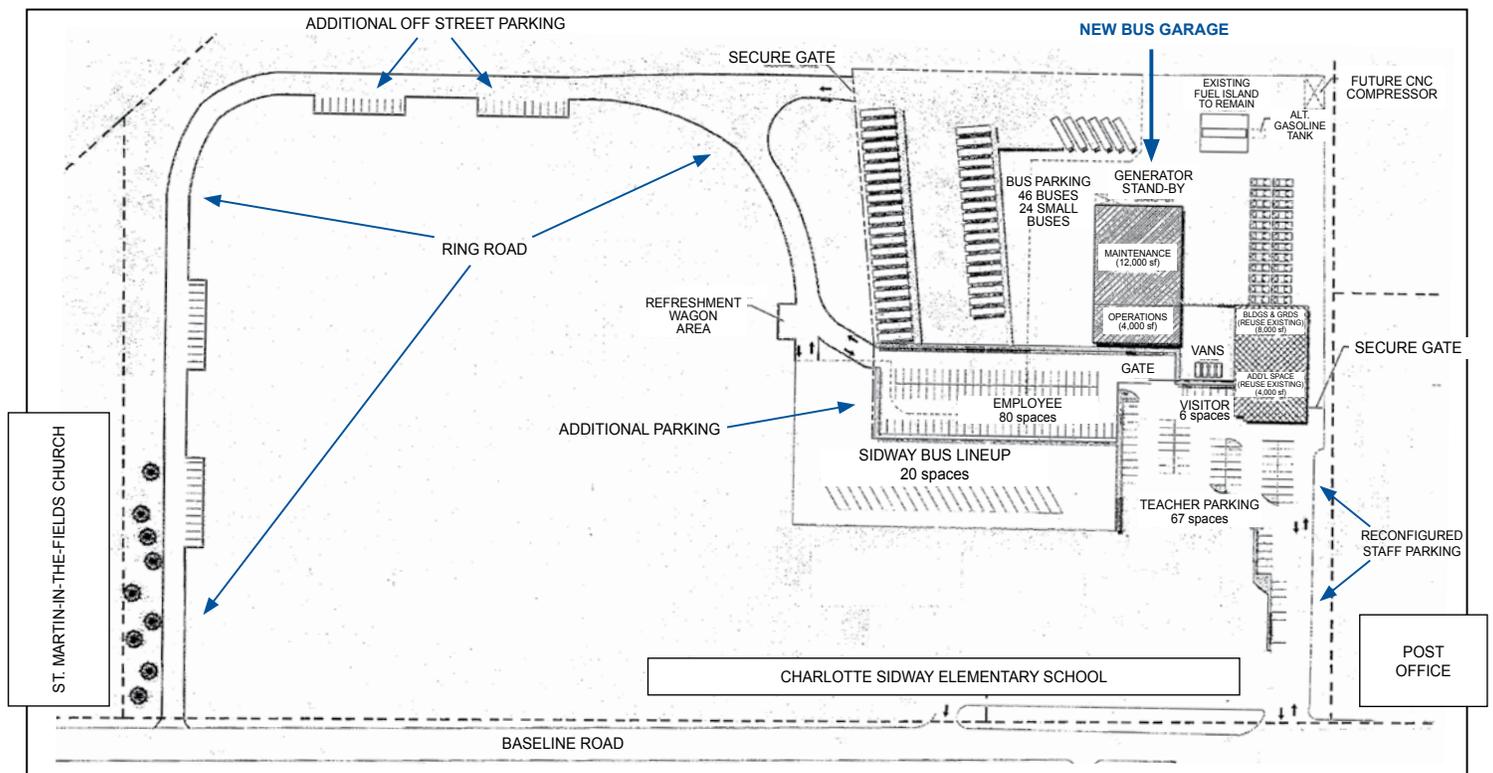
Transportation Facility Vote Passes

On December 18, Grand Island residents approved a referendum that will allow the District to modernize its transportation facilities. Results of the vote were 404 YES and 233 NO. The approved referendum allows the District to borrow the necessary funds as well as authorize the use of District reserves that will be used to fund the project. By combining borrowed funds with those funds the District has saved and set aside for specific use, the project will have no impact on taxpayers.

The new facility greatly increases student, parent and staff safety as the buses will no longer be using the same entrance and exit as the buses. The buildings and grounds operation will become more efficient by using the current bus garage for their vehicles and materials. Finally, the Nature Center at Eco Island on Staley Road will be able to expand its field trip operations for school children and teachers. The Board of Education, in concert with the community, administrators, faculty and staff have considered many options and have selected a project that will ensure the effective and efficient operation of the District's transportation operations for many years to come.

Thank you, Grand Island!

