**Grinnell Middle School Announcements**

**Tuesday, April 18, 2017 - Day 6**

Attendance for Monday was 96%.

All 7th and 8th grade boys please empty your PE lockers on Thursday and Friday. The lockers will be cleaned and we need all things out to do so. You can then begin using your locker regularly next week after they have been cleaned.

Lunch in the Library for all students today, bring your lunch and a good book to share. Also, take a look at the new book display and other book displays in the library!

The time is upon us to begin preparation the the annual Paul Phillips 8th grade campout May 17th - May 19th. Permission forms have been sent home with students, and your child will need the form completed and returned in order to attend. We would also encourage a donation for camping meals, camping fees, and replacement costs for campout equipment. A suggested amount would be $20 and would be greatly appreciated.

There will be out of town track meets for the boys and girls track teams today. The boys team will travel to Williamsburg and their bus will be leaving at 2:45, please excuse the team members at 2:30. The girls team will travel to South Tama and their bus will be leaving at 3:10.

The Grinnell High School Marching Band will be holding auditions for the 2017 Color Guard. Practices for the auditions will be held before school Tuesday, April 25th through Friday, April 28th. Auditions will be held on Saturday, April 29th at 8:00 a.m. Please find the following flyer with additional details . . . . .

GMRC - Take a Child to Work Day will be next Thursday, April 27th. There will be forms at Grinnell Mutual for parents to complete for their children. Students should check with their parents to make sure they have completed the forms. The GMS group of students will depart for GMRC after 6th period and stay for the remainder of the school day. There will not be a bus returning students to the Middle School at the end of the day.

**PARENTS & STUDENTS** - - - In preparation for the 2017-2018 school year we are opening up the opportunity for students to request their locker partners. The guideline for requesting a locker partner will be that both students must agree to their sharing a locker. The GMS grade level social studies teachers will have the locker sharing request documents in their classroom for students to sign-up until May 2nd. Thank you for help in ensuring a great start for the 2017-2018 school year.

**APRIL - Middle School Calendar Events**

Friday, April 21st - GMS all building field trip to Des Moines Civic Center (Hypnotic Brass Ensemble)

Friday, April 21st - GMS Honor Choir in Ames for grades 5-6

Thursday, April 27th - GMRC - Take a Student to Work Day

**MAY - Middle School Calendar Events**

Tuesday, May 2nd - Grades 5-6 Spring Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 4th - Grades 7-8 Spring Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 11th - Superheroes, Unite! Spring Play performance for grades 6-8

Thursday, May 11th - DMACC Water Festival field trip for 5th grade

Friday, May 12th - Superheroes, Unite! Spring Play performance for grades 5-7

Friday, May 12th - GHS Activities 17-18 preview for 8th grade students

Saturday, May 13th - Superheroes, Unite! Spring Play performance for the public

Saturday, May 13th - GMS Debate Tournament at Bettendorf High School

Monday, May 15th - Drake Library Summer Program highlights for GMS students

Monday, May 15th - GMS Assembly for our retiring faculty and staff (1 hour early dismissal schedule)

Tuesday, May 16th - Diamond Lake field trip for 5th grade

Tuesday, May 16th - All City Band Concert

Wednesday, May 17th - Friday, May 19th - - GMS 8th Grade Campout

Wednesday, May 24th - Red Rock Lake field trip for 7th grade students

**END OF YEAR - Middle School Calendar Events**

Wednesday, May 31st - GMS Celebration Assembly (1 hour early dismissal schedule)

Thursday, June 1st - GMS Awards Assembly 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, June 1st - Last Day of School - Noon dismissal