**Grinnell Middle School Announcements**

**Friday, May 19, 2017 - Day 4**

Attendance for Thursday was 97%.

PARENTS - This morning our 8th grade students will be returning at 10:30 due to the rainy conditions. We will be sending 8th grade students home for the day. Parents thank you for making arrangements to pick your students up early today.

Attention Tiger Fans: Grinnell Athletic Department has new app to help promote our events at the High School. Search Grinnell Tigers on iTunes and Google Play and start getting rewarded! The 100th person to download the app before the end of the year will win a $25 gift card sponsored by SuperFanU.

Baseball/Softball season is now upon us. The booster club needs volunteers to work the concession stand for baseball/softball games. Please check your schedule and sign up to help. The sign-up sheet can be accessed from the following link.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090C48AFA62AA4FD0-baseballsoftball

Tryouts for the award winning Grinnell High School Cheer Squad will be tonight at 6:00 pm in the big gym of the high school.

GMS STUDENTS: There will be a Middle School Tennis Night for 5th-8th grade students. Monday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. on the new high school tennis courts. Join the High School tennis coaches to learn about the game of tennis. Racquets will be provided if you don't have one.

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.

**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!!

On Monday, May 22nd there will be an Iowa Assessments Recognition held at GMRC. This will be to honor and recognize students that are meeting growth in math, reading, & science. They will be leaving at 1:15 and return to school at 2:30.

**GMS LUNCH HOUR CHANGES:**

Due to field trips this week please find the following lunch periods that will be changed. Tuesday, May 23rd 8th grade will be eating 5A instead of 5B, and on Wednesday, May 24th 6th grade will be eating 4B instead of 4A. Thank you!

**MAY - Middle School Calendar Events**

Tuesday, May 23rd - 5th Grade Heritage Park Field Trip

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

Thursday, May 25th - 4th grade students visiting GMS 5th graders at 1:10 pm

**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.

Iowa state law requires that all 8th graders have a dental screening before entering 9th grade. If you do not have dental insurance and need help setting up or covering this visit please contact Lisa Leris, RN and she would be happy to help you.

This dental screening form was sent home with 8th grade students in February. If you do need a copy of the form the Middle School office and local dental offices will have the them available. Please return your student’s completed form to one of our school nurses before your student enters 9th grade.