Site Plan For New Transportation Facility





School Bus Accident Parent Notification

In the event of a school bus accident, parents of injured students are called first by the Grand Island Fire Company Rescue Squad. All other parents are called by the Transportation Center and/or School. This process takes time which sometimes increases parent concern.

In response, in addition to phone notification, as determined by the District, the District will now email generic school bus accident information. This information is also available to parents of non-public school students.

To receive District wide emergency information, you must first sign up for

e-News on the Grand Island Central School District website at www.k12.ginet.org. At the left side of the home page under the Quick Links you will see "Click Here To Sign Up For GICSD e-News." Click, fill in the requested fields, and subscribe to "Emergency Information."

All parents that sign up for e-News will receive the same email bus accident notification. **It will not be specific to your child or their bus.** The notification will list the school, bus number or symbol, bus run and location of the accident. For the e-News notification to work, at minimum, parents must know their child's bus number or symbol.

Unless notified to do so, in the interest of everyone's safety, parents are not to report to the accident scene. We do not want parents injuring themselves or others by responding unnecessarily in a panic. Students will be home delivered when cleared by the Rescue Squad or the Specialized Medical Assistance Response Team (SMART).

At this time, e-News school bus accident notifications will start on a trial basis. If you have any questions, please call the Transportation Center at 773-8890 or email jackburns@k12.ginet.org.



Parent Network of WNY and The Advocacy Center present...

Grand Island Support Group Workshop Series

Preparing for High School

Date: Monday, January 14, 2013

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location:

Veronica E. Connor Middle School
1100 Ransom Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

Now what? Do you attend school planning meetings for your middle school child/student? Beginning at age 15, an Individualized Education Program (IEP) is required to provide a section for the student's future called a transition plan. Participants will develop an understanding of graduation requirements and the transition process by focusing on identifying the student's interests, strengths and needs for all areas of life.

Save these Dates for Future Sessions!

Nurtured Heart: Approach to Challenging Behavior

Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location:

Charlotte Sidway Elementary School
2451 Baseline Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

Bullying & Students with Disabilities

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2013

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Grand Island Senior High School
1100 Ransom Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

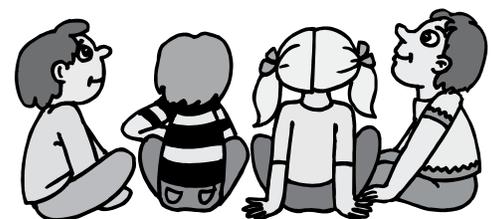
Call or go online to register today!

(716) 332-4170 phone

1-866-277-4762 toll free

www.parentnetworkwny.org

**Check your local TV broadcasts for
cancellation information.**



Attention Residents with Children Ages Newborn - 5 Years of Age...

To effectively plan for the 2013-2014 school year, the Grand Island Central School District would like to know how many children reside on Grand Island who are eligible for kindergarten enrollment in September 2013. Any child who will reach their 5th birthday on or before December 1, 2013 is eligible to attend kindergarten next school year.

Please call the District Office at 773-8800 (ext. 0) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and give your name, your child's name, child's date of birth, address and telephone number. At the time of registration you will need to bring proof of residency, immunization records, an original birth certificate and custody papers if applicable.

We ask that you call even if you do not plan on sending your child to kindergarten next year or plan on sending your child to a private or parochial school. This information will assist our transportation department, as well as our state and federal funding.



UPK Update

The Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Program within the Grand Island Central School District is almost half-way through another successful year. The two UPK sites participating this year are Care-A-Lot Child Care Center and Sidway Elementary School.

Our education centers provide an excellent program for 4-year old preschool children within our community. As a group, they are servicing 43 children adhering to a New York State Education Department approved pre-kindergarten curriculum. The program requires attendance five days per week, two and one-half hours per day, and follows the Grand Island school calendar for non-attendance days.

As we move into spring, the district will be organizing the program for the 2013-14 school year. During the coming months, the Grand Island Central School District will be contacting families with younger siblings, who are currently enrolled within our school district, to distribute preliminary information regarding our UPK Program. In addition, information will be posted on our website at www.k12.ginet.org. UPK is a grant funded program which is dependent on state aid. The amount of aid extended to our district will be the determining factor on the number of students served.

If you are a new family to the district, or have a child who will be entering kindergarten in the 2013-2014 school year, please contact the District Office at 773-8800 (ext. 0) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to set up an appointment for district registration. This will help to ensure your family will receive notices with regard to the UPK program.



