

**River Grove: A Marine Area Community School**

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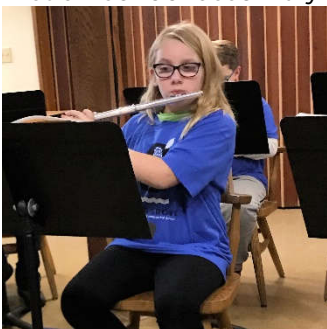
**Artist in Residence  
Karron Nottingham Was Here!**

If you are a member of our Facebook parent group, you already saw these amazing mandalas that Karron created with your kids. This was an art lesson about the principle of line. Karron will return seven more times this year, thanks to your contributions to the PTO.



**So Many Events, So Little Dry Weather**

Despite the epic rains of last week, we got a lot done at River Grove. The fourth grade “Informance” concert (left photo) was a success! We are proud that — thanks to Erika Hammerschmidt — we offer band and orchestra to fourth graders, giving our students an important head-start on music education. Our fifth graders build catapults and demonstrated them to visitors in an outdoor classroom (middle). Our second grade went on a field trip to Warner Nature Center (right). Our third grade invited parents to view students’ Biome and Blandings Turtle presentations. And we had our first all-school assembly on Friday!



**PLEASE NOTE**

**UPDATED BUS ROUTES** will be implemented starting Monday, Oct. 29. All routes will change to accommodate improvements and safety concerns. Routes will be emailed and posted on Monday, Oct. 22. Questions? Please contact Ron Gubrud at [rgubrud@marineareaschool.org](mailto:rgubrud@marineareaschool.org)

**REMINDERS**

**SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS DUE TUESDAYS AT NOON** for the following week.  
**[CLICK TO ORDER FOR WEEK 8](#)**

The new lunches are a hit! Many students are asking for seconds, which we are happy to serve:

- Extra milk: \$0.60
- Second entree: \$2.00
- Second sides: \$1.00

If you do not want your child to get second servings, please let us know.

**ATTENDANCE:** Please email or call the office by 10:00 am if your child is sick, late, or absent for any reason. Send changes to [attendance@marineareaschool.org](mailto:attendance@marineareaschool.org)

**DAILY DISMISSAL CHANGES:** Call 651-409-3122 or email [attendance@marineareaschool.org](mailto:attendance@marineareaschool.org) by NOON (except for emergencies).

**WINTER CLOTHING REMINDER:** With the cold weather, kids need to be appropriately dressed! **When snow arrives, snow pants, boots, coats, mittens/gloves, and hats are required.**

## After-School Clubs Starting After Break

Six fun clubs are being offered for fall! [Click here for the registration form.](#) Registrations are still accepted for most clubs.



## Conferences on Friday, November 2

### No School During Conferences

Please look for the email (coming soon) regarding conference sign-ups. The Scholastic Book Fair will be open during conferences. See more info below.

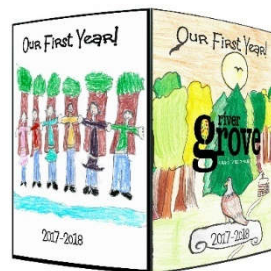


### New **BLUE** River Grove Shirts!

The new blue River Grove shirts you ordered ... or meant to 😊 ... are heading home as we are able to get the orders out. Don't worry if you missed the ordering: We got extra! [CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#)

## Yearbook Cover Contest

River Grove 4th, 5th, and 6th graders can enter a contest to have their design on the front cover, and the K-3 kids are eligible to design the back cover. Space-permitting, all submitted designs will be printed inside the yearbook. Design sheets went home with your students on Friday 10/12 (Mrs. Hansen's Kindergarten did theirs in class). **PLEASE HAVE YOUR KIDS WRITE THEIR NAMES ON THE BACK!**



