# WACOUSTA WEEKLY

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## Lunch Menu

**Mon.** 10-15: Pancakes and Sausage or Cheeseburger

**Tues.** 10-16: Cheese Pizza or Soft Beef Taco

**Wed.** 10-17: Chicken Nuggets or Garden Salad

**Thur.** 10-18: **Michigan/ Michigan State Cookout**. Beef Hotdog, carrots, apples, chips and a cookie

**Fri.** 10-19: **1/2 Day. No Lunch**

## Upcoming Dates

Oct 16 - Picture Retakes
Oct 19 - **1/2 Day**
Oct 22 - **No School**
Nov 5, 7, 9 - Conferences
Nov 9 - 1/2 Day
Nov 19-23 - **Fall Break, No Schoo**l
Nov 26 - Classes Resume
Dec 24-Jan 4 - Winter Break. No School
Jan - Classes Resume
Jan 21 - No School
Feb 13 - Count Day
Feb 15 - 1/2 Day
Feb 18 - No School
Feb 26,27,28 - Conferences

# Mr. Groves' Corner

## *Bond Proposals*

Please take a moment to learn more about the Grand Ledge Public Schools bond proposals. There is a flyer at the end of this newsletter and on our website: GLcomets.net. The election is Tuesday, Nov. 6.

## *New Month New Focus*

During the month of October we are featuring our friend Tigger.

The wonderful thing about Tiggers, is Tiggers are wonderful things. Their tops are made out of rubber. Their bottoms are made out of springs. Tigger is a fun and fearless adventurer who needs a friend who can keep him *Focused*.

We are on the lookout for students who exhibit attentive and focused attitudes. Classroom teachers will be nominating students who best exemplified this trait at the end of the month.

***Mr. Groves***

## Fundraisers

### Coca Cola Fundraiser

The Coca Cola Gives program will donate 5 cents for every bottle top you scan at us.coca-cola.com/give/school-profile/?institutionid=482329

### Hungry Howie's Fundraiser

Hungry Howie's has graciously offered to host a fundraiser for Wacousta Elementary again this year. On the following Tuesdays, Hungry Howie's will donate 10% of all sales to our November 13, December 11 - and for 2019: January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9 and May 14. Thank you Hungry Howie's!

### Popcorn Days

Popcorn can be purchased for a minimum donation of 50 cents on the upcoming days:

Oct. 25th

Nov 29th

### Box Tops

Please keep sending in your Box Tops for Education! We will be having a contest now through October 26. When sending in your Box Tops, please write your student's teacher's name on the envelope or baggie. The class that turns in the most will earn a prize.

## *Parent Teacher Conferences*

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 5 from 5-8:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 7 from 5-8:00 p.m. and Friday, November 9 from 1-4:00 p.m. Friday will be a 1/2 day of school with a noon dismissal. No lunch will be served. Conferences will be scheduled online again this year. You can click the link www.ptcfast.com/schools/Wacousta_Elementary_School or scan the QR code which will also take you to the conference sign up page.

Due to limited time slots, we can only accommodate one conference per student. Please reserve a time slot with your student's homeroom teacher only. Thank you.

## *Michigan/ Michigan State Cookout*

Thursday, October 18th is our Michigan/Michigan State Cookout! There will be one lunch choice (Beef hotdog, carrots, apples, baked chips and a cookie), and weather permitting, we will be eating outside! Students are encouraged to wear their favorite team's colors and bring a towel or blanker to sit on outside. Also, blue/gold and green/white bead necklaces will be sold 2/$1.00 on Thursday morning before school!

Thank you for supporting the Wacousta PTIA Fall Fundraiser:

# THE COMET CAMPAIGN 2.0

Comet Campaign News To Share:

1st Place: Mrs. McKennon's Class (124% participation)
2nd Place: Mrs. Smith's Class (115%)
3rd Place: Mrs. Detmers' Class (109%)
4th Place: Mr. Sewick's Class (105%)

The COMET CAMPAIGN raised $7,872!
70% of our families participated!
80 families made a #chooseKIND donation!
THANK YOU WACOUSTA!!!

