



# Tiger Tracks

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- 19 Band-Aid Concert 7:00 pm
- 19 Spring Avenue visit to Gurrie 1:10
- 23 BOE Meeting 7:30 pm
- 23 PTO Meeting 7:00 pm
- 24 Orchestra Concert 7:00 pm



## D.A.R.E. Game Returns to Gurrie



On Thursday, March 22, 2018, the Cops and Kids Basketball Game returned to Gurrie Middle School, members of the surrounding community police forces took on the Gurrie 8th grade boys' and girls' basketball teams in a fundraiser to benefit the Special Olympics of Illinois though admission is free, there will be raffle prizes, a free throw contest and concessions. The Cops won last year, but Gurrie looked to this year to even the score.

## 8th Grade Class Trip Update

On Thursday, May 24th, 8th grade students who qualify will go to Great America. The class will leave as soon as school starts that day and should return to Gurrie by 7:30 p.m. Regular bus routes will run in the evening, returning students home.

The cost of the trip this year will be \$35.00. In addition, students will need money to purchase a lunch since the park does not allow visitors to bring in sack lunches.

You will receive a letter with a permission slip and a request for payment of \$35.00 to cover the cost of the trip in the Wednesday envelope. Please make payment promptly so tickets can be ordered and our trip date secured.

**Parents of students whose families will be purchasing season passes to Great America are asked to notify the Gurrie office immediately so their students will not be included in the count of tickets that need to be purchased**

# *From the Principal's Desk*



Happy Spring!

As we come to the conclusion of another winter, I am looking forward to longer and warmer days ahead. This time of year also signals that we are moving closer to the end of another school year. It is hard to believe that we have completed more than two-thirds of the school year.

When we return from Spring Break, time typically moves very quickly through the remainder of the third trimester. We have many sports that run during the spring including soccer, boys' volleyball, and girls' softball. Between the three sports, we could have more than a third of our students involved in those activities. In addition, we have the spring musical in May, Fortnightly, continuing service activities, band-choir-orchestra concerts, and many other activities. 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents will begin to receive information about graduation activities and all of you will receive end of year information. We will continue to utilize the Tiger Tracks, weekly emails, and the website as our main communication tools.

In April, students will take the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessment. This will be the third year students have taken the PARCC assessment. Students are taking six assessments over the course of six days. There are three tests for reading/language arts and three for math. Testing will take place on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> in reading/ language arts and for math on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>.

A reminder to eighth grade families that our graduation ceremony is held at Lyons Township High School (South Campus) in the Field House. Our ceremony begins at 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Because of the size of the facility we do not need to provide tickets. We will be providing more details in the coming weeks that detail ceremony information, including requests for handicap seating.

Don't forget that our building calendar, Wednesday envelope materials, and other important information can be accessed on our website. Go to [www.d105.net](http://www.d105.net) and click on Gurrie.

I hope that you and your family have a restful, warm, and sunny spring break.

Respectfully,

Ed Hood

## *Second Trimester Honor Roll*

### 7th Grade

Julia Alvarado  
Luis Belasquez-Dominguez  
Carmelo Camacho  
Jacob Campbell  
Aidan Collins  
Roland Connelly  
Lucas Cuchran  
Julio Fulgencio  
Madeline Gonzalez  
Victor Herrejon  
Mirza Kermo  
Kyla Kirby  
Christian Marcial  
Fatima Martinez  
Karen Martinez  
Jimena Martinez-Juarez  
Emilio Nevarez  
Jacklyn Pedroza  
Fernando Peralta  
Yazmin Rangel  
Raiel Ruiz  
Luis Salinas  
Thania Silverio  
Kyle Timmerman

Thomas Tobolaski  
Alexis Toledo-Miguel  
Emily Walsh

### 8th Grade

Jade Babb  
Xenya Bizarro  
Radule Bozovic  
Jack Bradbury  
Hailey Brudd  
Owen Cherry  
Emma Couture  
Matthew Dahl  
Samanta Diaz  
Juliet Duarte  
Rolando Garcia  
Gino Graziano  
Kyle Hannigan  
Karla Hernandez-Maya  
Keira Hernandez  
Andjela Jovanovic  
Luis Lopez  
Diego Lopez-Serna  
Mariella Marcial  
Yaira Martinez

