

Granville Wells Elementary School

The Rocket Review

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News from Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Burchfield: We have had so much FUN these first few days of school! I see many tired faces though, and it isn't just the kids! We worked on school procedures and expectations this week. We discussed that at school there are many more children so some of things we can do at home we can't do at school. There are just too many students! I have been so impressed with how the first three days have gone. Here are videos we created to teach some of our school expectations.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oOjHcEA9b68>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b53hsHuANn8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7YfecDLr8o>

Reminders: All students need clean gym shoes, a water bottle, and headphones or ear buds for school. If you are unable to purchase any of these items, please email Mrs. Stanley.

Thank You: A special thanks to the **Knights of Pythias #342 out of Lizton** for donating water bottles for students in need. Also, a big thank you to the **Jamestown Dollar General** for donating several boxes of 3-ring binders to the school.

NEW Homework Policy: Granville Wells students will have work to finish at home at times. Our teachers work to keep the time required for completion of work at home reasonable for the child's age. By completing work at home and returning it the next day we hope to build responsible habits for our students. I am attaching the policy all teachers will be following this school year regarding work at home. Please review the policy and let your child's teacher know if you have questions.

[GWESHomeworkPolicy](#)

Red Homework Folder: Starting next week each student will bring home a red homework folder. Please ask your child if there is work in the homework folder. Many teachers will also have an assignment sheet in this folder, so you know what has been assigned.

Beginning of the Year Testing: Next week we will be administering math and reading tests to all K-6 grade students. Students will take NWEA, IXL, or both. This will help us identify any deficits or specific academic needs your child has, and plan accordingly to support him/her in those areas. When all tests are completed results will be sent home with students.

Rocket Boosters: Rocket Boosters is an organization consisting of GW parents who want to support the students and teachers with various school initiatives and needs. We will have our first meeting on August 19th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. This is a great way to help the school and get to know other parents in our community.

School Pictures: Picture day will be Wednesday, August 21st. All picture packages must be ordered through the following website. <https://ptps.com/>

Medication: Mrs. Demaree, 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 Mrs. Demaree in our office and she can work with you to ensure your child stays protected.

School Breakfast and Lunch: Students can eat breakfast and lunch at school. Breakfasts are \$1.50 and lunches are \$2.00 daily. Students get to choose between the main dish, peanut butter sandwich, or chicken sandwich for lunch. Parents can send in a check for the lunch account or go to MySchoolBucks.com and create an account for your child. Extras will be available for K-6th grade students with parent permission.

School Safety: Our building is locked during the school day. **All visitors must enter through the main entrance and have a driver's license or other identifying ID.** Deputy Cary Clanton, with the Boone County Sheriff's Department, is our School Resource Officer.

Volunteers: We are excited to have volunteers in the building! All parents wanting to volunteer at the school or wanting to attend a field trip must complete and pass a volunteer background check. To do this go to our website gves.weboschools.org and click on 'volunteer registration'. Your approval will be good for the 2024-2025 school year. Noting that you are a Granville Wells parent is helpful when signing up.

Community Opportunities: On Wednesday, August 14th, from 4:30-6:00, there will be a kick-off for the WAM program. WAM is an afterschool program that provides food, recreation, and homework help for Western Boone students. To learn more, attend this informational party next week. Marcus Lehman Magic will begin at 5:00 p.m. Hotdog meals will be available!

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: gves.weboschools.org or follow us on Twitter - [@GWES_Rockets](https://twitter.com/GWES_Rockets)

Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Burchfield

Popsicles with the Principals Today!!!