## *Halloween Schedule*

Our Halloween Celebrations will be on Wednesday, October 31st. Families are welcome to view the parade, however, we ask that siblings not attend the classroom parties. Also, please make sure you are following food guidelines in case of class/grade level allergies. **Please do not park in the bus loop**. Thank you for your cooperation!

2:00 - All-School Parade

2:30-3:15 - Classroom Parties

3:15-3:45 - Halloween movie in gym for grades K - 3

3:15-3:45 - Recess for grades 4 - 6

Here are some guidelines we would like you to consider when your child and you are choosing a school-appropriate costume. We believe these will help to promote a fun, positive climate to the afternoon's activities.

- Masks may be worn, but make-up is discouraged due to the time and assistance needed to apply it.
- Costumes promoting violence, blood, indecency or involving weapons are not allowed.
- Be original, creative and/or funny.

## *Picture Retakes*

Picture retakes are scheduled for October 16th. If your student needs their picture retaken, please send their picture packet to the office as soon as possible.

## *Student Directories*

Student directories are now available in the office. They can be purchased for $1 each.

## *Book Fair*

The Follett Book Fair will be held Monday, November 5th ~ Friday, November 9th during school hours. And will also be open to everyone during the following evening hours:

Monday, November 5th, Wednesday, November 7th 5 PM to 8 PM. and Friday, November 9th 1 to 3:00 PM during Conferences.

Please see the attachment to this newsletter for more information regarding this event. Thank you!

***Wacousta Media Center***

## *We are looking for...*

Gently used Tennis Shoes in sizes to fit kids K-3rd grade. We are also in need of elastic waist pants for both boys and girls in small sizes for our office closet.

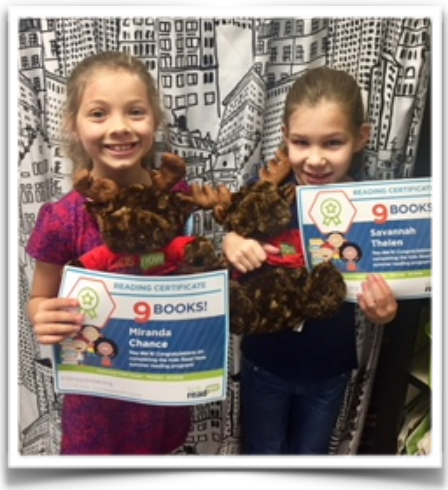
## *If there is a 2 Hour Delay or School is Cancelled*

We are at the time of year where our weather can be unpredictable. If for some reason there is a 2-hour delay or school cancellation, you will receive a call from our School Message System advising you of this. The message will also be sent via e-mail and text (if you have opted in to receive texts from the district). If you wish to opt in to receives texts from the district, you can text 'YES" to 67587. Please make sure you keep the school office updated throughout the year if any of your phone numbers or e-mail addresses change. If school would close during the day, the same process will be followed.

If there is a 2-hour delay, your child's bus pick up time will be exactly 2 hours later than is scheduled (ex: if the pick up time is 8:03, then it will change to 10:03.) If you drop your student off in the morning, the drop off time changes to 10:35 (there is no supervision outside before that time.) Also, no breakfast will be served on the mornings when there is a delay. Delays and cancellations are also available on local television and radio stations and on the Grand Ledge Public Schools website.

## *Attendance in PowerSchool*

Attendance is taken first thing in the morning and then again in the afternoon. The attendance codes are not changed in Powerschool until after the PM attendance has been taken. If you are receiving messages that your child's absence is unexcused but you have called the office, the codes will be changed by mid afternoon. If you have any questions about attendance, don't hesitate to call the office.




