

# News from the Den

## Grande Park Elementary School

November 22, 2016



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### Important Dates

11/23-11/25 Thanksgiving Break

12/6 PTA Meeting 6:30pm

**Grande Park Elementary School... Positively working together to achieve our goals with Grizzly Pride!**

Sean Smith, Principal  
Amy Feulner, Assistant Principal  
Bonnie Osborne, Sp. Ed. Coordinator

### Spirit Wear Winners!

**Congratulations to Mrs. Bohman's classroom!**

Students are encouraged to wear their Grande Park spirit wear or red and blue to school every Friday. Who will get the winning wreath next week to hang outside their door?



### Positive Staff Recognition Winners

**Congratulations to Ms. VeZain, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Hettinger, Mr. Peterson and Dr. Friedrich!**

They were our staff winners from last week! We acknowledge all entries over our morning announcements and then they are placed in our raffle drawings.

**Click here to acknowledge a staff member for the great work they do:**

[GP Staff Recognition](#)

This link is also available on the Grande Park website under "Announcements."

### Character Counts Winners!

Congratulations to the following students for being our *Character Counts* winners the past two weeks:

Pictured Below: Rylie McCauley, Malachi Glover (Grand Prize Winner), Shane Nano, Ella Simon and Tate Kramarczyk.



Pictured Below: Carter Heywood (Grand Prize Winner), Ben Lehner, Jacob Cale, Rosh Morrow and Aiden Moriarty.



## Character Counts - Wednesdays

We will celebrate our monthly *Character Counts* pillar by wearing the color of the month. November & December is **RED** and we will celebrate the pillar of CARING. We encourage the children to dress in red on all Wednesdays in November & December.

## Veterans Day Assembly



We honored our veterans on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Veterans Day Assembly was a valuable learning opportunity for our students and we appreciate everyone that was able to attend as our special guests to make this experience so much more memorable. This year we had 43 veterans and their families come and watch the assembly. The assembly included songs sung by each grade, speeches by veterans and poems read to the veterans that were written by students. It was a huge success! A big thank you to our Veterans Day assembly committee for their hard work! Click below to view our video that was put together by Mrs. Danno, Art Teacher.

[Veterans Day Video](#)



## Happy Thanksgiving

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! This is the time of year to give thanks and we are very grateful to be part of the wonderful Grande Park community! Enjoy the time with your families!



## Hat & Mitten Drive

The Optimist Club is asking Grande Park students and families to help in the collection of hats and mittens for children whose parents are experiencing financial hardships.

If you are able and would like to donate a new hat, new mittens or new gloves for a child, please send them to school with your child. This is a great opportunity to help your child share in the joy of warming the lives of others this holiday season! This event will run from November 28<sup>th</sup>-December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Children in Change

Grande Park Elementary School is happy to announce that we will again be offering the Children in Change program this school year. If your child is struggling through a recent family change (death, divorce, military deployment, etc.) this may be an opportunity for him/her to share within a confidential weekly small group that will meet during their lunch time. For more information, please see the attached Children in Change letter (page three) or contact our school social worker, Jay Peterson at 630-551-9705 or [jpeterson02@sd308.org](mailto:jpeterson02@sd308.org).



## Outdoor Recess

The cold weather is here! When your child leaves in the morning please make sure they are dressed to go out for recess. We will have outside recess during the school year as weather permits. Recess will be inside only on bad weather days and on days when the temperature is below 10 degrees (with wind chill). Please have your child dress appropriately for outside recess. Snow pants and boots are needed to play in the snow.



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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

When something significant happens in a family, the entire family is affected. Even though death, divorce, or other type of loss issues appears to be only grown-up problems, they do have a profound effect on the children that are touched by these experiences. When a painful loss happens in the family, not only do the adults grieve, but the children do also. Because of their age, the developmental stage, and short life experience, children may find it difficult to verbalize their feelings of grief.

Grande Park Elementary School is happy to announce that we will be again be offering the Children in Change program this school year. We have some caring adults who are willing to help these children put their feelings into words, build a stronger sense of self-esteem, and begin to accept what has taken place in the family.

If your child is struggling through a difficult family change, this will be an opportunity for him/her to share within a confidential weekly small group that will meet during their lunch time. We invite you to discuss this opportunity with your child. If you are interested in having your child participate in a Children in Change group this year, please fill out the form below and return it back to school with him/her. Additionally, you can simply send an email to me indicating your interest. The groups will begin in January 2017. If you have any questions regarding the Children in Change program, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jay Peterson  
School Social Worker  
630.551.9705  
[jpeterson02@sd308.org](mailto:jpeterson02@sd308.org)

Return to Mr. Peterson

Yes, I'm interested in having my child participate in a Children in Change group.

Child's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Classroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Loss:  Divorce  Death  Other

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