



From the Principal ...

The Grove Grizzly

REMINDER: School will be in session on Friday, March 12. There is no school on Friday, March 19.

Grove's "Fun-In"

Next Friday, March 12 we will host a fun-raiser for our *GET SMART* Campaign by inviting our Grove kids to join us for an evening of fun! All proceeds from the evening will go to our *GET SMART* Campaign. The Grove staff is eager to have hundreds of our kids be a part of the evening. And you, parents, (after all) deserve a little bit of kid-free time.

So let us be your kids' baby-sitters next Friday till 10:00 PM. We're looking forward to it because every child we watch results in another step closer to our *GET SMART* goal of \$60,000. If we reach this goal every Grove classroom will be equipped with the technology needed for 21st Century instruction in 2010!

Blackhawks Auction – GET SMART Campaign

On Monday, March 8 at 8:00 AM we will begin our auction for 4 Blackhawks tickets for a great game against the Phoenix Coyotes on Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30 PM. These are amazing tickets in Section 116, Row 19, Seats 15-18 which are behind the Coyote's goalie. The bidding will start at \$500 (tickets are valued at \$480). Submit your bids to Marcia Scharpf (Grove's administrative assistant) at mscharpf@barrington220.org. She will keep posting the high bid and the initials of the high bidder. Bidding will end at 4:00 PM on Friday, March 12. These checks will made to Grove Avenue School because all money raised will go to our *GET SMART* Campaign.

Our GET SMART Squad Continues to Grow!

Here is the growing list of contributors to our GET SMART Campaign! Thanks to all for your support.

Morasca Family
Carnivele Family
Kalogeropoulos Family
Rubanau Family
Anonymous Teacher
Kinsey Family
Kirk Family
Meek Family
Graves Family
Xiao/Qu Family

Kindzierski Family
Lang Family
Tessarolo Family
Korus Family
Mrs. Anderson
Cheveldayoff Family
Aki Family
Lee Family
Weidler Family
Kim Family

Anonymous Family
Serpa Family
Murakawa Family
Duffy Family
Lovelace Family
Walcott Family
Anonymous Teacher 2
Sullivan Family
Kotel Family
Rosen Family

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Grove Calendar

March 8-12	ISAT Testing for Students in Grades 3-5
March 8-12	Silent Auction for Blackhawks Tickets (e-mail bids only)
March 9	Tae Kwon Do Class – 3:45-4:30 PM
March 10-16	No Homework Week
March 11	4th & 5th Grade Orchestra Concert at BHS – 7:30 PM
March 12	Report Cards Go Home Student <i>GET SMART Lock-In</i>
March 17 & 18	Parent-Teacher Conferences – 4:00 PM–8:00 PM
March 19	NO SCHOOL
March 22-28	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
March 29	School Resumes
April 1	<i>THE BIG EVENT</i>
April 2	NO SCHOOL – Good Friday

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From the Principal continued...

GET SMART Squad continued...

Carter Family	Garcia Family	Kingwill Family
Zhou Family	Baron Family	Zhou/Chi Family
Coon Family	Feely Family	Weith Family
Zastawny Family	D'Angelo/Economou Family	Casey Family
Zimmerman Family	O'Leary Family	Yang/Bai Family
Baldassano Family	Anonymous Teacher 3	Sfondilis Family
Bucy Family	Mrs. Johnson's Family	Kiss Family
Decatorsmith Family	Bauer Family	Anonymous Family 2
Mr. Wager	Mrs. Banach	Miss Cavicchioni
Miss Howard	Mrs. Brierton	Mrs. Tisinai
Mrs. Scharpf		

Reading Program

On Tuesday, March 9 we conclude our Family Reading Program. Our staff has been blown away by the critical commitment you have made to support your child's at-home reading through this program. In some classrooms the minute goals came in doubled. It is great to reward students with the prizes such as t-shirts, pancakes, game day, and no homework, but the real reward is the reading. Without a doubt your child's reading skills have been strengthened because of this participation. That reward is priceless.

From Wednesday, March 10 through Tuesday, March 16 your child will have NO HOMEWORK! That is the reward for Week 5.

The *Big Event* will be held right at Grove on Thursday, April 1. It will be a fun-packed day at Grove. You will hear all about it after Spring Break.

ISAT Testing

Next week our third through fifth grade students will continue their ISAT Testing. A handful of students continue to arrive late which has been tough on our test scheduling. Please organize your schedules so that your child is at school every day by 8:55 AM. Your child's day will get off to a positive start if you do – rather than a day of "catch up". (This is true for every day of the school year – not just during testing).

Orchestra News

The 4th and 5th Grade Orchestras will be performing on Thursday night March 11th at 7:30pm in the auditorium at Barrington High School. There will be 300 4th and 5th grade string students participating in this concert from all of the grade schools in the district. Both groups have been working very diligently in their weekly lessons and at early morning rehearsals. Those participating in the concert are:

4th grade Orchestra Members

Courtney Abernethy	Olivia Tomlinson	Laura Aki	Zachary Tufenkjian
Nduka Aliberi	Willy Wloch	Aubrey Benito	Anne Woods
Brent Bisco	Ashley Yoon	Nicholas Block	Grace Zhou
Jinny Buonfiglio	Andrew Zimmerman	Kristofer Casey	Rabi Decatorsmith
Caitlin Feely	Emma Graves	Rooshan Grover	Anna Hager
Toula Hatzipetros	Kaylin Hu	Ashley Kawarski	Kiara Kelley
Karlie Kotel	Howard Li	Madeline Lorch	Nathan Malin-Jones
Delaney Meek	Bella Miller	Maddie Morris	Giselle Nambo
Amilee Nuzzo	Ian Paprocki	Julia Piotrowski	Gina Polito
Rebekah Raitz	Apoorva Ramakrishnan	Nabeel Rasheed	Ishaan Sehgal
Lakitha Sweeney	Caitlin Szczypta	Matthew Tabb	Jack Thennisch
Lianna Thierry	Maggie Tippet	Olivia Tomlinson	Zachary Tufenkjian
Willy Wloch	Anne Woods	Ashley Yoon	Grace Zhou
Andrew Zimmerman			

