

## Grand Island CSD

### Greetings!

Welcome to The E-Bridge, an electronic, extra supplement to the Grand Island Central School District's print edition of The Bridge newsletter.

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### Grand Island High School





## DECA States

Grand Island students traveled to Rochester for the New York DECA Conference on March 8, 9, and 10.

Congratulations to the team of Eden Johnson, Natalyn Cordero, and Andrew Burke, who qualified for the International DECA Career Conference in Orlando Florida next month.

Amy Boutet, Cheryl Chamberlain, Leanne Winstanley, and Chris Simpson – who teach business, career and technical education for the district – prepared the students for competition in business and marketing events leading up to the trip. Grand Island students who qualified for the state conference at a regional event: Abbigail Toth, Abby Szyprowski, Adam Schnell, Addison Flegal, Alma Brown, Andrew Burke, Anna Kurtzhaltz, Cami Harding, Casey Walowitz, Eden Johnson, Ella Zaremski, Hannah Higuera, Hannah Susman, Hollyn Lynch, Jacob Schiesser, Logan Fox, Matthew Rizzo, Megan Pinzel, Meredith Ehlenfield, Morgan Khadra, Natalie Kopf, Natalie Martineck, Natalyn Cordero, Nate Cohen, Olivia Mayer, Patrick Whalen, Pearl Sciolino-Coffey, Raven Khreis, Samantha Ennis, Skye Dreher, Sophia Pyc, and Sydney Martin.

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## Veronica Connor Middle School



### Shamrock Shuffle returns

After a three-year hiatus, the Connor Middle School Shamrock Shuffle made its return on March 17. The last major Student Council event of the year, the Shamrock Shuffle concluded Spring Spirit Week at VCMS and kicked off St. Patrick's Day weekend celebrations.



## Charlotte Sidway Elementary School

### Irish dance

Students at Sidway Elementary received a visit from dancers at the McCarthy School of Irish Dance on March 16. About 400 students assembled in the gymnasium to see the McCarthy School perform, and along the way, they received a wee bit of information about Irish culture through the medium of dance.



### Taste a Rainbow

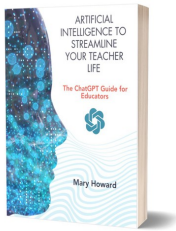
Sidway Elementary students learned about healthy foods to try during the Taste a Rainbow event on March 2.

Teacher Amanda Martinez and volunteers from the PTA welcomed students to the Sidway fitness room to sample healthy foods from each color of the rainbow.



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## Accolades



Connor Middle School Principal John Fitzpatrick reported that teacher **Mary Howard** has published her first book on artificial intelligence and its impact on learning and instruction. The book is called "Artificial Intelligence to Streamline Your Teacher Life: The ChatGBT Guide for Educators."

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## Performing Arts

### Elementary bands to perform in Rochester

Music teacher Craig Poissant reports that elementary concert bands from Huth Road and Kaegebein have been invited to perform at the National Association for Music Education's All-Eastern Conference in Rochester on Friday, April 14.

"This prestigious event invites some of the best programs from the eastern United States to perform for those in attendance at the conference. This is a first for our elementary bands on Grand Island!" Poissant said.

### All-Island Jazz Concert

Jazz ensembles from Huth Road Elementary, Kaegebein Elementary, Connor Middle, and Grand Island High School performed on March 16 in the Grand Viking Theater.

The Music Department expressed "a heartfelt 'thanks' to the many parents, family members, and friends who support these students in their musical endeavors and in their daily lives."





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## Island media

Watch and listen to newscasts and podcasts from the Grand Island Central School District.



### VikingVisionNews 3-21-2023 #689

Sam Ennis and Raven Khreis are back again for a brand new Viking Vision Newscast as we are in full Clash of the Vikings mode at Grand Island High School, as the girls break down all the activities for the rest of the week, leading to Friday night's main event, plus we recognize our Top Musicians playing in the All-County concerts this weekend, our Top 10 Senior Class of 2023 Academic students, and some of our Top Athletes honored at the PAL awards.

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### Kaegebein and their Wellness Wednesday Initiative - Inspiring Viking Values

In our 8th episode of Inspiring Viking Values we interviewed Dr. Felicia Pallaci, the Principal of Kaegebein Elementary School. Dr. Pallaci shared information regarding their "Wellness" initiative. Joining the podcast were some special guests. Mrs. Jen Marsala and Mr. Greg Nicolia joined us fo...

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## Looking Ahead

## Coming soon

### Friday, March 24

- Salsa Dance
- Clash of the Vikings
- YAMFest!

### Friday, March 31

- VCMS Talent Show

+ Announcement of the March 2023 Viking Values Students of the Month.



The Community Relations Desk