## *Lost And Found*

In an effort to eliminate the amount of clothing that accumulates on our Lost and Found Table, after next week, we will begin clearing the table every Monday afternoon. Please remember to label your child's sweatshirts, jackets, lunch boxes, hats, etc. We have so many sweatshirts and articles of clothing along with lunch boxes, etc., on the table at this time with no names. On Monday, October 15, everything that is in good condition will be donated.

## *GL Holiday Wishes Cast & Crew*

The Grand Ledge Holiday Wishes chorus is excited to begin rehearsals very soon. The cast is happy to welcome any and all chorus or tech members with any level of experience and hope to see many new cast & crew members this year. The Children's Chorus accepts ages Kindergarten - 8th grade and rehearsals begin Sunday, October 14, 2018, at 4:00 pm. The Holiday Wishes Children's Chorus is directed by Christine Douglas, (517)643-0993. All rehearsals take place at the GL First Congregational UCC, 210 Saginaw Highway in Grand Ledge.

The Holiday Wishes show runs December 8 at 7:00 pm and December 9 at 2:00 pm at the GL High School. All proceeds from the show go to benefit the Grand Ledge Food Bank. The Food Bank provides services to families and individuals within the Grand Ledge School District.

Please bring a friend, join the cast or crew and be a part of this amazing program.

## *If you Plan to Volunteer at School*

Persons wishing to volunteer for Grand Ledge Public Schools (including Field Trips) are required to complete the volunteer form located on the Grand Ledge Website and be approved by the District Office prior to serving as a volunteer. Persons who submit the Volunteer Form, must stop into the school office to complete the identification verification process. The background check will not be done until your identification has been presented to the school office. A Driver's License, State Issued ID or Passport are acceptable forms of identification for verification. This form can be located on the Grand Ledge Website (www.glcomets.net) under parent/student resources, drop down to the very bottom of the selections and click on volunteer registration form. Or you can follow the link provided above. **This process must be completed EVERY school year.**

Grand Ledge Public Schools

# PROPOSED BOND ISSUE IMPROVEMENTS

**Election Date:** Tuesday, November 6, 2018

## PROPOSAL ONE
- School Improvements

Proposal One was developed to create **SMARTER, STRONGER, SAFER** Grand Ledge Public Schools

Proposal One would provide $118,640,000 for district-wide building and grounds improvements that would address identified and ongoing building issues and would support the district's grade restructuring initiative.

### What Is The District's Grade Restructuring Initiative?

If approved, the grade restructuring made possible by the bond proposal would have many positive effects.

Creating K-4th grade elementary schools would mean fewer students in buildings. Kindergartners would start at their neighborhood elementary school, likely the same one where older siblings attend, and not have to transition elsewhere after their first year.

Creating a 5th-6th grade intermediate school would provide flexibility in grouping students for instruction and afford an opportunity for broader curriculum offerings, possibly creating advanced classes along with band and choir. Students would begin to transition away from self-contained, elementary methods of instruction to more departmentalized, secondary-school methods.

Transitioning Beagle to a middle school for all 7th-8th grade students would create a secondary school campus with proximity to the high school. Both middle school and high school students could take advantage of the broader curriculum offerings and student services.

**Create SMARTER Schools**

- **Start district's grade restructuring initiative**
- **Build additional classrooms**
- **Improve technology for students & staff**

**Create STRONGER Schools**

- **Upgrade critical needs**
- **Increase operational efficiencies**
- **Replace roofs as needed**

**Create SAFER Schools**

- **Provide secure entrances at all schools**
- **Improve traffic flow**
- **Replace aging bus fleet as needed**

## PROPOSAL TWO
- Community, Athletics, & Fine Arts Improvements

Proposal Two would provide $29,485,000 for athletic and fine arts building and grounds improvements designed for district and community use

- Improving fine arts spaces at the high school by adding a main lobby and support spaces
- Constructing a new pool and support spaces
- Remodeling the old pool for alternative community and athletic uses
- Constructing a new community walking track
- Improving athletic fields and support spaces

# VOTE ON

## Tuesday, November 6, 2018

NOVEMBER 6

### For More Information

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Follett Book Fairs

# Your Adventure Awaits

Dear Parents and Families:

Our school is hosting a Follett Book Fair and you're invited to come.

