**Grinnell Middle School Announcements**

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017 - Day 1**

Attendance for Tuesday was 96%.

The Grinnell Middle School Tiger Club needs your help! We have joined up with Connected (the Grinnell Elementary School PTO) to extend a sale they had earlier this year to the Middle School. Information is posted on the district website [Virtual Backpack](http://www.grinnell-k12.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Community%7CVirtual%20Backpack) and you will also find the attached flyer with additional details. Thank you for your support . . . .

**The 7th grade girls track team took 4th at South Tama**

Ivey Schmidt placed 1st in the long jump.

Natalie Brown placed 3rd in the long jump.

Ryleigh Stevenson placed 5th in the Discus and 4th in Shot Put.

Ivey Schmidt placed 4th in the 100 Meter Dash.

Meredith McKnight placed 3rd in the 400 Meter Dash.

Sydney Kenkel placed 1st in the 200 Meter Dash.

Thea Larson placed 5th in the 800 Meter Run.

The Distance Med (Sydney Kenkel, Elektra Neal, Harleigh Wood, Sydney Miller) placed 3rd.

4x800 (Sydney Miller, Harleigh Wood, Kayla Sieck, Meredith McKnight) placed 2nd.

Sprint Med (Ivey Schmidt, Natalie Brown, Meredith McKnight, Thea Larson) placed 1st.

4x100 (Ivey Schmidt, Sydney Hatcher, Electra Neal, Natalie Brown) placed 4th.

4x400 (Sydney Kenkel, Paige Green, Sydney Miller, Kayla Sieck) placed 4th.

**Results of 8th Grade Girls Track meet at South Tama, the team placed 4th place out of eight teams. Placings for the night are as follows:**

Daysi Harris -4th place in the High Jump and 3rd place in the 200 meter dash

Lauren Bolte- 3rd place in the long jump, 1st place in the 200 meter hurdles and 5th place in the 200 meter dash

Jessica Townsend-3rd place in the discus

Morgan Peak- 1st place in the 400 meter dash

Kellie Eitel - 2nd place in the 400 meter dash

Laynie VN-Clark- 6th place in the 800

The sprint medley team of Keelie Eitel, Megan Mauss, Daysi Harris and Morgan Peak placed 1st

The 4 by 4 team of Keelie Eitel, Lauren Bolte , Daysi Harris and Morgan Peak also placed first.

The distance medley team of Jessi Townsend , Kirsten Lee, Logan Spooner and Autumn Key finished 6th overall.

Great job!! The girls will have their home meet tomorrow night at the high school track!

Tomorrow the boys track team will travel to Knoxville, the team members will need to be dismissed at 2:30 and the bus will be leaving at 2:45. The girls track team will have a home meet at 4:30 at the High School.

***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.

***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.

***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