**Grinnell Middle School Announcements**

**Thursday, May 4, 2017 - Day 5**

Attendance for Wednesday was 95%.

FCA will be meeting tomorrow before school in the gym.

Ready for some drama?? Come to Drama Club this Friday, May 5 after school in the Mini-Theatre. We will have snacks, improv scenes, and FUN! Join us!!

Congratulations to the 8th grade boys for their 2nd place finish at the Pella Invitational on Tuesday night. Cole McGriff broke the school record for the 800 with a time of 2:11.39. The previous record was held by Jason Wemer and was set in 1989.

Please dismiss 7th grade choir members at 8:00 this morning. Students please load on the bus at the activities door entrance.

Tonight the 7th and 8th grade choirs will perform at 7:00 pm at the GHS Auditorium.

There will be a group of students will be leaving at 12:40 today and returning at 2:45 for Highway Clean Up with Grinnell Mutual.

A friendly reminder to 8th grade students and parents that there are many students who have still not turned in their permission forms to attend the upcoming 8th grade camp out May 17-19. Also, if your student will need to take any type of medication during this event they will need to complete a medication form. If you have any questions please contact PE teachers Aaron Shipley or Tori Jorgensen.

Come to the cheerleading open gym this Saturday, May 6 from 2:30-4:30 pm in the Kriegel Gym. It is open to any student in grades 7-12 who would like to learn some cheerleading stunts. Ryan and Sarah Dahlby Albright will be there to facilitate. Please use the main doors to the school as the hallway will be locked. Hope to see you there!

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 and you will also find the attached flyer with additional details. Thank you for your support . . . .

There will be a GMS Science Fair Night at Grinnell College on May 11 (5th and 7th Grade) and May 12 (6th and 8th Grade). The judging will begin around 4:00 pm and the event should conclude around 6:30 pm.

**MAY - Middle School Calendar Events**

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 (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

**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.