### GRUNDY SCHOOL INFORMATION SHEET

### 2023-2024

Welcome to Ward Grundy Elementary School! We are very excited about the upcoming school year and can’t wait to begin working with you and your children! ☺

Grundy Pool Party will be held on **Friday, August 4th** from 7:00-8:30 at the Morton Pool.

Kindergarten round-up will be held on **Thursday, August 10th** from 8:00-2:30 by appointment.

PowerSchool will be opened to K-6 parents on **Monday, August 14th** by 4:00 so you can see your child’s teacher.

ECE, Kindergarten, and First Grade “Unpack Your Backpack Night” will be held on **Tuesday, August 15th** from 6:00-7:00.

The first day of school is **Wednesday, August 16th:**

* Students in grades K-6 will attend from 8:20-11:55.
* ECE students will not attend.

Beginning on **Thursday, August 17th:**

* Students in grades K-6 will attend from 8:20-2:40.
* ECE-AM students will attend from 8:20-10:55.
* ECE-PM students will attend from 12:05-2:40.

Food service will begin on **Thursday, August 17th.** Menus will be sent home monthly and will be posted on our website. You can deposit money into your child’s Meal Magic account by going to the district website at <https://www.morton709.org/> and clicking on the “Meal Magic” button at the bottom of the homepage. Money can also be sent to school in an envelope with your child’s name, grade, and teacher written on the outside. These envelopes will be collected by the teachers every morning. Checks should be made payable to the “Morton School District”.

Running Club for students in grades 4-6 begins on **Wednesday, August 23rd** from 2:45-3:40. More information will be forthcoming.

"Meet the Teacher Night" will be held on **Thursday, August 24th** from 6:30-8:00. More information will be forthcoming.

The first meeting of the Grundy PTO will be held on **Monday, August 28th** at 6:30 in the Grundy cafeteria. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

The first meeting of the Grundy Moms in Prayer Group will be held on **Wednesday, August 30th** from 8:30-9:30 at the Morton Christian Church (just a block north of Grundy on 4th Avenue). All Grundy mothers, grandmothers, and aunts are welcome to attend.

The Grundy Grapevine (school handbook/phonebook) will be published shortly after the beginning of school. Student name, parent name, address, phone numbers (except unlisted), and email address will be listed for all students enrolled unless the office has been notified in writing to have the information excluded. Unlisted phone numbers will not be included unless you request in writing that they be in the handbook. Please send a letter to the Grundy office to my attention with any requests of this nature by **Friday, September 1st.**

There is no school on **Monday, September 4th** as we observe Labor Day.

Grundy Gear (school spirit wear) order forms will be distributed after Labor Day.

Kindergarten students, 6th grade students, and ALL out-of-state transfer students are required to have Illinois physical exams and a complete record of immunizations. We are required by law to exclude students who are not in compliance with State requirements by **October 15th**. All student medical records will be checked and parents will be notified of any noncompliance prior to October 15th.

Kindergarten students and other students enrolling for the first time must have an eye exam by **October 15th**.

Kindergarten students, 2nd grade students, and 6th grade students are required to have a dental exam by **May 15th**.

The Illinois Education Reform Act requires parent notification by the school of a child’s absence if the parent has not notified the school. Parents are required to send a note or call the school office to inform us of student illness or vacation. Our attendance line (309-284-2000) is available 24 hours a day. If we have not heard from you regarding a student absence by 9:00 a.m. (or by 12:30 p.m. for ECE-PM absences) we are required to contact you.

Please remember to notify the school anytime there is a change of address, phone number, email address, place of employment, or emergency phone numbers. This is very important to your child's well being in the event of illness or injury.

When dropping-off students in the morning, please use the driveway on the west side of the building. Students must exit from the passenger side of your vehicle. Please remain in your vehicle to keep the line moving. If you need to walk your child inside, please park in the District Office parking lot.

When picking-up students in the afternoon, please park in the right lane of the driveway on the west side of the building or in the District Office parking lot. If you park in the driveway, please remain in your vehicle to keep the line moving.

**The Village of Morton has designated much of Greenwood Street and Fourth Avenue as a no parking zone during school hours. This will be actively enforced by the Morton Police Department.**

Please feel free to call us at 309-263-1421 if we can provide you with any additional information. We are looking forward to a fantastic school year!

Sincerely,

Michael J. Saunders

Principal