*Last year's front and back cover*

## Enter the DaVinci Fest!

### Register Online by December 15

DaVinci Fest gives students a chance to show their talents and smarts in a Science Fair, Art Fair, Film Fest, Spoken Word, Science Challenge, and Upcycling Fair. It's also a HUGE community event with educational exhibits, demonstrations, and performances. DaVinci Fest is open to all students grades 4-12 in the Stillwater area, including River Grove students. Register online by December 15 and be ready to share your work on January 5, 2019, at Stillwater Area High School. For more information, go to the Partnership Plan's website: <https://partnershipplan.org/da-vinci-fest/>




## Costumes Welcome on Wednesday, October 31!

### See Restrictions

Kids start planning your costumes now! Costumes will be permitted at school with a few restrictions: no masks; no weapons or blood (real or facsimile); costumes should not depict horror or frightening characters; closed-toe shoes must be worn. Animals, friendly historical or storybook characters, food items, etc., are encouraged. All items should be labeled with your kids' names and should be easy to put on over regular school clothes. Each classroom teacher will decide on in-class activities and the specific times costumes are allowed. Candy will not be shared or distributed during school hours.



## REMINDERS

**OLDFIELD ROAD:** Please do not use Oldfield Road north of Hwy 7 to Ostlund Trail N. This road is not an approved route for River Grove traffic, and usage may affect our Conditional Use Permit. 

**PLEASE RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS** in good condition so everyone can enjoy them. If a book is lost or severely damaged, we ask for a \$5 replacement fee.

**NO OPEN-TOE SHOES, PLEASE:** A reminder that closed-toed shoes **MUST** be worn at all times. The students play outside where there are sticks, rocks, and other things that could potentially injure little feet. No sandals please!

**NO DOGS ON CAMPUS** Please do not bring dogs on campus (with the exception of certified service dogs). Thank you for your understanding.

**WE ARE A SCHOOL ZONE!** We may not have the signs, but we are still a school zone. Drive carefully and obey the traffic signs.



- Only delivery, emergency, and handicap-authorized vehicles are allowed on our service roads.
- When picking up a student, please park in the "Guest" parking lot. Do not drive or park on the service road.
- **Please drive slowly on campus and on area roads.**
- **Watch for kids walking and biking, please!**

**LOST AND FOUND:** Located in the Commons.

## Community Connections: You're Invited!

CrossWinds Community Church invites you to its HarFest on Oct 24. If you want to be a part and have a decorated trunk let Isaac Dunnick, 4<sup>th</sup> grade dad, know: [isaac@crosswindsc.org](mailto:isaac@crosswindsc.org)



## Dismissal Card Contest

We have a large campus, and our #1 priority is the safety of your kids. That's why we use a system of "dismissal cards" to help make sure your kids go where they are supposed to go at the end of the day.

We need their help in taking care of their cards! Therefore, we will have a reward system: At the end of the school year, if a dismissal card is in good shape and not lost or replaced, the card will be entered in a drawing to win one of three Target gift cards. All kids will get a new card on Monday, Oct 22. Please help your kids take care of their cards!

## Winners of the "Bus Animal" Vote



Blue Bus Dragonfly



Green Bus Frog



Red Bus Fox



Yellow Bus Bee



Parent Pick-up Purple Bunny

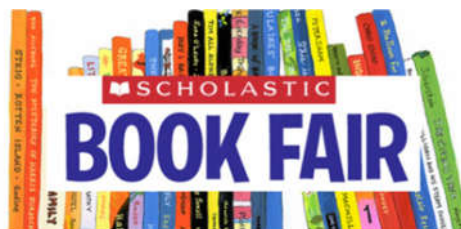


Walker/Biker Orange Duck

## Scholastic Book Fair!

### Thursday and Friday, Nov 1 and 2

Don't miss the Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday and Friday, Nov 1 and 2. Classes will have an opportunity to shop during the school day on Thursday. The shop will be open to parents on Thursday afternoon 3:30 to 6:30pm, and on Friday during conferences 9:00am to 1:00pm. We will need volunteers - please email [ldemars@marinereareaschool.org](mailto:ldemars@marinereareaschool.org).



