

# Grayside Signal

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Something to  
GRIN about!

## Family Fun Night



Please join us for our last Family Fun Night for a School Picnic & Cookout on Thursday, May 18th from 5:00-6:30pm. at the Riverside Park.

## PBIS for Parents: Conversation Starters

### What is Creativity?

The tendency to generate or recognize ideas, alternatives, or possibilities that may be useful in solving problems, communicating with others, and entertaining ourselves and others.

### Conversation Starters

- Other than wood, name ten materials that could be used for building a house.
- Name ten ingredients to make the ultimate ice cream sundae.
- If your refrigerator could stock food on demand, what ten foods would you request first?

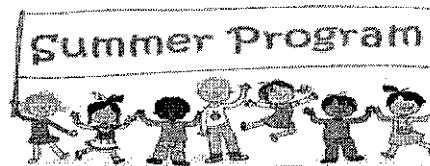
## Summer School Information:

Just a reminder to please register early due to classes filling up fast.

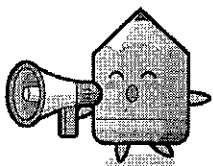
Summer School sign-up is done through Skyward Family Access.

If you do not have your Login and password for the Family Access please call the school office to get that information.

Summer School starts on Monday, June 12th.



## Mauston Elementary PTC: Parents and Teachers for Children



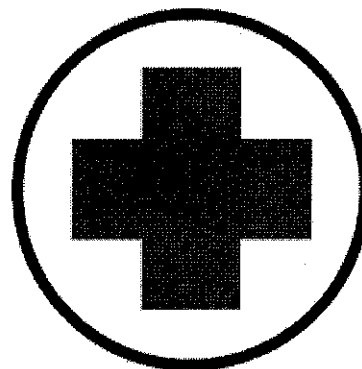
Thank you for all of your support this year with the PTC. We are so happy to have been able to give back to our students, teachers and classrooms!

## Reminder From Your School Nurse

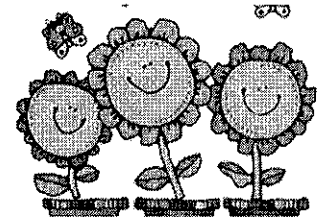
Please remember that if your child has ANY of the following: Fever >100, diarrhea, vomiting, your child needs to stay home for 24 hours SYMPTOM FREE before returning to school. The fever should be gone without the use of fever-reducing medications for 24 hours. If your child is gone for more than 3 days in a row you would need a doctor's note to return to school.

If you have any questions, please contact Alyssa Holzberger, School Nurse at 847-5616 ext 2250.

Just a reminder that all prescribed and/or over the counter medications will need to be picked up by a parent or adult by Wednesday, May 31st.



Grayside Elementary  
School  
847-5616



## Lunch Account Information

Breakfast for students grades 3-5 are free and lunch is \$3.10. You are able to deposit money at Grayside office by check or cash. If you would rather use a card you can do so at the District office. If you have any questions please contact Heidi Kutina at 847-5451 ext. 6686.

When sending in lunch money please put it in an envelope or a zip lock baggie with your child's name on it. Thank You

## Upcoming Events

May 5th Spring Concert—  
1:00pm.

12th No School for  
Students

29th No School -  
Memorial Day

31st Last Day of  
School!

## Grayside News

### Important Message

If you need to get a message to your child before the end of the day please get the information to the office by 2:00pm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### Last Day of School

Just a reminder the last day of school is  
Wednesday, May 31st.

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### Reminder

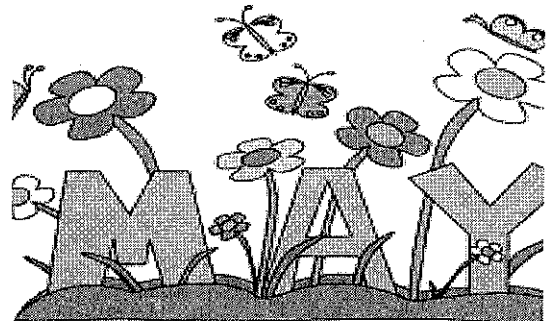
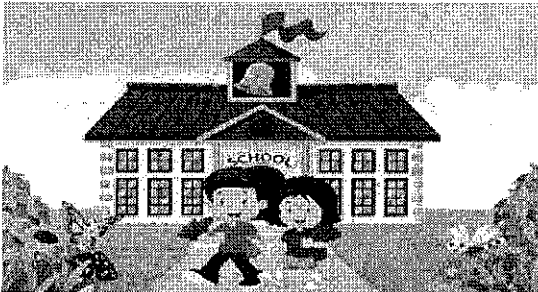
For safety concerns please drop your child/children off in the morning in the circle drive at the front of the school. Please do not drop off in the front parking lot. Thank You

Just another reminder school starts at 7:55a.m.

Just a reminder to please call in your child to the attendance line by 8:45a.m. if your child will be absent for the day. 847-5616

Please have your child check the Lost and Found tables out in the front entryway to see if there is anything of theirs. There are coats, snow pants, hats, gloves, boots, water bottles, pants, shirts, etc.

Any remaining items at the end of the school year will be donated.



Hello Grayside Families!

Summer is almost here and the last day of school will be here sooner than we know!

The Week, May 8-12th, is Staff Appreciation Week. The school staff at Grayside is committed and devoted to our students and families. They put in long hours and give their best each day to ensure that your students learn and have a rewarding school experience. Please take a moment this week to say thank you. Each day I am thankful to be able to work with so many caring people who do amazing things for students each and every day.

Thank you so much for all of the support you have given during our Forward Exam testing time period. Our students were well rested and ready for testing each day largely in part to all the wonderful support they received from home. Please look for Forward Exam results to come your way sometime over the summer.

