



Tiger Tracks

Be Respectful, Be Ready, Be Safe



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CALENDAR

April

7 Non Attendance Day
29 Midterm, Exploratory Quarter 4
25 Board of Education Mtg. 7:30 pm

May

23 Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm
27 Gurrie Graduation 7:00 pm
30 Memorial Day– No School
31 8G Great America Trip



Eighth Grade Reminders:

Gown and Medallion fee \$30.00
Checks should be made out to:
La Grange School District 105
Great America fee \$41.00
Checks should be made out to:
Gurrie Middle School

Important Year End Dates:

May 22 All 7th & 8th grade students must have cleared: all books returned, all fees and fines paid by 3:15.
May 29 Memorial Day
June 1 Gurrie Graduation, 5p.m
June 1 Last Day of School for 8th grade
June 6 Last Day of School for 7th grade

From the Principal's Desk



Hello Gurrie Families-

It's hard to believe that we are well into the third trimester and in the 'home stretch' here at Gurrie. As the weather warms and the days grow longer, it becomes tempting for our students to think more about summer and less about their schoolwork. Please encourage your student, as we are, to finish the year on a positive note. We have had a great year with many successes to look back and build on. There are still seven weeks of school left, and we want everyone to finish strong and go into the summer looking forward to the opportunities next year will bring.

Eighth grade has many critical dates to remember including the Graduation Celebration on Friday, May 26 from 6-8pm; Great America Trip on Wednesday, May 31; and Graduation on Thursday, June 1 at 5:00pm.

*Please note that graduation will take place outside behind Gurrie on the east side of the building.

- Our annual spring concerts are approaching with our orchestras performing Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00pm. The bands and choir will be performing on Thursday, May 4 at 7:00pm. Some additional information for our graduating class:

*The form families filled in and signed at registration indicating how they wanted their child's name written on their diploma and announced at the ceremony will be followed at graduation.

*Gowns at a cost to parents of \$30.00 will be provided for all students.

* On graduation night, each student will be presented with a graduation medallion in the school colors. Corsages or other flowers should not be worn to the ceremony.

Next week, I will be sending home our graduation expectations for graduates and our audience. Please remember that the graduation ceremony is a formal event and as such, requires a high level of respectful behavior to honor our graduates and all their accomplishments at Gurrie and in District 105.

The 8th grade class trip to Great America requires a high level of responsibility on the part of individual students. We allow only students who have shown this high level of responsibility during the latter part of the school year to attend. Any student who earns two major referrals from April 3 to the day of the trip will not be eligible to attend. This policy has been discussed with students during advisory, and parents have been notified through a letter sent home in the Wednesday envelope.

Sincerely,
Ed Hood

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:
Mrs. Burger at aburger@d105.net or
Mr. Alvarez at ealvarez@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.



Girls' Softball

Spring means the coming of the girls' softball season for Gurrie girls. Tryouts were held right after spring break. Members of this year's Gurrie Softball team are: Abbie Scouffas, Alivia Rivera, Audrey Olson, Eleanor Meuer, Isabella Huling, Jane Erickson, Jhania Wickert-Harris, Maddie Mosher, Maddie Shishman, Mia Kosenesky, Sofia Dittmer and Sophia Murphy.

Coaches: Ms. Stoffer and Ms. Luther

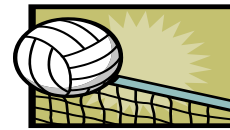


Boys' Volleyball

The boys' volleyball teams have been chosen and our first match is away on Monday, April 17 at Pleasantdale.

7th grade roster which consists of 7th and 8th grade: Max Polonowski, Michal Staszkiwicz, Logan McMullen, Matthew Badrov, Jack Lee, George Panos, Brendan McCabe, Ben Shanley, Conor Carolan, Collin McNeil, Jack Eskra, Ethan Peto, Jeremiah Rivera, Liam Malay, Luka Bojovic and Adrian Geronimo

Coaches: Ms. Milligan, Mrs. Helf, and Mr. Walsen



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 Thursday, April 11 at Park Jr. High. 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 Gurrie (field behind school). Other soccer fields are:

Park Jr. High: Sedgewick Park, 10th Avenue and 48th Street, LaGrange, IL

McClure: Spring Rock Park
4400 Central Ave, Western Springs

Pleasantdale: Walker Park
7425 S. Wolf Road, Burr Ridge

Highlands: No Home field

Washington Middle School: Costello School
4632 Clyde Avenue, Lyons

Westchester Middle School: Westchester Primary School
2400 Downing Street, Westchester

Willow Springs Middle School: Justice Park District
7747 Oak Grove Avenue, Justice



SPORTS CALENDAR



Soccer Schedule

4/25: Gurrie Gold @ Park
4/25: Gurrie Blue vs Park Red
4/27: Gurrie Gold @ Westchester Black
4/27: Gurrie Blue @ Westchester Yellow
5/2: Gurrie Blue @ McClure White
5/2: Gurrie Gold @ McClure Red
5/4: Gurrie Gold @ Washington Red
5/4: Gurrie Blue @ Washington Blue
5/8: Gurrie Gold @ Washington Blue
5/9: Gurrie Blue vs Highlands Blue
5/11: Gurrie Gold vs Highlands Blue

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4/25: Gurrie @ Park
4/27: Gurrie vs Washington
5/1: Gurrie @ McClure
5/2: Gurrie @ Willow Springs
5/4: Gurrie vs Pleasantdale
5/8: Gurrie vs Highlands



Boys Volleyball Schedule

4/25: Gurrie @ Washington
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5/2: Gurrie vs Pleasantdale
5/4: Gurrie @ Highlands



Staff Appreciation Week

We will be celebrating Staff Appreciation Week the week of May 8.

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.

Would you please consider taking a few minutes to send a note or card of thanks to a staff member(s) who have had a positive impact with you child? You can send or drop off the notes and cards and I will deliver them to the staff member during the week of May 8.