5th Grade Orchestra Members

Lily Decatorsmith	Margot Dick	Siddharth Gehlaut	Gaurav Ghosh
Chirag Gopinath	Justin Hill	Zaynah Javed	Ryan Kuk
Manisha Kumar	Jack Longo	Lindsay Olesen	Akshara Ramakrishnan
Paul Shewchuk	Neha Simon	Cissy Xiao	Isabel Xiao
Vivian Xu	Ana Zawisza	Lily Zheng	Anthony Zhou

You're Invited to a Parents' Night Out!!!

While your kids are safe and having the time of their life during the Grove Lock-In, you can relax and be out with friends! Everyone Wins!!!

The Lucky Monk in South Barrington has offered to give 10% of your bill back to Grove. Just mention that you are a Grove parent! Stop by on Friday, March 12. The Lucky Monk is located at Route 59 & Hollywood Drive in South Barrington.

How Often Do You Get Something For Free? Take Advantage of This Free Workshop



PARENTS...Create more satisfying, productive relationships with your children through STEP.

Create more satisfying, productive relationships with your children through STEP.

Systematic Training for Effective Parenting

Attend this S.T.E.P. workshop and learn:

- How to understand your child's behavior
- How to listen and talk with your child
- How to help children cooperate
- How to encourage your child and yourself
- Discipline that makes sense... And more!

S.T.E.P. – Systematic Training For Effective Parenting- is a course for parents and others who want their relationships with children to be more satisfying. In a non-judgmental atmosphere of support, you will learn communication skills, positive discipline techniques, ways to build self-esteem, and more.

S.T.E.P. participants work together discussing common concerns, and learn specific child-training ideas and skills.

S.T.E.P. is sponsored by Hough Street School, held in the evening, and facilitated by Jess Jarrard, Hough's School Social Worker and Coy Walcott, Grove's School Social Worker.

For more information or to sign up, contact:

Jess Jarrard at 847-620-4731, jjarrard@barrington220.org

Coy Walcott at 847-842-7485, cwalcott@barrington220.org

Classes begin Wednesday, March 10th at 6:30 p.m. (Eight week course, Free of charge, Workbook included, Childcare provided).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ~ Volunteers are needed to assist with childcare offered to those attending the parenting class given by Coy Walcott, our school social worker. One adult is needed to work with high school babysitters **Wednesday evenings at Hough from 6:15 - 8:30**. Classes run from **March 10th to May 5th** (none held during spring break). If you are available to help on one (or more) of these evenings, please contact Julie Stearney at 847-842-3407 or jstearney@barrington220.org. Thank you!



Grove family Dance April 23rd

There are plenty of fun activities in store for the Family Dance. Look for tickets forms after Spring Break.

1. A costume contest (Disco themed) with **prizes** for groups by grade, teacher and parents.
Single or group
2. Silent auction items include:
 - a. 4 Cubs tickets, Section 110, Row 14, Seats 1-4 (those are GREAT seats!) and apparel
 - b. 2 Steppenwolf Theater tickets and one night stay at the Hilton
 - c. Zune '06, cooler with a radio, Saturday Night Fever CD
 - d. Toy basket from Brilliant Sky worth \$150
 - e. Basket of Chinese items including jewelry, Bronze chopsticks and Figurine
 - f. Annual reserved parking spot in Grove parking lot
 - g. Reserved parking spot for the 2010-2011 Grove open house, meet the teacher day and winter program
 - h. Front row seats to the winter program 2010
 - i. Open gym for the day
 - j. Principal for the day
 - k. Office assistant for the day
3. Raffle baskets to include (but many more to be finalized):
Lunch with your favorite teacher, Dr. K or specials teachers.
4. 5th Grade classroom with largest attendance to receive free night of homework
5. 5th grade students to teach "The Hustle" to other students at dance

KID CRUSADERS SURPASS THEIR GOAL

Shaving their heads to raise funds and awareness for Childhood Cancers

When presented with the question, "Does your son want to shave his head to raise money for children's cancer research?" I really did not know how he would answer. Would his decision, as a "Tween", be marked by the self-consciousness associated with this age group of rapidly growing bodies and brains? No, my son and seven others agreed to join their buddy, Justin Hill, on this journey to improve lives, even if it meant being bald for a while. These boys are a testament to the power of a changing curriculum which emphasizes empathy in action. Social change and charity go hand and hand at Grove. From Feed My Starving Children to Hearts for Haiti, Grove students are conscious of the needs of the world around them and are ever ready to do something about it.

Grove Gives is not just a slogan but a mission statement. By offering to give up their hair, they have also learned that there are ways to support a cause even when you don't personally have the means financially. (Not that their efforts do not have a fiscal impact, to date these ten young men have surpassed their goal of \$2,000 to raise over \$5,000.) If your family does not have plans on Saturday night (March 6th), I would strongly encourage you and your kids to come see the "Kid Crusaders" get shaved. The event is at Jerseys Pizza and Grill and starts at 3pm with the boys losing their hair at 5pm. These boys have the courage to do this because of the support they feel from the greater Grove community. See you there! –Janine O'Leary