



# Tiger Tracks

Be Respectful, Be Ready, Be Safe



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**CALENDAR**

**April**

23 Midterm, Exploratory Quarter 4  
26 Board of Education Mtg. 7:30 pm

**May**

10 Gurrie PTO Meeting 6:30 pm  
17 Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm  
24 Gurrie Graduation 7:00 pm  
31 Memorial Day– No School



**Eighth Grade Reminders:**

**Gown and Medallion fee (\$26)  
Checks should be made out to:  
La Grange School District 105**

**Important Year End Dates:**

May 21 All 7th & 8th grade students  
must have cleared: all books re  
turned, all fees and fines paid by  
3:15.  
May 31 Memorial Day  
May 24 Gurrie Graduation, 7p.m  
May 24 Last Day of School for 8th grade  
May 28 Last Day of School for 7th grade

# PBIS!

## PBIS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The PBIS program, which rewards students for their positive behavior in school with Tiger Stripes, would greatly appreciate your help with donations. Please donate items from the list below throughout the school year. It is very important that we have enough items to reward the students.

Donated items can be dropped off at Gurrie's main office anytime during the school day or can be sent in with your student. Please label "PBIS".

If you have any questions, please contact: Therese Junic at [jpedersen@d105.net](mailto:jpedersen@d105.net) or Mr. Alvarez at [calvarez@d105.net](mailto:calvarez@d105.net).

The following list shows some of the items that we can use for our PBIS store. Food items cannot have any peanut products or be produced in a factory that process peanut items. Nonfood items like clothing and toys need to be new or unused.

### Food Items

- Ring pops
- Jolly Ranchers
- Laffy Taffy
- Now and Laters
- Strawberry Twizzlers
- Tootsie Pops
- Dumb Dumb suckers
- Rice Krispie Treats

### Nonfood Items

- Water bottles
- Hacky sacks
- Stuffed Animals
- Picture frames
- Slinkys
- Pens
- Mugs
- Movies
- Music CD
- Calendars
- Toys
- Journals
- Backpacks
- Table games
- Gurrie Gear
- T-shirts
  - College,
  - Chicago teams, etc
- Sweatshirts:
  - College,
  - Chicago teams



## Social Worker FYI

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### Working Together to Raise Drug Free Kids

Many parents say, and truly believe—*"My child would never do drugs."* But actually believing—*"not my child"* - could actually endanger your child. Studies indicate that more students report having been offered drugs than parents believe. Although, many children never abuse substances, some children may begin using alcohol and marijuana in their middle school years.

#### What Can We Do?

According to a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, teenagers who reported feeling close to their families were unlikely to engage in risky behavior such as drinking, smoking or drugs. These findings support the opinion that parents can influence the decisions of their children about whether or not to use drugs.

#### Drug-Proof Your Children Ways to Communicate and Encourage Family Closeness

1. Set a good example. Practice what you preach. Be honest about your own mistakes.
2. Arm yourself with the facts about the signs, symptoms of substance abuse. Communicate these facts to your children.
3. Get involved in your child's activities. Attend school activities, church activities, and other events.
4. Get to know your children's friends. Make your home a welcoming place for friends to visit.
5. Create clear and consistent rules. Follow through with consequences.
6. Know where your children are. Do not be afraid to verify your child's story occasionally by checking with other parents. This communicates love and awareness.
7. Plan frequent family outings such as camping, shopping, going to the movies or attending sporting events.
8. Get your child involved in helping others. Focusing on helping others will put their own problems into perspective and give them a sense of accomplishment and pride.
9. Tell your children you love them every day. Show them they are valuable by spending time listening to them as well as talking to them. Treat them with respect even when they make mistakes.
10. When drug use is identified, take action immediately. Contact resources to get help.



## Boys' Softball

Spring means the coming of the boys' softball season for Gurrie boys. Tryouts were held right after spring break. Members of the 8th grade team are Mercer Krantz, Aadden Guerrero, David Eterno, Tyler Kirk, Angelo Lundeen, Everett Kittridge, Drake Leveau, Reese Tegan, Ilija Tepic, Camden Morris and Ethan Neuer.

Members of the 7th grade team are Gabriel Soto Gracia, Logan Allison, Geno Gianopulos, Filip Gucwa and Julian Nevarez.

Coaches: Mrs. Kulaga and Ms. Huebner



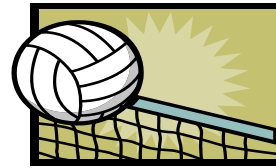
## Girls' Volleyball

The girls' volleyball teams have been chosen and the season began with a home game against McClure.

Eighth grade team members are Noemi Arredondo, Katherine Badrov, Catherine Brejcha, Simone Brown, Adrianna Buchanan, Madeline Buzek, Kate Carolan, Ruby Castillon, Grace Lannon, Kara La Rocco, Madeline Price, Maekaela Reimer and Lily Wenstrup.

Seventh grade team members are Bella Barnwell, Dylan Jorgensen, Ella Konkey, Enesa Selimi, Janiya Mallory, Jenna Lally, Kaitlin O'Brien, Kate Potter, Katelyn O'Toole, Kayla Chrenen, Maren Cavanaugh and Molly Eskra.