As we prepare for the 2023-2024 school year, we wanted to let you know that the District will be doing online registration again. As we did last year, we will designate some days in August where families who need assistance with registration can come to Grayside and work with staff to complete the registration process. Please look for more information to come your way closer to August.

With summer right around the corner, I wanted to take a moment to stress the importance of continued learning for all students during the summer months. Here is a list of some ideas for activities to do over the summer to extend learning:

**1- Cook together:** It's amazing how much following a recipe can help to keep both math and reading skills fresh and it is tons of fun too!

**2- Start a family book club:** This is one of my favorites and is a terrific way to connect with your child.

**3- Do some planting:** I know that I have mentioned this before but kids of all ages, and grown-ups too, often forget how wonderful it can be to dig in the dirt and plant flowers or veggies.

**4- Check out the Hatch Public Library:** Our local library has so much to offer our students and their families to help keep reading alive all summer long.

**5- Volunteer:** Volunteering is a wonderful way to promote leadership, job skills, build relationships, and it also gives students the chance to explore career paths.

**6- Creative Summer Trading Cards:** Follow the link below to engage your child in an activity that encourages them to do some storytelling in writing and support the artistic nature that is in every child.

<http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/activities-projects/summer-trading-cards-30864.html>

**7- Active Bodies Support Active Minds:** Keep your child moving and grooving all summer long. Staying active keeps them fit and helps them to learn more than they ever imagined. Maybe invent a new sport or playground game.

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**8- Continue to access and enjoy iReady individualized learning lessons all summer long:**

The School District of Mauston will continue to provide online iReady learning access during June and July this summer. Please encourage students to use this fabulous resource to keep on learning.

Just like with playing basketball or learning the piano, the more you practice the more you will succeed. Learning is like that too so please remember to keep your brain and body active over the summer and to do some reading and work with math each day.

It has truly been a pleasure to be able to work with all the Grayside students and families this year. I hope you have a delightful summer and come back to school next year with some wonderful and exciting stories to share. Have a summer that is bursting with fun. As always, we look forward to continuing to work with you! Please feel free to contact us at any time.

Sincerely,  
Bobbi Steele

# 10 Ways Parents Can Fight Summer Reading Loss

## 1 Set a specific time for daily reading

When you set aside a specific time each day for reading, it becomes part of the daily routine. When something is done routinely it makes it less likely to be forgotten. I love that for my own children reading at night is as routine as putting on their pajamas and brushing their teeth.

## 2 Let your children see you reading

Literature-rich homes have a myriad of reading material around, from all sorts of books (picture, chapter, nonfiction, and fiction) to newspapers, magazines, and electronic reading materials, etc. Just last week as I was standing in the kitchen holding a book, my son *Early* (age 4) said to my daughter *MaryKate* (age 3), "Oh great, Mommy has another book she won't stop reading to she can feed us!" I laughed because they were anxiously awaiting a snack, but what they were seeing instead was a true passion for reading that I hope will inspire them to be avid readers themselves. They were just going to have to wait!

## 3 Talk with your children about what they are reading

Talking your children know that you are interested in what they are reading can be very motivating for them. Even if you are not familiar with the book, you can ask about the characters, the problem, or have your kids share something new they learned. At this point in his reading life, my son starts answering questions (without me asking) as soon as we close a book we have read together. While I am thrilled that he knows that thinking and talking about books is important, I also try to make sure that I keep reading fun and don't turn it into a chore.

## 4 Have a reading area

Make a special place in your home that is a reading nook. Have a variety of books and periodicals available there. You do not need to buy these reading materials. Instead, borrow them from your local library. At my home, we seem to have books in every room of the house, but I also have a cozy pillow or chair next to my children's bookshelves in their playroom where they enjoy looking at books on their own.

## 5 Visit the library

Go to your local library regularly throughout the summer. Not only can you check out reading material, but most local libraries also have many fun reading programs and activities to encourage summer reading. My kids love to go to our library—honestly, it's mostly to do crafts—but we always get a stack of books while we are there, too.

## 6 Reading to your child

Reading to your child is so important. It is a great way to model fluency and enjoy a good book together. I personally love to act out the books with my children. (Sometimes, I am not sure if they are laughing at me or with me!) Children can also read aloud to their siblings or to the whole family—even to a patient family pet.

## 7 Have writing samples available

Writing is an important part of the language arts. Additional practice with writing is beneficial to all children and manipulating the text they are reading helps them remember more of it. Keep the writing fun! Some ideas include writing a letter to your favorite character in a book, writing a "sequel" to a story you love, or drawing and writing a graphic novel version of a book. Younger kids could draw pictures or make collages of images that "go with" the books they are reading.

## 8 Get audio books or listen to books online

Your local library should have a variety of audio books available for children and adults. It can also be a nice change of pace to listen to and watch stories online. Several actors, actresses, sports heroes, and musicians have participated in websites that post celebrities reading books out loud. My children just love to listen to books. Their favorite is *Click, Click, Moo*, by Doreen Cronin, as read by Randy Travis.

## 9 Start a book club

Get your child's friends together and pick a book they are all interested in reading. Have them meet once or twice a week to discuss what they have read—you may want to help them set reading targets if they are reading a chapter book. For example, they could aim to read two or three chapters a week. If they choose a book from their summer reading list, the discussion may also help them with comprehension. My own children are too young to be part of a book club, but I can't wait until they are old enough to have one of their own.

## 10 Carry books with you

Having books with you at all times is a great way to pass the time when you have a few unexpected minutes. Keep a supply in the car or in a tote bag. I have books in the pockets of the seats in my car. This way, when we're out on the road my kids can grab a book whenever they want.