## VOLUNTEERING

**VISITING AND VOLUNTEERING IN A CLASSROOM:** If you would like to visit or volunteer in a classroom, please contact the teacher directly in advance to schedule a time that works for all. Please do not bring siblings or extra guests.

Check in at the Main Office in Earth. For the safety of our staff and students, all visitors, including parent volunteers and community members, must wear a visitor badge when on school grounds. Please check out and return the badge before departing.

To volunteer with kids at River Grove in any setting, you must complete a background check and [completed the on-line orientation](#). All responses are required, including your name (for us to check off that you completed the presentation).

## CAN YOU HELP PROMOTE RIVER GROVE?

We have a few lawn signs that could go in prominent places! Could you put one in your yard?

Also, we are looking for talented "guerilla" marketers - anyone with experience in innovative and low-cost marketing techniques, including videography. If you want to be part of a River Grove promotion team, let us know!

Contact Ele or Drew in the office

## Earn Money for River Grove with Scrip!

Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for River Grove. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards.

You purchase gift cards at face value. Your program's coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for your organization. For example, you purchase a \$50 card that River Grove bought for \$40: River Grove makes \$10. It's really that simple!

Great Lakes Scrip Center offers more than 700 of the country's biggest retailers, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more. Just by using scrip cards to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise \$500 or more per year. It's an easy way to make your "normal" shopping dollars work overtime!

**Sign up here! [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)  
Code: BBL8122461124**

### Here's How it Works:

1. Click on JOIN A PROGRAM or REGISTER at the top of the screen.
2. Under FOR FAMILIES, click on Join a Scrip Program.
3. Enter the Enrollment Code: BBL8122461124
4. Create your username and password (your email address is recommended as your username).
5. Enter your account information:
  - a. Student Name: The River Grove student/family who gets "credit" for your fundraising (optional).
  - b. Classroom / Group: Your child's teacher's name (optional).
6. Complete registration information
  - a. Great Lakes Scrip Center will send a verification code to your cell phone number.
7. There are two ways to pay for your scrips:
  - a. PrestoPay online payments.
    - i. To immediately order ScripNow e-cards, sign up for PrestoPay and print the e-cards from your home.
    - ii. To order plastic gift cards using PrestoPay, first place your order on the shopwithscrip.com website. The school will release your order, the cards will come to the school in the mail, and finally will be delivered to you.
  - b. Pay by check.
    - i. To pay by check for plastic gift cards, you order scrips through the shopwithscrip.com website. Then send or bring a check to the school office. Upon receipt of your check, the school will release your order, which will come to the school via the mail. Finally, the gift cards will be delivered to you.
    - ii. To pay by check for ScripNow e-cards, first you order your e-cards through the website and then send or bring a check to the school office. The school will release your order as soon as the check is received. You do not have to wait for a plastic card to be delivered.
8. Follow further instructions on the Great Lakes Scrip Center website.



### Big Hint!

Sign up for "PrestoPay" online payments - the fastest way to get your scrips. This will save you lots of time and the school lots of postage costs. No waiting or the mail or busy school office personnel 😊