Leslie Mendoza  
Katherine Morris  
Oscar Nevarez  
Rocko Perry  
Jesus Ramos  
Lillian Rivera  
Gabriella Sanchez  
Stefan Soldat  
Khatir Stewart  
Nicholas Svoboda  
Kayla Tlaseca  
Anthony Traverso  
Dominick Traverso  
Joseph Ungaro  
Alejandra Vasquez  
Ivan Villalobos-Tello  
Matthew Weyrick  
Shea Winchester  
Katie Young



## *2nd Trimester Improvement Honor Roll*

### 7th Grade

Hussein Bato  
Jackson Garelli  
Moses Kimble  
Karen Martinez  
David McKay  
Yoselin Montes  
Anthony Rivera  
David Valenzuela  
Kevin Villa

### 8th Grade

Samantha Basquez  
Angelica Borrego  
Christian Bustos  
Rogelio Cansino  
Deliah Cortez  
Emma Couture  
Samanta Diaz  
George Dixon  
James Duda

Eric Escobedo  
Joshua Fuentes  
Rolando Garcia  
Gino Graziano  
Andjela Jovanovic  
Thomas Kawczynski  
Christian Koos  
Estefania Ledezma  
Elias Lopez  
Luis Medina  
Katherine Morris  
Marian Neskovic  
Joel Nunez  
Elvis Ogresevic  
Christian Perusich  
Gabriela Quintana  
Lillian Rivera  
Joseph Rodriguez  
Martin Rodriguez  
Khatir Stewart  
Alejandra Vasquez  
Ivan Villalobos-Tello  
Shea Winchester

## *2nd Trimester Perfect Attendance*

### 7th Grade

Luis Belasquez-Dominguez  
Devell Brittmon, Jr.  
Aidan Collins  
Jonathan Flores  
Julio Fulgencio  
Cynthia Garcia  
Evan Konkey  
Adam Koppel  
Roberto Llanes-Aguilera  
Jeanne Mardegan  
Emilio Nevarez  
Fernando Peralta-Alvarado  
Jahari Pittman  
Raiel Ruiz  
Mia Sekulovski  
Samantha Shanahan  
Ian Stortz  
Daniel Walsh

### 8th Grade

Erika Betancourt  
Beaudan Brown  
Hailey Brudd  
Jack Butters  
Sofia Cabrera  
Zoe Chabria  
Matthew Dahl  
Miguel Garcia  
Lily Henning  
Erin Herndon  
Grace Kernagis  
Alexander Leon  
Elias Lopez  
Isabel May  
Katherine Morris  
Jhenrye Nabo  
Manuel Ocana  
Sophie Peto  
Antonio Ruiz  
Stefan Smiljanic  
Joseph Ungaro  
Rogelio Vargas-Almaraz  
Anna Westrick

## *Second Trimester All A's Honor Roll*

### 7th Grade

Santos Anda  
Nikki Avizius  
Emilija Bozovic  
Devell Britton  
Dylan Colbert  
Connor Deneen  
Peri Deroche  
Sophia Dike  
Denisse Elizondo  
Patrick Engels  
Hannah Eskra  
Malia Fink  
Jonathan Flores  
Alyse Follenweider  
Cynthia Garcia  
Sara Gjorgjevaska  
Eric Gonzalez  
Olivia Guerra  
Tristan Hall  
Lindsay Hammond  
Alexa Hoffenberg  
Karman Kapsa  
Jackson Kirk