Success in school starts with reading. Supporting your child's love of reading is critical to their success. When you open a book with your children, you are opening the world for them. You are making them think and wonder, and want to know more. You are helping them to do well in school.

The Follett Book Fair encourages your child's reading habits, gives them an opportunity to choose their own books to add to their library at home and raises funds for the school, all at the same time.
Profits from the Book Fair are used to add books, supplies and equipment to our school.

Follett has been supporting schools for more than a 140 years which means you can expect a selection of fun, engaging and affordable titles for every reading level, from a wide range of publishers. These are the books your kids want to read!

Students will preview books and will be able to make purchases on **Monday, November 5, - Friday, November 9** during school hours. Students will also be entered in a drawing for a door prize.

We hope you will consider donating a book to your child's classroom. Our teachers will have on display in the Media Center a ***Classroom Book Wish.*** Books that are at an appropriate reading level and of interest to their class.

*We want your children to be readers for life. Support your school and the avid readers in your family by visiting the book fair. We hope to see you there*!

***The Book Fair will be open to everyone during the following hours:***

***Monday, Nov. 5 and Wednesday, Nov. 7, 5-8 pm. Friday, Nov. 9 1-3:00 pm***

*Sincerely,*

*Wacousta Media Center*

Sponsored by:
MSU Women in Engineering Recruitment and K-12 Outreach

This event is FREE!

**Who**: Kindergarten-4th graders
**What**: Hands-on STEM activities
**When**: November 17, 2018 1:00-4:00pm
Check-in 12:30-1:00pm
**Where**: MSU Engineering Building & Anthony Hall
**Why**: To have fun learning about
**Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math**!

## Register Online at:

www.egr.msu.edu/wie/k-12/programs-outreach

**Registration is required and students must be chaperoned.**
**Registration deadline is Oct. 24, 2018**
**OR until maximum capacity is reached.**

**Questions? Contact us at wie-outreach@egr.msu.edu**
**or 517-432-1273**

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# Grand Ledge Area District Library

## Library News and Events

**Preschool Storytime**
**September 11 - December 18**
**Tuesdays at 11 am**

A weekly storytime for young children and their accompanying parent/caregiver.
Stories and literacy enhancing activities.

**Paws for Reading**
**Tuesday, October 2 & 16**
**6-7 pm**

Dogs love a good story too. A great chance for kids to practice their reading in a no-pressure environment. Registration required.

**Pumpkin Party**
**Wednesday, October 17**
**6:30 pm**

**Decorate a pumpkin with your family!**
**All materials supplied. Registration required.**

**Color Cruise Storytimes**
**Friday, Ocober 12**
**10:15 and 11 a.m.**

Join us on the Island for stories, songs, and literacy activities focused on the Fall Season.

**Saturday Storytime**
**Saturday, October 20**
**11 am**

A Saturday Storytime, perfect for busy weekday families.

**Babysitting Workshop**
**Saturday, October 20**
**10 am - 4 pm**

**Earn Pediatric CPR, Basic First Aid, & Babysitting cards. Registration, $30 fee, and sack required.**

**Harry Potter Party**
**Saturday, October 27**
**2 - 4 pm**

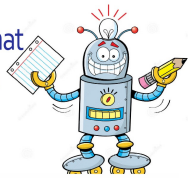
**Feel free to wear your favorite Harry Potter clothing and join us for themed snacks, games, and fun!**

**Registration for programs can be completed by phoning the library at 517.627.7014 during library hours.**

***grandledge.lib.mi.us*** **517.627.7014**
131 E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge MI 48837
Monday - Thursday 10am - 9pm, Friday & Saturday 10am - 5pm, Sunday 1 -5 pm

# Come drive with us!

LCC is bringing robots to Barnes & Noble in the Lansing Mall. Come test drive a robot and see what they can do. Learn about the LCC Youth Program classes, they begin October 20th, don't miss out!