Coaches: Ms. Rolfe and Mrs. Helf



## Gurrie Soccer Begins New Season!

The Gurrie soccer season kicks off immediately after spring break. There are no cuts and all participants are guaranteed playing time if they attend practice. If field conditions allow, the first game will take place on Monday, May 3 at Gordon Park. Soccer field addresses are listed below. Any student interested in playing needs to have their parent or guardian sign all waivers and get a sports physical before the first practice on.

There will be two soccer teams, Gurrie Gold and Gurrie Blue. Each team will be a combination of boys and girls, 7th and 8th grade students.

Soccer practices will be held at Gurrie and games are held at local soccer fields. This year Gurrie's home games will be held at Gordon Park located at 90 Locust, in LaGrange and Sedgwick Park located at 47th and East Ave. also in LaGrange. Other soccer fields are:

**Park:** Sedgwick Park  
47th and East Avenue, La Grange  
**McClure:** Spring Rock Park  
47th Street West of Wolf Road  
**Pleasantdale:** Walker Park  
Wolf Road South of Joliet Road  
**Highlands:** No Home field



# SPORTS CALENDAR



## April

- 8 Boys Softball @ Park
- 8 Girls Volleyball vs. McClure
- 9 Boys Softball vs. McClure
- 9 Girls Volleyball vs. Park Red
- 12 Boys Softball @ Highlands
- 12 Girls Volleyball @ Highlands
- 13 Boys Softball vs. Pleasantdale
- 13 Girls Volleyball vs. Park Blue
- 15 Girls Volleyball vs. Pleasantdale
- 16 Boys Softball vs. Park
- 16 Girls Volleyball @ Park Blue
- 19 Boys Softball @ McClure
- 19 Girls Volleyball @ McClure
- 20 Boys Softball vs. Highlands
- 20 Girls Volleyball @ Park Red
- 22 Boys Softball Gurrie @ Pleasantdale
- 22 Girls Volleyball vs. Highlands
- 23 Girls Volleyball @ Pleasantdale

## May

- 3 Soccer Blue vs. Highlands Blue
- 3 Soccer Gold vs. Highlands White
- 4 Soccer Blue vs. Highlands White
- 4 Soccer Gold @ McClure Red
- 4 Boys Volleyball @ Pleasantdale
- 4 Girls Softball @ Pleasantdale
- 6 Soccer Blue @ McClure Red
- 6 Soccer Gold @ McClure White
- 6 Girls Cross Country @ Pleasantdale
- 7 Boys Volleyball @ Highlands
- 7 Girls Softball @ Highlands
- 7 Boys Cross Country @ Pleasantdale
- 10 Boys Volleyball vs. McClure
- 10 Girls Softball vs. McClure
- 10 Soccer Blue @ McClure White
- 10 Soccer Gold @ Pleasantdale
- 10 Girls Cross Country @ McClure
- 11 Boys Volleyball @ Park
- 11 Girls Softball @ Park
- 11 Soccer Gold vs. Highlands Blue
- 11 Soccer Blue @ Pleasantdale
- 13 Boys Volleyball vs. Pleasantdale
- 13 Girls Softball vs. Pleasantdale
- 13 Boys Cross Country @ McClure
- 14 Soccer Gold vs. Highlands Blue
- 17 Boys Volleyball vs. Highlands
- 17 Girls Softball vs. Highlands
- 17 Soccer Blue @ McClure White
- 18 Boys Volleyball @ McClure
- 18 Girls Softball @ McClure
- 18 Soccer Blue @ McClure Red
- 18 Soccer Gold @ McClure White
- 20 Boys Volleyball vs. Park
- 20 Girls Softball vs. Park
- 20 Soccer Gold @ McClure Red
- 21 Soccer Blue vs. Highlands White



## **From the Principal's Desk.....About Staff Appreciation.**

Tell a teacher or staff member you care by completing and returning the following Staff Member Commendation Form!

Each of us can think of a special teacher or staff member who has made a positive impact on our lives. Many of us have never expressed our appreciation to those individuals. Others of us have waited years after graduation to do so.

Perhaps you've been pleased by the special way a staff member worked with your student academically, provided emotional support, or assisted in the achievement of a personal goal. Submittal of the completed form that follows can be your way of telling that staff member they are special and appreciated.

Please take a few minutes to complete the following Staff Member Commendation. We need the completed forms to the school office by Monday, May 3. Ed Hood, Principal, will hand deliver each commendation to the appropriate staff member during Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3-7). More forms are available in the school office or on our website at [www.d105.net](http://www.d105.net).

**Your staff will appreciate your thoughts for years to come!!**

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### **Gurrie Middle School Staff Member Commendation**

Mr. Hood:

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how pleased I am with a member of your staff.

\_\_\_\_\_ Gurrie Staff Member

Is, in my opinion, deserving of special commendation for the following reasons:

\_\_\_\_\_ provides a stimulating and challenging educational environment that encourages quality work.

\_\_\_\_\_ demonstrates a personal interest in students' progress and overall well-being.

\_\_\_\_\_ is friendly, patient, and understanding.

\_\_\_\_\_ shows professionalism and represents Gurrie Middle School in a positive manner.

\_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_.

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please return to Gurrie Middle School, 1001 S. Spring Avenue, LaGrange, IL 60525 or have your student bring it to the office.