GISBA Sponsors

Casey's Corner -
Grand Island High School Bookstore

Grand Island Administrative &
Supervisory Council

Grand Island Central School District
Office Staff

Grand Island High School PTSA

Grand Island School Related
Professionals

Grand Island Teachers Association

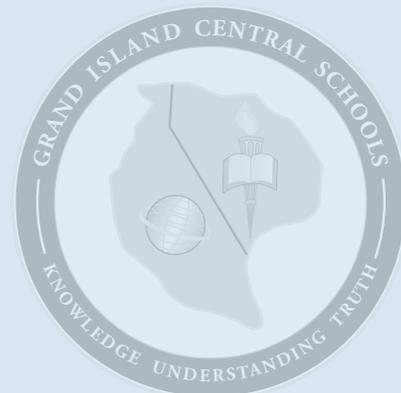
M&T Bank

Niagara Frontier Publications:
Island Dispatch
Grand Island PennySaver
Lewiston-Porter Sentine
Niagara- Wheatfield Tribune

Toshiba

Town of Grand Island Elected Officials

Thank you for your continued support!





Winter 2012-13 Athletic Schedule

GIRLS BASKETBALL

12/05	Health Science Tech(JV)	5:00 pm
12/06	Al Pastor Tourn (V) @ Daemen	5:15 pm
12/10	Sacred Heart (NL)	5:00 pm
12/13	KenWest	5:00 pm
12/18	@ Lockport	5:00 pm
12/20	LewPort	5:00 pm
12/28-29	@ Alfred Tourn (V)	5:30/TBA
01/04	@ Niagara Falls	5:00 pm
01/08	KenEast	5:00 pm
01/10	@ Niagara Wheat	5:00 pm
01/15	No. Tonawanda	5:00 pm
01/17	@ KenWest	5:00 pm
01/24	Lockport	5:00 pm
01/29	@ LewPort	5:30 pm
01/31	Niagara Falls	5:00 pm
02/05	@ KenEast	5:00 pm
02/08	Niagara Wheat	5:00 pm
02/12	@ No. Tonawanda	5:30 pm
02/14	@ Immaculata (JV)	5:00 pm

BOYS BASKETBALL

12/04	Starpoint (NL)	5:00 pm
12/08	@ NF Invite (v. Wilson)	12:00 pm
12/11	@ Newfane (NL)	5:30 pm
12/14	@ KenWest	5:00 pm
12/17	Lockport	5:00 pm
12/21	@ LewPort	5:30 pm
12/27	@ Wilson (JV)	12:00 pm
01/04	Niagara Falls	5:00 pm
01/08	@ KenEast	5:00 pm
01/11	Niagara Wheat	5:00 pm
01/15	@ No. Tonawanda	5:30 pm
01/18	KenWest	5:00 pm
01/25	@ Lockport	5:00 pm
01/29	LewPort	5:00 pm
01/30	St. Mary's (NL)	5:00 pm
02/01	@ Niagara Falls	5:00 pm
02/05	KenEast	5:00 pm
02/08	@ Niagara Wheat	5:00 pm
02/13	No. Tonawanda	5:00 pm



BOYS SWIMMING

11/27	KenWest	5:00 pm
11/30	@ LewPort	5:00 pm
12/04	Niagara Wheatfield	5:00 pm
12/07	@ Lockport	5:00 pm
12/11	KenEast	5:00 pm
12/14	@ Niagara Falls	5:00 pm
12/18	No. Tonawanda	5:00 pm
12/21	@ KenWest	5:00 pm
01/04	LewPort	5:00 pm
01/08	@ Niagara Wheatfield	5:00 pm
01/11	Lockport	5:00 pm
01/15	@ KenEast	5:00 pm
01/18	Niagara Falls	5:00 pm
01/25	@ No. Tonawanda	5:00 pm
01/31	JV Meet @ Lockport	TBA
02/1-2	NFL Meet @ GI	TBA
02/8-9	Class Tourn @ Maryvale	TBA
02/22	Sectional Diving @ Maryvale	TBA
02/23	Sectionals @ Clarence	TBA

WRESTLING

12/05	@ Niagara Falls	5:00 pm
12/7-8	St.Francis Dual Tourn	TBA
12/12	LewPort	5:30 pm
12/19	KenEast	5:30 pm
12/21-22	Jamestown Holiday Tourn	TBA
12/28-29	Dunkirk Dual Tourn	TBA
01/4-5	NFWOA Tourn	TBA
01/09	@ No. Tonawanda	5:00 pm
01/11	Will North Tourn	TBA
01/16	Ken West	5:30 pm
01/18	@ Lockport	5:00 pm
01/19	Niagara Falls JV Tourn	TBA
01/23	Niagara Wheat	5:30 pm
01/25	LewPort JV Tourn	TBA
01/26	LewPort Tourn	TBA
02/1-2	Section Qual @ Starpoint	TBA
02/08	State Qual @ Lakeshore	TBA
02/22-23	NYS Tourn (Albany)	TBA