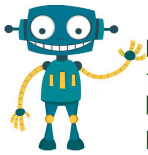


Next go to the

STEAM Extravaganza

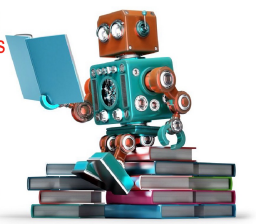
SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING ART AGRICULTURE MATHEMATICS

in Barnes & Noble for hands-on fun with robotics projects from 1:00 - 3:00. Lots of learning fun for kids of all ages!



Follow up with Robotic club action from area schools from 3:00 - 5:00. See first hand what robotic competition looks like from elementary through high school. The possibilities are endless!

The Eaton County Farm Bureau Promotion & Education Committee Bookfair runs all day. Mention Farm Bureau at the register and help us provide Agriculture accurate books to the elementary schools of Eaton County. 100% of the money raised go to the schools. Bookfair ID#12434775 can be used at any Barnes & Noble store October 13th only, online purchases can be made October 13 - 17. Start your Christmas shopping early and don't forget to share with Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and friends - give a gift from Barnes & Noble to everyone on your list!



Delta Township District Library
5130 Davenport Drive
Lansing, MI 48917
517.321.4014 | dtdl.org

The Delta Township District Library will be closed on **Monday, October 8, 2018**.

### Michigan Libraries for Life

**October 9-12, 2018**

The Delta Township District Library will be participating in Michigan Libraries for Life for the second year. From October 9-12, when you stop by the library, you can also register to be a Michigan organ donor. There will be staff on-hand to answer questions, check your current status, and enroll new participants as an organ, tissue and eye donor.

Since 2010, libraries across Michigan have participated in this simple and effective campaign to sign up donors. One donor can provide eight lifesaving organs and improve the quality of life for 75 people through tissue and cornea donations. Over 115,000 men, women and children currently await lifesaving transplants. There is no cost associated to you or your family and anyone can sign up – regardless of age or medical history.

For more information on the event at DTDL, please call 517-321-4014. For more information about becoming a donor, visit giftoflifemichigan.org.

### Game On!

**Tuesdays** **3 – 5 p.m.**

Ages 8-18. Visit us at the library after school for game time and more!

### PJ Storytime

**Thursday, October 11** **6 p.m.**

All ages. Bring the whole family for stories, music, a craft, and a snack. Kids are welcome to wear their pajamas!

### Mario Kart Tournament*

**Saturday, October 13** **10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Ages 8-18. Compete for prizes in our Nintendo Wii U tournament. All skill levels are welcome!

### Family Movie Matinee

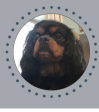
**Saturday, October 27** **1 p.m.**

All ages. Join us each month for a new-to-DVD family-friendly movie, shown on our big screen. It is free to attend and popcorn will be provided.

### Paws for Reading*

**Thursday, October 18** **6 – 7 p.m.**
**Saturday, October 6 & 20** **11 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

All ages. Practice your reading with a great listener - a certified therapy dog! This is a great opportunity for kids learning to read or struggling with reading (and those who love reading too!) to practice reading aloud. Kids can choose whatever they'd like to read and one of our friendly therapy dogs will sit and listen. Please stop by or call the Youth Desk (517-321-4014 x3) to sign up for a ten-minute reading time slot.



* Registration required. Call 517-321-4014 (x3 youth or x4 adult) or go online at dtdl.org/events.

**The treat trail begins at 620 N. Clinton Street and continues up Bridge Street.**

**Wear a costume, bring a smile & have fun!**

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