**Grinnell Middle School Announcements**

**Tuesday, May 16, 2017 - Day 1**

Attendance for Monday was 97%.

Fantastic job to the GMS Debate team in their participation this weekend in the Bulldog Invitational. The teams participating were: Ella Stephens and Nicolle Donnelly, Molly Turley and Emily Weber, Davis Hamilton and Nile Kelne, Ashlyn Graff and Alex Barr, and Grace McIlrath and Barrett Edwards. No team finished with a losing record and the team of Edwards/McIlrath advanced to the semifinals! Great season to everybody involved in GMS Debate!

**TONIGHT** the All City Band Concert is at 7 PM in the high school gym.

Tuesday - Lunch in the Library for 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th graders. Bring your lunch and a book to share!

***ALL MS Library Books are due today!***

**PARENTS - 8th Grade Campout:**

Please be aware that tomorrow morning the front drive will be very busy with 8th grade students and their parents dropping off camp out equipment etc. Please try and use the parking lot by the playground if you could.

Tryouts for the award winning Grinnell High School Cheer Squad will be Friday, May 19 at 6:00 pm in the big gym of the high school. Anyone interested in cheering next year for football, basketball, wrestling, the competition squad, or mascot should plan to try out. All current 8th - 11th graders are eligible to try out.

Practices for tryouts will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, May 15th - 17th, at 6:00 am in the big gym at the high school. We will have our parent meeting to explain the different squads, schedule and expectations on Monday May 15th at 6:00 pm in the high school media center. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Dahlby Albright at sarahda96@gmail.com Hope to see you there, go Tigers!

RETIREMENT Reception next Tuesday, May 23rd for Carol Sandholm with AEA 267. This event will be hosted in the Middle School Media Center from 3:30-5:30. Please feel free to stop by and extend well wishes to Carol.

**Today 5th grade students will travel to Diamond Lake for a conservation day.**  Bring a sack lunch. This will be an outdoor field trip so students are encouraged to dress in layers …. Bring sunscreen, hat, bug spray, or anything else that will help them have a positive experience in the great outdoors. They will be sitting on the ground so they may want to bring a plastic liner such as a garbage sack on which to sit to keep them from getting wet especially with the morning dew. Rain date for this field trip will be Thursday the 18th.

**GMS End of the Year Computer Check-In:**

Parents please prepare your students for Tuesday, May 30th to check in their school issued computers. They will turn in their bag, laptop, and all pieces to their chargers. Students will go to their grade level language arts teacher that day to turn these items it. Thank you in advance for discussing and preparing your students for this day!!

**MAY - Middle School Calendar Events**

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

Tuesday, May 16th - All City Band Concert at GHS Gym at 7:00 pm

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 (UPDATE: 2 hour early dismissal schedule)

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

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

\* After the assembly 6th grade is going over to Lake Nyanza from 9:30-11:30 for games, playing, and lunch.

**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 at 641-236-2751.