Samuel Kogen  
Evan Konkey  
Grant Kostrzewa  
Adam Kwak  
Emma Kwak  
Charlotte Lange  
Caroline LaVoie  
Daniel Lee  
Roberto Llanes  
Gabriella Luburic  
Jeanne Mardegan  
David McKay  
Sophia Morrissey  
Monica Nunez  
Piper Oldenburg  
Krupali Patel  
Gianna Pigatto  
Margot Pooler  
Lillian Prendergast  
Lillian Renick  
Lindsey Rickman  
Lauren Robinson  
Peter Sanchez  
Connor Schmitt

Mia Sekulovski  
Samantha Shanahan  
Grace Sneed  
Nikolas Soofi  
Connor Spellman  
Christiauna Thorpe  
Michelle Torres  
Jake Warkentien  
Alyssa Wong  
Sophie Zielinski

### 8th Grade

Sameerah Abu Arab  
Maylin Aldama  
Ana Babnigg  
William Bach  
Erika Betancourt  
Margaret Brejcha  
Beaudan Brown  
Jack Butters  
Ella Bylsma  
Sofia Cabrera  
Rogelio Cansino  
Armando Cazares

Zoe Chabria  
Connor Crowe  
Marko Dubak  
Posey Graber  
Dryden Hall  
Alex Henningfield  
Kathryn Hess  
Christian Koos  
Meah LaRocco  
Alexander Leon  
Mia Maglicic  
Isabel May  
Emmerson McLean  
Lilly Metz  
Ava Mungo  
Jonathan Nutting  
Lee OBryan  
Ava Paganis  
Lindsey Petersen  
Sophie Peto  
Emma Rogers  
Ella Rovai  
Elias Salaises  
Michael Springer  
Patrick Sullivan  
Gianna Trombello  
Kayla Turner  
Anna Westrick  
Luke Whelton  
Aidan Wirtz  
Susan Yeager  
Lana Zivko

## *Second Trimester High Honor Roll*

### 7th Grade

Scott Beery  
Daniel Callaghan  
Liam Carolan  
Emmett Driscoll  
Andrew Follenweider  
Kaleb Garcia  
Jackson Garelli  
Emma Kallal  
Paige Klun  
Adam Koppel  
Rosa Lopez  
Matthew Meehan  
Aidan Nill  
Margaret Pacholski  
Matthew Pierpaoli  
Niklas Polonowski  
Carlos Rangel  
Charles Reagan  
Isabella Ries-Salinas  
Michael Rocha

Calum Rogers  
Osvaldo Rojo  
Ethan Rosenkranz  
Olivia Sawickis  
Ian Stortz  
Marco Toledo  
Kevyn Vital  
Daniel Walsh  
8th Grade  
Anna Brown  
Peter Carolan  
Margaret Cavanaugh  
Aidan Collins  
Deliah Cortez  
Shane Curtin  
George Dixon  
Charles Fox  
Emily Galvez  
Megan Gardner  
Lily Henning  
Erin Herndon

Audrey Hultman  
Grace Kernagis  
Margaret Kernagis  
David Kostrzewa  
Cole Lagowski  
Marko Ljuboja  
Elias Lopez  
Colin Meehan  
Marina Neskovic  
Manuel Ocana  
Elvis Ogresevic  
Brenden Perry  
Brooklyn Roach  
Miguel Rodriguez  
Cano Rogers  
Rhys Winchester





# Music Notes



## Upcoming Performing Arts Events

- April 19: Band Aid Concert**
- April 24: Orchestra Awards Concert**
- May 1: Band Awards Concert**
- May 3: Choir Awards Concert**
- May 5: High-Note Festival**

## 17-18 Gurrie Wrestling Season Ends

After a tough season of practices and competition, the wrestling program is continuing to improve in the right areas. There have been huge improvements from this year's sixth graders and the leadership from the experienced wrestlers will continue to make this program stronger. This year we had two sectional qualifiers including Seventh Avenue 6th grader Claudio Rodriguez and Gurrie 8th grader Luka Tomich. Both made strong runs and we are excited to see what they can accomplish in the years to come. We would like to congratulate all of the wrestlers that participated this season and we will be back to work in November for the 2018-19 season!



