

Granville Wells Elementary School

## The Rocket Review

August 14, 2020

**Aim High, Work Hard, No Excuses...It's the Wells Way!**



**News from Mrs. Stanley and Mr. Reynolds:** Wow! What a great start at Granville Wells Elementary School! The children have done a terrific job getting back into the swing of things, and their excitement and enthusiasm is contagious. Our teachers and staff have really enjoyed having the students back, and getting to know each of them. We welcome new families to Granville Wells, and are thrilled to have new members of the Rocket Community. School information will be communicated in bi-weekly newsletters from the office. Another great way to stay in touch with what is happening here is by following us on Twitter [@GWES\\_Rockets](#) or our website [gwes.weboschools.org](http://gwes.weboschools.org)

**School Supplies:** If your child is needing school supplies please let me know. We receive supply donations to help with this.

**Yearbooks:** Yearbooks finally arrived and were distributed to students this week. Sixth grade students will receive their books at Western Boone.

**Student Handbook:** Student Handbooks were distributed this week. If your child is in grades pre-k through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade they have a paper handbook. The handbook is published in the student homework planner for grades 3-6. *Please note that the handbook was submitted to the publisher prior to the Covid 19 Re-entry Plan being written. The Covid 19 Re-entry plan supersedes any contradictory information in the student handbook.*

**Student Computers:** Students in grades 1-6 received their individual laptops this week. At this time we are keeping the laptops at school.

**Covid Safety:** Hopefully your child has talked with you about the new procedures happening at school to protect our school family from the spread of Covid19. Our students have been amazing with these new changes! We will continue to tweak things to create the safest environment possible. Please remember to evaluate your child using the daily screening questions.

1. Has your child had a new onset of loss of taste or smell over the past 24 hours?
2. Has your child been exposed over the past 24 hours to any person who has tested positive for Covid-19?
3. Has your child developed a new cough or sore throat over the past 24 hours?
4. Has your child had a fever greater than 100.4 degrees over the past 24 hours?

**Medication:** Miss Hoffman, our school nurse, is happy to administer medications that are medically necessary during the school day. We must have a written request from the parent/guardian or physician. Medication must be in the original container with the prescription label giving directions on when it is to be taken and how much is to be given. **Parents are responsible for transporting the medication. For the safety of all students, medication should not be sent in student backpacks.**

**Food Allergy:** **If your child has a food allergy you must inform the school and provide written medical documentation of the allergy.** Please contact Miss Hoffman in our office and she can work with you to ensure your child stays protected.

**School Lunch:** I have had a few parents ask about making a payment for school meals. Breakfast and lunch money can be sent to school in a sealed envelope with your child's first and last name and marked "lunch money". You may also want to establish a My School Bucks account. This will allow you to make credit card payments and alert you when the account is getting low. Go to: [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com)



**School Safety:** Western Boone Schools are committed to providing a safe school environment for all students. One feature you may not be aware of is an anonymous tip line. If you are aware of a student situation that may require administrative attention you can anonymously leave information on “Quick Tip” located on the right side of our home page.

**Arrival and Dismissal:** The arrival and dismissal process has been a work in progress this week. We appreciate your patience as we respond to the increased number of students arriving and dismissing from our North Door. It seems as if the double line is significantly cutting down on traffic waiting on 500. We will continue to assess and improve as necessary.

How can you help?

1. In the morning have your child ready to unload at the sidewalk. If you need to write a note to the teacher, etc. please pull into a parking space.
2. Children should always exit and enter on the passenger side. If for some reason this is not possible let us know and a staff member will walk to the opposite side of your vehicle to assist your child.
3. Boldly display your child’s first and last name in the front dash of your vehicle at dismissal. We work hard to memorize cars with the students, but this takes time.
4. If you have a child needing restrained in a car seat please pull forward or into a parking spot so that other vehicles can continue loading.
5. Please do not park in front of the school between 7:15 -7:45 a.m. each morning, or between 2:15-2:45 p.m. each afternoon. Those times are reserved for bus parking during the arrival and dismissal processes each day.

Students can be dropped off between 7:25 and 7:52 a.m.

**Fifth & Sixth Grade Athletics:** Our fifth-grade girls were invited to a volleyball call-out today. Those girls are bringing home participation information today. Watch for information next week regarding practice and game schedules.

All fifth and sixth grade students wanting to participate in athletics during the 2020-2021 school year will need to complete athletic participation paperwork (Final Forms). Parents can go to [weboathletics.com](http://weboathletics.com) to get Final Forms paperwork. Part of the participation criteria is for the athlete to have a physical. **These requirements must be met before the student will be allowed to practice.**

**Community Events:**

The WAM Food distribution will take place August 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot behind the Advance Town Hall.

**Mark Your Calendars:**

- 8/24- NWEA Testing in grades K-6 begins
- 8/25- School Pictures
- 9/4- Midterms
- 9/8- School Immunization Due Date

**Connect to what is happening at Wells:**

The latest GW events and pictures can be found on our school website or by joining us on Twitter. To stay in the know join us at: [gwes.weboschools.org](http://gwes.weboschools.org) or follow us on Twitter - [@GWES\\_Rockets](https://twitter.com/GWES_Rockets)

**Have a wonderful weekend!**

*Mrs. Stanley and Mr. Reynolds*