BOWLING

11/29	NFL KickOff Tourn. (Island Lanes)	3:30 pm
12/03	@ Maryvale Tourn. (Airport Lanes)	3:30 pm
12/04	@ KenEast (Ton Bowling Center)	4:00 pm
12/06	No. Tonawanda	4:00 pm
12/11	Niagara Wheat	4:00 pm
12/13	@ LewPort (Frontier)	4:00 pm
12/18	Niagara Falls	4:00 pm
12/20	@ KenWest (Manor Lanes)	4:00 pm
12/27	Festival of Lights Tourn (@ Thruway La)	9:00 am
01/03	@ Lockport (S. Transit)	4:00 pm
01/08	@ No.Ton (Ton Bowling Center)	4:00 pm
01/10	KenEast	4:00 pm
01/15	LewPort	4:00 pm
01/17	@ Niagara Wheat (Rapids)	4:00 pm
01/25	NFL's @ Ton Bowling Center (KE)	1:00 pm
01/29	KenWest	4:00 pm
01/31	@ Niagara Falls (BowIODrome)	4:00 pm
02/02	Roy Sommer Tourn (Thruway Lanes)	9:00 am
02/05	Lockport	4:00 pm
02/14	Girls Sect. @ Thruway Lanes	9:00 am
02/15	Boys Sect. @Thruway Lanes	9:00 am

ICE HOCKEY

12/03	St. Francis (Hyde Park)	8:45 pm
12/07	LewPort (Niagara)	8:00 pm
12/08	W.Seneca W (Pepsi Ctr)	3:00 pm
12/13	@ Hamburg (Hyde Park)	5:00 pm
12/15	St. Mary's (Niagara)	7:15 pm
12/22	Sweet Home (Pepsi Ctr)	3:00 pm
12/30	@ Niagara Wheatfield (Buff State)	3:00 pm
01/01	Timon (Holiday)	12:00 pm
01/03	@ KenWest (Hyde Park)	5:00 pm
01/05	@ Amherst (Pepsi Ctr)	5:00 pm
01/06	@ No. Tonawanda (Niagara)	7:30 pm
01/12	@ W.Seneca E (Holiday)	6:30 pm
01/14	@ KenEast (Hyde Park)	8:45 pm
01/20	@ Lockport (Niagara)	7:30 pm
02/07	Will South (Hyde Park)	5:00 pm
02/09	Will East (Pepsi Ctr)	1:00 pm

INDOOR TRACK

12/08	@ Fredonia	9:00 am
12/14	@ Lancaster	5:00 pm
12/22	@ Fredonia	2:00 pm
12/28	@ Fredonia (WNY Relays)	9:00 sm
01/04	@ Lancaster	5:00 pm
01/05	@ RIT Invite	TBA
01/11	@ Buff State	4:30 pm
01/19	@ Fredonia (V Select)	9:00 am
01/21	@ Fredonia (9/10 Champ)	9:00 am
01/25	@ Lancaster	5:00 pm
02/02	@ Lancaster	9:00 am
02/09	@ Fredonia	9:00 am
02/16	Championship @ Fredonia	9:00 am
02/21	Qualifiers @ Fredonia	9:00 am

GIRLS MODIFIED BASKETBALL

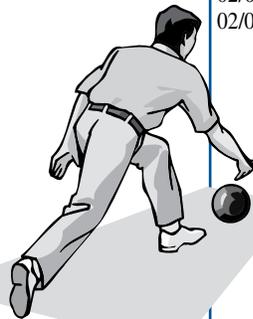
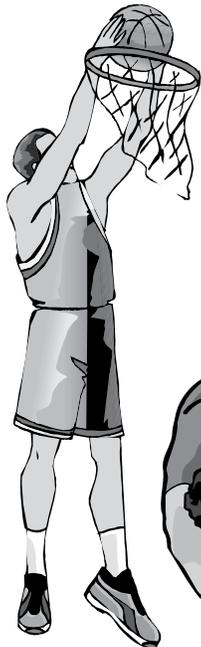
01/0	@ North Park	4:30 pm
01/08	Kenmore Middle	4:30 pm
01/10	Gaskill	4:30 pm
01/15	@ LewPort	4:30 pm
01/17	LaSalle	4:30 pm
01/22	Hoover	4:30 pm
01/24	@ CSAT	4:30 pm
01/29	Franklin	4:30 pm
01/31	@ No. Tonawanda	4:30 pm
02/05	North Park	4:30 pm
02/11	@ LaSalle	4:30 pm
02/12	@ Gaskill	4:30 pm
02/14	LewPort	4:30 pm

BOYS MODIFIED BASKETBALL

01/04	North Park	4:30 pm
01/08	@ Kenmore Middle	4:30 pm
01/10	@ Gaskill	4:30 pm
01/15	LewPort	4:30 pm
01/17	@ LaSalle	4:30 pm
01/22	@ Hoover	4:30 pm
01/24	CSAT	4:30 pm
01/29	@ Franklin MS	4:30 pm
01/31	No. Tonawanda	4:30 pm
02/08	LaSalle	4:30 pm
02/12	Gaskill	4:30 pm
02/13	@ LewPort	4:00 pm

