

# News from the Den

## Grande Park Elementary School

December 21, 2016



26933 Grande Park Blvd.  
Plainfield, IL 60585  
(630) 551-9700

### Important Dates

12/22 - 1/8 - Winter Break

1/9 - Students Return

1/10 - Culver's Night

PTA Meeting 6:30pm

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

### Spirit Wear Winners!

**Congratulations to Mrs. Loffredo'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 **Mrs. Ksiazek, Mrs. Simmons, Ms. Kelch & Ms. Danno!** 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."

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

### Character Counts Winners!

Congratulations to the following students for being our *Character Counts* winners this past week:

Pictured Below: Mohammed Shams (Grand Prize Winner), Aidan Quinn, Madison Marx, QianXi Brooks and Nithela SenthilAnand.



Pictured Below: Dante Layton, Connor Harrison, Lexi Gaston, Keller Ralson (Grade Prize Winner) and David DeVore (not pictured).



## Six Flags Read to Succeed Logs

Don't forget to continue to fill out your student's *Six Flags Read to Succeed* logs over break. Logs are due any time before February 1st.

## Character Counts - Wednesdays

We will celebrate our monthly *Character Counts* pillar by wearing the color of the month. January is **ORANGE** and we will celebrate the pillar of **FAIRNESS**. We encourage the children to dress in **ORANGE** on all Wednesdays in January.

## 5 Essentials Parent Survey

Please take a few minutes to complete the annual statewide Illinois 5 Essentials survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of Grande Park Elementary School. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school. Please see the attached letter with more detailed information. To complete the survey, click on the link below, select "Kendall" as the county and type "Grande Park Elementary" to select the school. Thank you very much in advance.

[Click Here to Complete Survey](#)

## 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.

## Optimist Club Scholarships

Scholarship Opportunities are offered by the Oswegoland Optimist Club:

### Essay Contest

The Optimist Club is once again holding an essay contest, as well as an oratorical contest, for area students. The essay contest requires students under the age of 18 as of October 1, 2016, who have not yet graduated from high school or the equivalent to, compose a 700- to 800-word essay around a central idea. The topic this year is "Chasing Optimism In The Face Of Challenges." The

contest is designed to develop writing and critical thinking skills. All essays need to be turned into Ms. Tracey Contino at Oswego High School, no later than February 1, 2017. For complete rules, please visit [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org). Cash prizes are awarded for the top three placing individuals at the club level. The first place winner advances to the district level, where there is an opportunity for a \$2,500.00 scholarship.

### Oratorical Contest

The Oratorical Contest is open to students under the age of 18 as of October 1, 2016, who have not yet graduated from high school or its equivalent. Students are required to prepare a 4- to 5-minute speech on a pre-assigned topic. The Topic this year is "What The World Gains From Optimism." This contest is designed to assist youth in gaining public speaking experience and provide them with an opportunity to compete for a scholarship. For more information and complete rules, please visit [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org).

For information on these opportunities, as well as the local Oswegoland Optimist Club, visit their website at [www.oswegooptimists.com](http://www.oswegooptimists.com), or their Facebook page, Oswegoland Optimist Club.

## Thank You & Happy Holidays!

The Grande Park office wants to take a minute to thank everyone that sent in treats and gifts. It was very thoughtful and much appreciated.

Happy Holidays! Safe travels to all that travel during the holiday season. We'll see everyone next year!

**BRAND NEW  
SESSION**

**YR**

*The Power of  
Drawing*

# Drawing Classes for **kids**

Classes held afterschool at

**Grande Park Elementary School**

*YR is a proud partner of these non-profit  
organizations supporting art education.*



Afterschool  
Alliance

BRILLIANT  
**arts**

## Young Rembrandts

We're back! **ALL BRAND NEW** weekly step-by-step afterschool **DRAWING** classes.

**PARENTS:** If your child is new to ART—or a seasoned pro—give them the gift to draw! All supplies included. FUN interactive classes that bolster ART vocabulary and creativity. **NEW lessons every week!** CLASS SIZE LIMITED. DON'T MISS OUT. **ENROLL ONLINE** through our secure website **TODAY**.

*(To pay with your personal check or money order, visit our website for a downloadable registration form.)*



**Classes take place afterschool on FRIDAYS**

Session starts: **1/27** through **2/17**

**INSTRUCTOR DISMISSES STUDENTS AT: 4:40 pm**

**PARENTS** are responsible for sending a **WEEKLY NOTE** to school the day of class to remind child to stay after school. Prompt pick up. **IDENTIFY** yourself to the instructor. Let's keep students safe!



