



Grand Rapids Public Schools

# North Park News

March 21 - 25, 2011

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Office Hours 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

## IMPORTANT DATES

Please mark your calendar with the following dates:

- **Thursday, 3/24 – PTA MEETING**  
4:15 in the library
- **Thursday, 3/24 – Multi-cultural night** 6 – 8 pm in the gym
- **Friday, 3/25 – NO SCHOOL**
- **Friday, 4/1 through Sunday, 4/10 NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK**

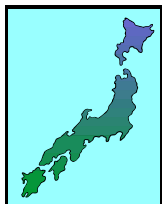
## MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

This celebration of cultures is fast approaching this Thursday night from 6 – 8 pm in the gym. It will feature a variety of different foods and entertainment.

Due to limited seating, please RSVP by returning the invitation that was sent home. We will be limited to the first 250 to respond. There is still space available. If you have any question, please contact the school office.

## A HAND FOR JAPAN

With the recent tragedy in Japan, several of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have decided to raise funds for the recovery effort. They are making lanyards, key chains, hair clips and other items to sell to raise money. Their sale will begin on Tuesday, March 29 at lunch time. Items will range in price from \$.75 to \$1.00.



## AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

There have been some safety concerns in the parking lot and on the street at pick-up time.

If you are picking up a child from the parking lot, please pull in to a parking space. Do not block other cars in or pull along the side of the drive space. This prevents others from being able to leave.

There have also been several instances where children must cross the busy road in front of the school to get to their cars. If you must stop along the east side of Cheney, please get out of your car to help your child cross the street. This will help to avoid accidents that can happen when children dart into traffic without looking.

Thank you for helping to keep our kids safe.

## EMERGENCY CLOTHING

The office has a stock of clothing for emergency use by students. Recently, our stock is running low. Students are borrowing clothes and never returning them.

If your child has come home with borrowed clothing, please clean it and return it to school. Also, we seem to have a specific need for boys sizes 6-8 pants (jeans, sweats, track pants). If you have some you are willing to donate, we would be grateful.

## 2011 CITYWIDE ART SHOW

The Grand Rapids Public Schools is once again holding its Citywide Art Show. It begins this week Tuesday, March 22 and runs through Monday, March 28. Several of our students will have pieces on display at the show.

Entrance to the entire art museum is free for everyone during the show. What a great way to spend an afternoon!



## READ N' GIVE

This is our last week for our Read n' Give book collection. Used children's books can be brought in to your child's classroom or the main office for donation. Let's share our love of books by sharing the books we have loved.

## ~ CALENDAR ~

### MARCH

22 – Maranda reading to 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades 1:00 pm

24 – PTA meeting 4:15 pm in the school library

24 – Multicultural Night 6:00 – 8:00 pm

25 – **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

28 – Representative Lyons reading to Kindergarten 10:00 am

31 – Blood Drive Kick off assembly

**April 1 – Spring Break Begins – NO SCHOOL**



Responsible and Ready to Learn  
 Our Best Work  
 Courteous  
 Kind  
 Safe

**REMINDERS**

Students should not be dropped off at school before 8:50 am. There is no supervision until that time each morning. Students should also only enter through the main entrance if they are tardy after the 9:10 bell. Dismissal time is 3:59. Unless it is truly necessary, please do not plan to pick up you children before that time. Even the last few minutes of each day are a vital time for sharing if information.

**PTA NOTES  
 UPCOMING RUMMAGE SALE**

The North Park Annual Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

If you have any gently used, sell-able items, please drop them off at the school on any Friday from 3:30 until 4:30 from now until the day of the sale.

If you are interested in helping in this event, have City High siblings that need volunteer hours, or know anyone who would like to rent a crafters booth, please call or email Amanda Brown at [365-0047/ wilkinsongirl@yahoo.com](mailto:365-0047/wilkinsongirl@yahoo.com)

By Jack Brown – 1<sup>st</sup> grade

There’s something in my backyard that is alive that should not be alive. It’s a snowman.

I wonder if it’s nice. I will play with him. I zoomed down the stairs and got on my snow clothes. I finally got there.

Oh no. The snowman is mean. I kept throwing snowballs at him. Then, I threw a snowball at his hat, and the hat fell off. He stopped. Then he was regular.

The sun came out and the snow man melted.



**By the KIDS...**

**Dangerous Blizzards**

By Elise Tolan 1<sup>st</sup> grade

Blizzards are one nature’s most powerful storms. A blizzard is a lot of snow and strong winds! After a blizzard, the sky and the ground look white!! Branches can freeze. A snowdrift can bury a car. Billions and billions of snowflakes can fall during a blizzard and after a blizzard. All snowflakes are just a little different. So don’t run out of your house into a blizzard! Stay home and stay warm.



**Weekly Lunch-at-a-Glance**

Put money in your lunch account at [www.mealpayplus.com](http://www.mealpayplus.com)

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<b><u>BREAKFAST</u></b> Turkey Sausage Breakfast Bites	<b><u>BREAKFAST</u></b> *Breakfast Bagel	<b><u>BREAKFAST</u></b> Mini Pancakes Yogurt Cup	<b><u>BREAKFAST</u></b> *Sausage Gravy Breakfast	<b><u>NO SCHOOL</u></b>
<b><u>LUNCH</u></b> Turkey Burger Whole Wheat Bun Potato Wedges Golden Delicious Apple	<b><u>LUNCH</u></b> Baked Mostaccioli Whole Grain Garlic Toast Tossed Salad Peaches	<b><u>LUNCH</u></b> Teriyaki Dippers Fluffy Rice Whole Wheat Breadstick Fresh Green Pepper Strips Fresh Oranges	<b><u>LUNCH</u></b> Chicken Fajita Romaine Ribbons Shredded Cheese Fresh Salsa Animal Crackers Banana	

**Joke of the Week – What kind of medicine would you give a sick ant?**

**ANTibiotics!**