## *River Grove Calendar*

| DATE                          | TIME  | WHAT  | WHERE                                | MORE INFO  |
|-------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b>MON - FRI, OCT 15 - 19</b> |   |   |                                      |  |
| <b>MEA Break - No School</b>  |   |   |                                      |  |
| <b>Mon, Oct 22</b>            |   | PE with Karla Krick   | Commons                              | Tennis shoes required  |
|                               | 3:30 to 4:45  | After School Club: Art  | Lower Commons                        |  |
|                               | 3:30 to 4:45  | After School Club: Film   | 4th Grade Room                       |  |
| <b>Tues Oct 23</b>            |   | Lunch Orders Due for Following Week   |                                      |  |
|                               |   | Band and Orchestra, 4th 5th 6th   | Lower Commons                        |  |
|                               | 3:30 to 4:45  | Zephyr Theatre Music<br>After School Club: Rocks  | K-6 Classrooms<br>Commons            |  |
| <b>Wed, Oct 24</b>            |   | PE with Karla Krick   | Commons                              | Tennis shoes required  |
|                               | 9:30 - 2:00   | Band and Orchestra, 4th 5th 6th<br>Taylors Falls Field Trip - Rivers Are Alive -<br>- 1st grade (rescheduled from Oct 10) | Lower Commons<br>St. Croix Falls, WI | 1st grade  |
|                               | 3:30 to 4:45  | After School Club: Handmade Gifts   | Lower Commons                        |  |
| <b>Thu, Oct 25</b>            |   | Art Specialist (Robin Iredale)  | Lower Commons                        |  |
|                               |   | Library Day   | Commons                              | Please return library books<br>before library day                        |
| <b>Fri, Oct 26</b>            |   | Zephyr Theatre Music  | K-6                                  |  |
|                               | Parents<br>Invited 2:00-<br>3:00  | Second Grade Cultural Fair: How family<br>and friends help one another and how<br>families celebrate                      | 2nd Grade Room                       |  |
| <b>Sat, Oct 27</b>            |   | Marine Folk School Classes at River Grove in the Commons  |                                      | <a href="http://marinemillsfolkschool.org">marinemillsfolkschool.org</a> |
| <b>Mon, Oct 29</b>            |   | PE with Karla Krick   | Commons                              | Tennis shoes required  |
|                               | 3:30 to 4:45  | After School Club: Art  | Lower Commons                        |  |
|                               | 3:30 to 4:45  | After School Club: Film   | 4th Grade Room                       |  |
| <b>Tues, Oct 30</b>           |   | Lunch Orders Due for Following Week   |                                      |  |
|                               |   | Band and Orchestra, 4th 5th 6th   | Lower Commons                        |  |
|                               | 3:30 to 4:45  | Zephyr Theatre Music<br>After School Club: Rocks  | K-6 Classrooms<br>Commons            |  |
| <b>Wed, Oct 31</b>            | <b>Costumes Welcome!</b> See restrictions above, and talk to your teachers about specific class plans |   |                                      |  |
|                               |   | PE with Karla Krick   | Commons                              | Tennis shoes required  |
|                               |   | Warner Nature Center Field Trip - 4th   | Warner Nature                        | Fall Birds/Wetlands  |
|                               |   | Band and Orchestra, 4th 5th 6th   | Lower Commons                        |  |
|                               |   | <b>NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</b>  |                                      |  |
| <b>Thu, Nov 1</b>             | <b>I Love to Read Month at RG Begins</b>  |   |                                      |  |
|                               |   | Art Specialist Robin Iredale  | Lower Commons                        |  |
|                               | 9:00 to 3:30  | Scholastic Book Fair: Class visits during<br>school day   | Sun Building                         |  |
|                               | 3:30 to 4:45  | After School Club: Roots and Shoots   | 4th Grade Room                       | Every other week   |
|                               | 3:30 to 6:30  | Scholastic Book Fair  | Sun Building                         |  |
| <b>Fri, Nov 2</b>             |   | Parent-Teacher Conferences  | Classrooms                           |  |
|                               | 9:00 to 1:00  | <b>Conferences - NO SCHOOL</b><br>Scholastic Book Fair  | Classrooms<br>Sun Building           |  |
| <b>Sat, Nov 3</b>             |   | Marine Folk School Classes at River Grove in the Commons  |                                      | <a href="http://marinemillsfolkschool.org">marinemillsfolkschool.org</a> |

### *Looking Ahead:*

**Tuesday, Nov 13** - Chipotle Night! Invite family and friends!

**Wednesday, Nov 21** - Early Release (1:30pm)

**Thursday and Friday, Nov 22 and 23** - No School

**Wednesday, Nov 28** - School Field Trip: How the Grinch Stole Christmas at the Children's Theatre