**Tuition** \$36 (4 Week Session)



**Enroll ONLINE**

SAVE 5% promo code: **5PERCENT** (discount only valid online)

**[www.YoungRembrandts.com/SWSuburbs](http://www.YoungRembrandts.com/SWSuburbs)**

or **CALL (844) DRAW-184** (that's 844-372-9184 M-F)

Enrollment deadline is 24 hours prior to start date; sooner if we reach capacity. Enroll early.

You will receive enrollment confirmation through email.



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# CLUB FRIDAY

## OSWEGO FAMILY YMCA

Club Friday is a 20+ year tradition for junior high students here in Oswego. It is a series of supervised evenings which include open gym, organized games, music and concessions. It is a place to hang out and be with friends. The program is designed exclusively for Junior High Students, grades 6-8. Students who are not in grades 6, 7, or 8 will NOT be admitted. Club Friday Members must have their Club Friday card and a school ID or picture ID for admittance.

Fee: \$5.00 per visit

### Club Friday Dates\*

- Jan 13: Dance party/open gym
- Jan 27: Basketball
- Feb 10: Minute to Win It!
- Feb 24: Glow
- Mar 3: Monster Volleyball
- Mar 17: Dodgeball
- Apr 7: Dance Party/5th grade preview

\*Weekly themes and dates are subject to change

**When:** Every other Friday beginning January 13<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** OSWEGO FAMILY YMCA  
Contact Shellee McCullum at [smccullum@ymcachicago.org](mailto:smccullum@ymcachicago.org)



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# SHOOT FOR CONFIDENCE

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE  
Co-ed Leagues, Ages 5-13

OSWEGO FAMILY YMCA  
10-Week League: January 18-March 25, 2017

Originally started by the YMCA, basketball is a fun team sport that grows character and teamwork. Teams will practice once a week and play games on Saturdays. Come join our exciting leagues with your friends, where basketball all started.

Sign up as an individual (no team sign-ups)

Grades: K, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
Practice: 1 hour on Wednesdays  
Games: 1 hour on Saturdays

For more information:  
Email [tstanton@ymcachicago.org](mailto:tstanton@ymcachicago.org)  
Call 630.551.0797

Registration Deadline:  
Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED.  
ASK HOW YOU CAN BECOME ONE



# TAKE THE SHOT

YOUTH FLOOR HOCKEY LEAGUE  
Co-ed Leagues Ages 5-13

OSWEGO FAMILY YMCA  
10-Week League: January 19-March 26, 2017

Learn the basics of floor hockey in a safe, controlled environment. Using our Boarder Patrol, your child will learn and develop the fundamental skills including passing, shooting, team offense and defense and protecting the goal.

Sign up as an individual (no team sign-ups)

Grades: K-2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
Practice: 1 hour on Monday/Thursday  
Games: 1 hour on Sunday





## CALLING ALL K-8 DANCERS...

*Do you love to dance? Do you want to dance with a team?*



### OHS DANCE K-8 WINTER MINI-CAMP

*Learn dance technique and a routine from the Varsity Pantherettes Dance Team! Both girls & boys are welcome!*

**2-DAY CLINIC** – Wednesday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> & Thursday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>

4:30-6:30pm in the OHS Cafeteria (Enter at Door #11 in the back of the school)

**HALF-TIME PERFORMANCE** – Friday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Oswego vs. Romeoville

Grades K-3: meet at **4:45pm** in the OHS Cafeteria (for 5:00pm sophomore boys' basketball game)

Grades 4-8: meet at **6:15pm** in the OHS Cafeteria (for 6:30pm varsity boys' basketball game)

(Enter at Door #11 in back of school)

**COST:** \$35 per dancer

**Included in price:**

T-shirt to wear during performance (Available: Child S, Child M, Child L, Adult S, Adult M)  
2 tickets (per camper) to the basketball game on 2/3

**ONLINE REGISTRATION:**

- Register online at: [oswego.8to18.com](http://oswego.8to18.com) (no www)
- Create an account to login, or use an account you already have
- Click on begin registration and choose the OHS Dance K-8 Winter Mini-Camp
- Follow steps to register your child
- Each child will need to be registered separately
- Registration must be completed by Wed., Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> to be guaranteed a t-shirt!

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact:

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