MODIFIED WRESTLING

11/29	GI, KMS, Hoover @ LP	5:00 pm
12/06	GI, Lock, KMS @ FMS	5:00 pm
12/10	NF, LP, Lock @ GI	5:00 pm
12/13	GI, NT, Lock @ Hoover	5:00 pm
12/17	NT, Franklin, GI @ LP	5:00 pm
12/20	NF, Kenmore, NT @ GI	5:00 pm



Viking Fall Season Highlights



NFL Champions: Girls Volleyball and Boys Volleyball

Niagara Gazette Player of the Year (Fall 2012):

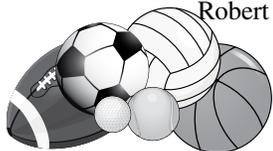
Golf Kevin Borowicz
Boys Volleyball Adam Heftka

Fall NFL Sportsmanship Team & Athlete:

Girls Tennis Coach Julie Neville & Coach Carley Antonelli Athlete - Zaineb Khawar
Boys Volleyball Coach Bill Schultz Athlete - Mark Dryfhout

Outstanding Accomplishments & Recognition:

Girls Volleyball Alex Brown signs a full athletic scholarship to University of Maryland
Girls Basketball Cassie Oursler signs a full scholarship to Robert Morris University



Section VI AdPro All WNY Scholar Athlete Fall 2012 Individual Award:

Football	Mark Hughes	Winner
Girls Soccer	Bridget Kennedy	Winner
Girls Soccer	Rachel Bailey	Honorable mention
Girls Tennis	Anna Corrao	Honorable mention
Girls Soccer	Megan Carroll	Honorable mention
Girls Swimming	Sarah Chamberlain	Honorable mention
Football	Chris Connors	Honorable mention
Girls Soccer	Marina Soos	Honorable mention
Boys Soccer	Nick Soos	Honorable mention
Girls Soccer	Maggie Weiser	Honorable mention

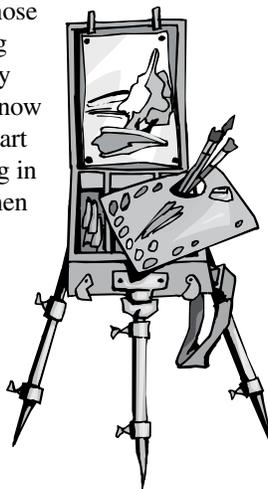


Cassie Oursler signed a letter of intent for a full basketball scholarship to Robert Morris University.

K-12 Art Students of the Month



Congratulations to Eli Brennan, recipient of the October K-12 Art Student of the Month award. Eli describes his art experience as follows: “Ever since I was little, I loved to make art. I still remember when my interpretation of Van Gogh’s *Starry Night* was framed and hung up at Sidway. My dad influenced me the most by always taking me to art galleries, and buying [art] prints. By high school, I had a good grasp on drawing, so I took sculpture and ceramics. Although I enjoyed clay, I chose the path of drawing and painting for my AP art portfolio. I now plan to further my art studies by majoring in animation at Daemen College.”



The art department is proud to announce Autumn Gagliardi as the recipient of the November K-12 Artist of the Month Award. Autumn is a fifth-grade student at Kaegebein Elementary School. She feels art allows her to let her feelings out. Modern art is her favorite style of art. Autumn loves to work with glitter and her favorite artist is Vincent Van Gogh. She is encouraged by her family and friends. The art department applauds Autumn’s hard work and dedication to the arts, and wishes her continued success.



Michael and Brooke Christiansen enjoy the Cat in the Hat photo board at this year's Book Fair sponsored by the PTA on October 23 -24.

The Buffalo Zoo Trunk Visits Sidway

Each year the Sidway PTA sponsors a visit from the Buffalo Zoo Trunk for Kindergarten students. Students have an opportunity to get up close and personal with animals from the zoo as well as learn about their habitats.

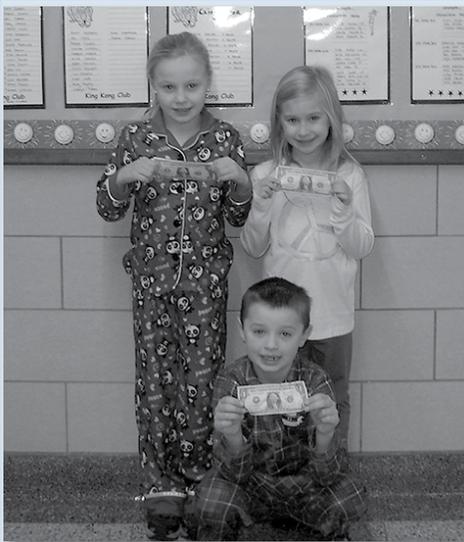


Students Sully Korte and Skye Dreher meeting the python.

