**Grinnell Middle School Announcements**

**Monday, April 24, 2017 - Day 4**

Attendance for Friday was 95%.

Chess Club will be meeting Wednesday morning before school.

Math Counts will not be meeting again until next school year.

A huge round of applause to the 5th and 6th grade vocal students who participated in the Midwest Children's Choir Festival in Ames on Friday! You represented GMS with class and dignity! Your hard work and dedication was rewarded with a fine concert on Friday night at CY Stephens Auditorium. WAY TO GO!

A reminder to all Newton and Ames Honor Choir students of tomorrow (Tuesday) morning's rehearsal at 7:30 in the GMS rehearsal hall (band/choir room). See you there! . . . . . . Mrs. Harris

TODAY - - The girls track team will be traveling to Pella for their track meet. The bus leaves at 3:00 so the girls will need to be dismissed at 2:40. The boys track team will be traveling to Oskaloosa for their track meet. The bus leaves at 2:45 so the boys will need to be dismissed at 2:30.

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 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.

***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.

Take a look at the 5th grade Litter Bugs display and new books display in the GMS Library.

**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