**Grinnell Middle School Announcements**

**Thursday, April 27, 2017 - Day 1**

FCA will be meeting tomorrow in the gym before school.

Happy Birthday today to Skylor Stoaks, Bailey Strovers, Tim Mobley-Benoist, and Cade German.

Attendance for Wednesday was 96%.

Tomorrow we would like to encourage GMS students to wear pink, in support of those who are fighting their battle against cancer.

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.

***Today is the GMRC - Take a Child to Work Day.***  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.

**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

**Preparing to start the 2017 - 2018 School Year**

A reminder to schedule your student’s Sports Physicals for next school year. Many of the physician’s offices are ready to schedule for this summer. It is good to have them completed and your student will be ready for the first day of practice!

All students entering 7th grade in the 2017-2018 school year must have proof of having both the Meningococcal and the Tdap vaccines before school starts in August, unless the student has a Certificate of Immunization Exemption. If you have had the opportunity to complete these immunizations, please bring in an updated copy of your child's immunization record or call Lisa Leris, RN @ 641-236-2751.