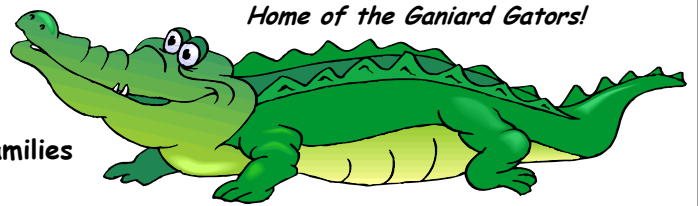


# Ganiard Gazette

A Newsletter  
for Ganiard Families



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## Check our Calendar:

Mon. March. 9th  
6:15 PTO Mtg.

Thurs., March 12  
Spring Pictures

Wed. Mar. 25 &  
Thurs. Mar. 26  
Parent Conferences  
NO SCHOOL

March 12  
6:30 Reading Night

Mar. 27- Apr. 5  
Spring Break

April 10  
NO  
SCHOOL



## Bucket Fillers For Life

Last week, Stacy Lundgren told us about the invisible bucket that we all carry. *This bucket contains our feelings. When our bucket is full, we feel great; when it's empty, we feel empty. A bucket filler is someone who says or does nice things*

*for other people. By doing this, they are filling other people's buckets and filling their own bucket at the same time. On the other hand, a bucket dipper says or does things to cause other people to feel bad.* We call that bullying behavior. To learn more about bucket filling check out this web site: <http://www.bucketfillersforlife.com>



## Parent Conferences

Notification of spring parent conference appointments should have been received this week. The appointments duplicate the times that we used in the fall. If you need to change your appointment, please call Mrs. Gomez at 775-2240.

### READING MONTH

Please check your Reading Month calendar for special events.

## Thinking Maps

Since last summer, the MPPS teaching staff has had several opportunities to learn about the use of "thinking maps" as part of our instruction. There are 8 different maps which help students organize their thinking in a visual pattern. Recently, we have focused on CIRCLE MAPS and BUBBLE MAPS. You will find examples and descriptions of both with this newsletter. The eight maps will be used throughout the school system and across all content areas. Look for examples in your student's work folder.

MPPS Mission Statement  
Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, together with our community, inspires each student through exceptional educational opportunities to become an engaged citizen in a diverse, changing world.

## KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

March 17th, March 18th, April 30th, and May 20th have been set for kindergarten registration days for the 2009-2010 kindergarten class. To make an appointment, please call 775-2302. Please share this information with family and friends who have children who will be five on or before December 1, 2009.

## TOWN HALL MEETING

The last town meeting for interested families and community members to discuss the potential budget impact on Mt. Pleasant Public Schools for the 2009-2010 school year is next week.

9:30 Thursday, March 12th  
Kinney Conference Room

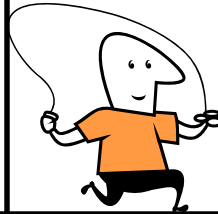
## History Club News

In addition to preparing materials for the Isabella County 150th anniversary open house, the group also prepared a Lego model of the Ganiard School building for the competition at the Chippewa River District Library. The team received a third place ribbon for their efforts.

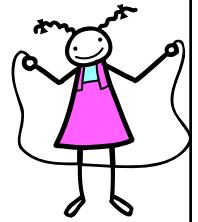
On **Monday, March 9th at 1:00**, local historian Jack Westbrook will present information on the history of the county for Ganiard students. All interested parents or community members are invited to join us.

## Jump Rope for Heart

Thanks to the efforts of our students and a successful Valentine flower sale, our school met the challenge that Mrs. Schlicht put before them for the Jump Rope for Heart charity. Since last year, we earned \$2900, the challenge was set at \$3500 for this year. With the added incentive of teachers agreeing to have GREEN HAIR for a day, students successfully earned \$4500!



Watch for many green-haired teachers on Friday, March 13th.



## BOXTOPS for Education

We did it again! Our efforts to collect Boxtops coupons resulted in earning \$1300 for school projects. We really appreciate each family's efforts in this endeavor. One bonus this time was the 29 seventy point coupons from Meijer. That adds up quickly.

We will continue to raise funds this way next year, so keep a bag handy in the kitchen to collection coupons all summer. Students in these classrooms earned a special pizza treat for their efforts: Pestel, Eversole, Sherwood, and Jansen.

## Dictionaries for Third Graders

This was the inaugural year for the local Kiwanis Club's special project to make sure every third grader in Mt. Pleasant had his or her own dictionary. As you can see, the third graders were delighted with the plan!



## Author Sneed Collard, III Visits

Thanks to the CMU Department of Education and Human Services, author Sneed Collard, III made two large group presentations for our students, as well as visited four classrooms. Since much of his work is nonfiction, he described how his love of science led him into a life as a full-time author. Several of his books have been selected by the National Science Teachers' Association as "outstanding trade books for students K-12." Ganiard students and teachers are grateful to CMU for sponsoring this event for us. Several of his books were also donated to the Ganiard library.