Reading is Fun Night



Sidway Elementary School held its 2nd Annual Reading is Fun Night for first-grade students and their parents on Thursday, Oct. 18. The students and their parents enjoyed a story before traveling to centers throughout the building. Parents were given strategies and ideas for working with their children at home and students received a goodie bag full of reading and writing materials. A copy of the story shared by Mrs. Ivancie was provided to all students by the PTA. Students were also allowed to sign out an additional library book from the Sidway library. It was a fun evening for all!



Kaegebein Elementary School students Ella Rudney, Amanda Gula and Brendan Carroll collect "Cents for Sandy."

Cents for Sandy

When hurricane Sandy hit the east coast it left many of us in the community wondering how we could help. The faculty, parents and students from Grand Island's three elementary schools (**Kaegebein, Huth and Sidway**) joined together to raise money for this worthy cause. Together hundreds of dollars will be sent to the Red Cross Relief Effort. Great job by the Grand Island Central School District.



Kindergartner Cora Pankow from Sidway Elementary School deposits her "Cents for Sandy."

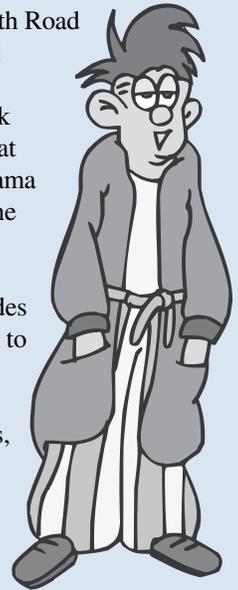
Read Now With Taylor Swift

On October 24, Huth Road Elementary School students from Mrs. Percival's third-grade class enjoyed a special lesson presented by singer-songwriter, Taylor Swift. After reaching 2 million students with her Fall 2010 Live Webcast, "Read Now with Taylor Swift," one of the world's most successful singer-songwriters returned to Scholastic.com in a LIVE Webcast about the power of literacy. In this new 30-minute online classroom event, hosted by national radio personality Trey Morgan, Taylor Swift shared "where reading can take you" and how great literature has inspired her writing. Taylor also answered questions from students in her live studio audience and performed a song from her new CD, *Red*.



Pajama Drive

The students at Huth Road Elementary School are participating in the Scholastic Book Club's Annual Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive benefitting the Pajama Program. This nonprofit organization provides pajamas and books to children in need - particularly those who live in shelters, orphanages, group homes and in foster care. For the past three years, classrooms



around the country have donated more than 180,000 pairs of pajamas to kids in need. Each year, Scholastic Book Club matches every donated pair of pajamas with a book donation. Fifth-grade teacher, Melissa Marciszewski; second-grade teacher, Amy McMann, and third-grade teacher, Jennifer Kropidlowski, are coordinators for the pajama drive at Huth Road.

Please visit www.scholastic.com/pjdrive for more information.

Huth Character Trait Awards

Respect

Respect is treating others as you want to be treated, being considerate of the feelings of others, saying please and thank you, listening when someone is speaking, raising your hand before you speak, taking care of other people's belongings and using good manners. The following students received the Respect character trait award for October:



2nd grade: Natalyn Cordero, Conner Morrow, Matthew Rizzo, Patrick Whalen, and Zoe Heider.

3rd grade: Thomas Banas, Jashanjit Dhillon, Renee DiLaura, Noelle Linenfelser, Elizabeth Morris, and Jillian Wadell.

4th grade: Allan Benjamin, Sam Geary, Yifan Shen, and Nathan Wallens.

5th grade: Maiya Buscaglia, Sam Castellini, Emily Cohen, Anna LeBrasseur, Luke Rizzo, and Ben Spiesz.

Responsibility

The following students received the Responsibility character trait award for November. These students do what they are supposed to do, think before they act, accept the consequences of their words and actions, follow the rules, keep trying, and always do their best.

2nd grade: Reagan Fast, Jackson Frey, Patrick Lepine, Alana Miano, Maria Novelli and Maelee Roach.

3rd grade: Angelo Aiello, Evan Banko, Madisyn Martino, Jonathan Simpson and Alessandra Smith.

4th grade: Zach Cramer, Dominic Ford, Eddie Kanfoush, Savanna Lenze and Abigail Marlow.

5th grade: Ronnie Appoloney, Allison Fay, Alexa Fox, Sarah Moore and Emily Reynolds.





