

Grand Prairie Gazette



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HOME OF THE WILDCATS

At A Glance

March 2010



18 th	Spring Picture Day
20 th	Fun Fair 11 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
23 rd	3 rd Grade Performances 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
22 nd	Yankee Candle Fundraiser forms due!
25 th	½ day of school -1 st -5 th grade 11:55 a.m. dismissal— Parent/Teacher Conferences
26 th	No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences
29 th - April 2 nd	Spring Break
April 5 th	Classes resume
April 6 th	PTO Meeting - Media Center 6:30 p.m.

Going Green

Waste Free Lunch
Wednesday, March 24th

On our Waste-Free Lunch Day, students will be encouraged to bring lunches that include as many items as possible that can be eaten, reused or recycled and as few items as possible that must be thrown away.

When helping your child pack a Waste-Free Lunch keep these tips in mind:

- Sandwiches in reusable containers.
- Whole fruits without packaging.
- Drinks in containers that can be reused, such as thermos, or recycled, such as a can
- Snacks purchased in bulk and brought in reusable containers.
- Reusable ice packs.

Don't include:

- Individually wrapped snacks
- Plastic baggies that are not reusable
- Disposable forks and spoons
- Straws

Don't stop after just one day of packing waste-free! Pack your child a waste-free lunch every day, and pack your own waste-free lunch for work.

For more information on going green, please visit www.epa.gov/epawaste/index.htm

Thank you for your support, and please help Grand Prairie make today and every day a waste-free lunch day!

PTO NEWS

Spring Fundraiser **CORRECTION!!!** Order forms are due back on March 22nd. Pick up date is Monday, April 12 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

PTO Meeting Please join us on Tuesday, April 6th for our monthly PTO meeting in the Media Center at 6:30pm.

Box Tops

Congratulations to Mr. Leipart's 2nd grade class for winning our February Box Tops contest. They collected 3,650 box tops. Thanks to their class we exceeded our goal. Hold on to your box tops we are going to have one more spring contest starting in April.

CUB SCOUTS PACK 81

Grand Prairie Cub Scout Pack 81 (chartered by the PTO) will be having their annual spring round-up on Wednesday March 24. Please think about involving your child in the Boy Scouts of America. It is a fun and family- friendly organization with many opportunities for boys and their families! Round-up is open to kindergarten through 4th grade students.

Each boy who turns in an application and registration fee of \$30 will be entered into a drawing for a free BSA uniform shirt. Drawing will be held at the round-up, immediately following collection of forms & fees.

Informational flyers will be sent home soon.

2010 Jungle Fun Fair

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL GRAND PRAIRIE FUN FAIR ON SATURDAY MARCH 20TH FROM 11:00 A.M. -3:00P.M. WE ARE OFFERING PRESALE WRISTBANDS GOOD FOR ALL FOUR HOURS OF THE FAIR. PRE-SALE ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE FRONT DOORS THE DAY OF THE FAIR AND WILL INCLUDE A FREE MINI TOTE BAG TO HOLD YOUR TICKETS.

GAME TICKETS

5 FOR \$1.00~ ~ 25 FOR \$5.00~ ~ 50 FOR \$10.00~ ~ 100 FOR \$20.00

WRISTBANDS

\$10.00 (for each person) good from 11:00-3:00 (4 hours)*

*WRISTBANDS ARE TO BE USED ONE PER PERSON AND ARE NON TRANSFERABLE. WRISTBANDS INCLUDE ALL GAMES AND INFLATABLE ITEMS. WRISTBANDS DO NOT INCLUDE FOOD, DRINKS, CHIPS, OR POPCORN. YOU WILL NEED TO PURCHASE FOOD TICKETS FOR THESE ITEMS.*AUNT NINA'S CANDY BAR, PUCKER POWDER AND COTTON CANDY WILL BE CASH ONLY.

PRE-SALES ARE AVAILABLE UNTIL MARCH 17TH

WRISTBANDS AT THE DOOR WILL COST \$12.00 EACH

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SALES ARE FINAL, THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS

FUN FAIR PRE-SALE ORDER FORM

PLEASE REMIT WITH PAYMENT TO GRAND PRAIRIE PTO BY 3/17

NAME _____ **PHONE #** _____

WRISTBANDS _____ **@ \$10.00 EACH = \$** _____

TICKETS _____ **= \$** _____

FOOD TICKETS _____ **@ \$0.25=\$** _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP AT FUN FAIR PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

School News

Spring Picture Day is Thursday March 18, 2010. Don't forget that picture forms need to be with your student at the time of picture taking. There will NOT be retakes for Spring Pictures. No Toys or props will be used for these pictures. Please do not send anything with your child.

Update Earth!

"A Musical Review about Saving our Environment"

March 23rd - 3rd Grade Show

Children should wear green shirts and black pants.

Students may wear gym shoes.

Students should meet in their homerooms 15 minutes prior to the show in their homerooms. All 3rd graders are strongly encouraged to attend.

5:30 p.m. The classes performing are Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Matheis.

7:30 p.m. The classes performing are Ms. Staszak and Ms. Jones.

Bring all the family to support them!

Notes from the Office

Kindergarten registration for 2010-2011 school year will begin April 5th. We will begin taking appointments starting March 17th. You can make an appointment by calling the school office at 815-436-7000 on or after March 17th.

Multi Cultural Night

Around the world in 80 days? Not really! Come join us for a trip around the world on May 4th, 2010 at Grand Prairie for our FIRST “Multicultural Night.”

Each of our grade levels is preparing information, projects, songs and dances about seven of the world continents. Art work and class projects will be proudly displayed in our hallways. The 4th/5th chorus will feature songs from Americana. We also invite you to bring an ethnic dish to share with our community. (Please be sure to bring a recipe card for display.)

This is our tribute to all the ethnicities that make up our beautiful school. What a wonderful way to share our heritage with each other! We are hoping you will engage your children in discussion about their ancestors and their old world traditions.

DATE: May 24th, 2010

Place: Grand Prairie School

Time: 5-7:00pm

See you then!

