**Grinnell Middle School Announcements**

**Tuesday, May 9, 2017 - Day 2**

Attendance for Monday was 96%.

Chess Club will be meeting tomorrow before school.

ART CLUB will be meeting this Friday. Please note this is the last time they will meet for this school year.

TODAY the girls track team will travel to Pella for their 4:30 track meet at the Pella High School. Please dismiss the girls at 2:30 as their bus will be leaving at 2:50. The boys track team will have a home meet at 4:30 at the High School. They will be hosting; Dallas-Center Grimes, Newton, Norwalk, Oskaloosa, Pella, and Pella Christian. Good Luck to both teams!

All 8th grade boys interested in playing Freshmen Football need to report to the Mini-Theatre during Tiger Time tomorrow on Wednesday May 10th.

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!

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 event will be held on campus in the Harris Center and judging will begin around 4:00 pm with the event concluding around 6:30 pm.

***GMS Middle School Play Superheroes, Unite! Is opening this week in the GMS Mini-Theatre. Please find the performance dates below:***

Thursday, May 11th - Superheroes, Unite! Spring Play performance for grades 6-8

Grade 8 (10:10-11:10) and Grade 6 (1:50-3:00)

Friday, May 12th - Superheroes, Unite! Spring Play performance for grades 5-7

Grade 5 (8:30-9:30) and Grade 7 (1:10-2:10)

Saturday May 13th: 7:30pm- Superheroes, Unite!- GMS play performance for the public in GMS Mini-Theatre

- Admission is free and open to the public. Donations are welcome with a suggestion of $5 per person.

Sunday,May 14th: 2:00pm- Superheroes, Unite! - GMS play performance for the public in GMS Mini-Theatre

**FYI - 5th grade field trip on Thursday, May 11th** will be traveling to the Children’s Water Festival at DMACC in Ankeny. This will be a rain or shine field trip with a lot of walking. Students will attend sessions on water conservation, the water cycle, water quality, and several other water related topics. There will be hand on activities as well as presentations and an exhibit hall with freebies! This field trip is a highlight for many 5th graders! We will l**eave right away by 8:15** and return to school by 2:45. **Lunch is provided** that day so unless a student has special dietary needs, there is no need to bring a lunch.

**MAY - Middle School Calendar Events**

Friday, May 12th - GHS 17-18 Activities preview for 8th grade students

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

\* 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.