Winter Concert Highlights Art and Music Collaboration

This year the Kaegebein Elementary School art and music departments are featuring artwork and musical compositions which represent the four seasons. Students in the Kaegebein Choirs collaborated with the third and fifth grade art students to present a Winter Choral Concert on December 4. The choruses performed pieces which painted seasonal pictures through words and music of fall and winter. Fifth grade artwork of Russia architecture in winter and third grade paper bag trees of the seasons were showcased. Over three hundred of the Kaegebein students were featured in this event.



Kaegebein Uncovers Time Capsule

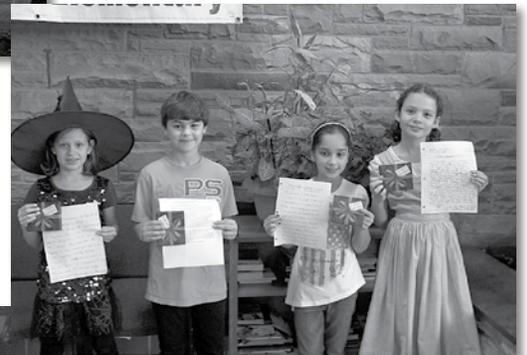
William Kaegebein Elementary School's time capsule from the 1952 cornerstone has been uncovered. District employees Keith Dodge and Clyde Hiscock chipped away at the mortar and the when they were lifting the cornerstone, the copper capsule fell out. Contents included hand written notes on the history of schooling on Grand Island up to 1952, articles from local papers on the dedication of the school in 1952, a one dollar bill, half dollar,

nickel, and several pennies, a six cent postage stamp, pictures and a yearbook.

Uncovering the time capsule was one of many events celebrating Kaegebein's 60th Anniversary. The grand celebration took place on November 19 and contents from the time capsule were shown. A new time capsule will be created for the future staff and students to enjoy.



Row 1- Time capsule "helpers" from left to right: *Giavanni Panepinto, Andrew Burke, Zachari Guess, and Alexandria Caudill.*
Row 2- Grand Island Central School District Building and Grounds employees *Clyde Hiscock and Keith Dodge.*



Essay winners of "What Kaegebein Means to Me" are pictured from left to right: *Samantha Buckingham, Jack Faso, Madison Piggot, and Isabel Buckingham.*



Winners of the invitation contest are pictured from left to right: *Suha Taffal, Thomas Shemik, Raquel Gagliardi, Isabel Buckingham, and Rebecca Schultz.*

DECA Installation Dinner Features GI Graduate

Salvatore's Italian Gardens was the setting on November 7 for the annual Region 12 DECA Installation Dinner. This occasion is the official installation of DECA members for the 15 schools in the WNY region and over 550 students and guests were in attendance. The speaker this year was Corey McGowan, former Grand Island High School DECA president and coordinator of this year's hugely successful Taste of Grand Island/Mural Project. Corey's message to the membership of DECA was how the club prepared him for his future and gave him an edge over other students because of what he learned from competing in DECA at the regional and state levels. Networking, resume building and interviewing were all a part of Corey's DECA experience in high school. In closing, Corey recommended joining DECA to students pursuing any career field, in order to help them be better communicators and ready for the world of work.



From left to right: Treasurer Sam Clarke, Sara Carlson, President Sarah Chamberlain, Advisor Cheryl Chamberlain and honored speaker Corey McGowan.

DECA is a business and marketing club with 115 members at Grand Island High School and has recently started a chapter with Mrs. MaryJane Fonte for eighth-graders at Veronica E. Connor Middle School this year.

College Information Evening Series

Presented by the Grand Island High School Guidance Department

Financial Aid Night

Tuesday, January 8, 2013
6:30 pm - High School Cafeteria

Presenter:
Kurt Gaume
Director of Financial Aid,
Canisius College

- Topics:
- Financial Aid process
 - Timeline of process
 - FAFSA forms and how to apply

College 101

Thursday, February 7, 2013
6:30 pm - High School Cafeteria

Presenters:
Admissions representatives from local colleges & High School Counselors

- Topics:
- College admissions
 - College visits
 - Choosing where to apply
 - Students with special needs and talents
 - Transcript review
 - Tips for parents

2012-2013 Student School Calendar

The following is a list of important dates remaining in the current school calendar year.

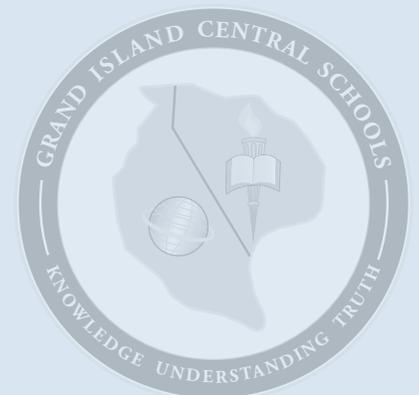
Please note, two additional Superintendent's Day dates have been recently added to the calendar. There will be no school for students in Grades K - 8 on April 29 and May 6. Thank you!

1/21	Martin Luther King's Day
1/22-25	Regents Exams
2/18	President's Day Holiday
2/18-22	Mid Winter Recess
3/28-4/5	Spring Holiday/Recess
4/29	Superintendents Day K-8
5/6	Superintendents Day K-8
5/27	Memorial Day Holiday
6/12-20	Regents Exams
6/20	Last Teacher Day

Emergency Make-up Days

Vacation days may need to be used in the event snow emergencies cause excessive closings in school. If needed: February 22, 21, 20, 19 and April 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 in that order will be used.

**NOTE: Days have yet to be scheduled for required NYS Test Scoring*



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Emergency Closings Due to Weather Conditions

As a matter of policy, schools will remain open whenever possible. However, when school must be closed because of weather conditions or other situations endangering the health or safety of children, announcements will be made over local media stations.

We always strive to make this decision in a timely manner so that all families can make alternate arrangements, if needed. Please consult your local stations for information regarding school closings. Additionally, the district will send out a recorded message on the Rapid Response Call System. If you have not received a call from this system during a school closing, it may be that we do not have current contact information. Please review the information provided to the school on a regular basis and send in a signed note with any changes, corrections, or additions.

Due to the high number of students who must wait outdoors for school buses to pick them up, there are rare times when our schools will need to close because of high wind chill temperatures. In the past, there have been understandable parent phone calls asking how that decision is made and on what basis. This information will hopefully clarify for all residents why schools would close due to wind chill factors.

We begin to look very carefully at possibly closing when there is a current or projected -20 degrees F wind chill temperature. It is almost a certainty that the District would close schools at -25 degrees F wind chill. These numbers are the wind chill temperatures recommended by school doctors. The wind chill chart is a handy resource in learning more about the wind chill numbers. It should be noted that between the two factors - temperature and wind speed - wind speed is by far the more important factor. For example, a -10 degrees F temperature with a 5 MPH wind produces a -22 degrees F wind chill. A +10 degrees F (20 degrees warmer than the first example) with a 60 MPH wind produces a -19 degrees F wind chill.

Student safety is the District's most important priority. We will continue this winter, as we have done in the past, to monitor potentially dangerous wind chill temperatures. Weather does not lend itself to being an exact science and we will do our very best to make good to open or to close school decisions. As with all other weather related issues, the parent must make the final decision as to send his/her child to school on those days of questionable weather.

Media Stations

WBEN-930 AM, WGR-550 AM, WNED-970 AM, WHLD-1270 AM,
WLVL-1340 AM, WECK-1230 AM, WUFO-1080 AM,
WBL-93.7 FM, WJYE-96.1 FM, WYRK-106.5 FM, KISS-98.5 FM,
WBUF-92.9 FM, WHTT-104 FM, WNSA-107.7 FM, YNN,
WGRZ - Ch 2, WIVB - Ch 4, WKBW - Ch 7

If no announcement is made between 6 and 9 a.m.,
it is assumed that school will be open as usual.



Wind Chill Chart



		Temperature (°F)																	
		40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
Wind (mph)	5	36	31	25	19	13	7	1	-5	-11	-16	-22	-28	-34	-40	-46	-52	-57	-63
	10	34	27	21	15	9	3	-4	-10	-16	-22	-28	-35	-41	-47	-53	-59	-66	-72
	15	32	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19	-26	-32	-39	-45	-51	-58	-64	-71	-77
	20	30	24	17	11	4	-2	-9	-15	-22	-29	-35	-42	-48	-55	-61	-68	-74	-81
	25	29	23	16	9	3	-4	-11	-17	-24	-31	-37	-44	-51	-58	-64	-71	-78	-84
	30	28	22	15	8	1	-5	-12	-19	-26	-33	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-73	-80	-87
	35	28	21	14	7	0	-7	-14	-21	-27	-34	-41	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-82	-89
40	27	20	13	6	-1	-8	-15	-22	-29	-36	-43	-50	-57	-64	-71	-78	-84	-91	
45	26	19	12	5	-2	-9	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79	-86	-93	
50	26	19	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-60	-67	-74	-81	-88	-95	
55	25	18	11	4	-3	-11	-18	-25	-32	-39	-46	-54	-61	-68	-75	-82	-89	-97	
60	25	17	10	3	-4	-11	-19	-26	-33	-40	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-84	-91	-98	

Frostbite Times: 30 minutes 10 minutes 5 minutes

Wind Chill (°F) = 35.74 + 0.6215T - 35.75(V^{0.16}) + 0.4275T(V^{0.16})
Where, T= Air Temperature (°F) V= Wind Speed (mph) Effective 11/01/01