## Festival and Competitions

Congratulations on all of our Solo and Ensemble performers! On March 6th, our 4th—8th grade band and orchestra members performed in solo and/or small ensembles at the first annual D105 Solo and Ensemble Showcase. This is a rare chance for students to display their own individual progress, and we were very impressed by their preparation!

The GMS Jazz Ensemble performed at the IGSMMA competition on March 3rd, and the judges were blow away! The group put in a lot of hard work and represented the district well.

On March 17th, our Concert Band and Symphony Orchestra will be performing for the annual IGSMMA Competitions. We are still looking for some parent volunteers if you would like to help out!

## Band Aid Concert

On Thursday, April 19th, the District 105 Fine Arts Community will be holding its annual Band Aid Benefit Concert. This year, the District 105 Music Program is benefitting the Karam Foundation, a small nonprofit that works with victims of the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Syria. All proceeds for the benefit concert will go to this charity. There is no set admission, but donations will be taken at the door. The Concert Orchestra, Tiger Choir, Concert Band, and GMS Jazz Ensemble will be performing along with a full orchestra and a special performance combining all groups. All District Band students are expected to attend as a show of support for each other and the cause.



## March Performances

Congratulations to our Choirs, on their stellar concert performances on Thursday, March 8th! The students put a lot of hard work into their practice and rehearsals leading up to the concert, and we are looking forward to our final concerts in May!

## Girls' Volleyball Season Recap

### 7th Grade:

The 7th grade girls had a great first season together, finishing with a record of 7-5. Setters Alyssa Wong and Hannah Eskra helped control the offense and set up our hitters Lillian Prendergast, Sara Gjorgjevska, Nikki Avizius, Karman Kapsa and Sammy Shanahan. Maddie Gonzalez, Piper Oldenburg, Margot Pooler, Katrina Phillip, and Lauren Robinson covered the court as defensive specialists. The young team showed terrific improvement and great sportsmanship all season long, led by captains Wong and Prendergast.

On March 17th the girls competed in the Hodgkins Park District Tournament at Park Jr. High. Gurrie solidified their place in the semi-finals after defeating Highlands in two sets. Consistent, aggressive serving from Pooler, Wong, and Eskra paired with dominant attacks from Prendergast helped this team advance to the next round. In their final match, Gurrie lost to the number one seed Pleasantdale, but fought hard to the very end. The group will look to build on their success as they return to the court as 8th graders next season.

### 8th Grade:

The 8th grade girls yet another amazing season. This group was one of the elite teams in 7th grade and carried that over to their 8th grade season, too. This year the team started the season off 5-0! Cruising to big victories over the likes of Park Jr High, Westchester Middle School, and Highlands Middle School just to name a few. After a few mid-season losses, the team headed into the Hodgkins Park District Tournament with a 8-4 record. The girls won both the quarterfinals and semi-finals match-ups against Park Red and Park Blue. The victories came in a dominating fashion with both ending in two sets as a clear indicator the Tigers were a serious threat to win a championship. The 8th grade Gurrie team eventually advanced to the championship to play against a Pleasantdale team. The Gurrie squad battled in the championship game against an elite Pleasantdale team while also taking late leads in both sets but fell short. It was another amazing season and over the past two years this group won 22 games which was the most wins by a girls volleyball team in the past

## SPORTS CALENDAR

### April

- 10 Boys' Volleyball at Washington
- 10 Girls' Softball at Washington
- 12 Boys' Volleyball at Pleasantdale
- 12 Girls' Softball at Pleasantdale
- 17 Gurrie Gold Soccer vs. Park Red
- 17 Gurrie Blue Soccer vs. Park Blue
- 20 Boys' Volleyball vs. Highlands
- 20 Girls' Softball vs. Highlands
- 23 Girls' Softball at Westchester
- 23 Girls' Gold Soccer at Willow Springs
- 23 Boys' Volleyball at Westchester
- 24 Gurrie Blue Soccer vs. Washington Blue
- 24 Gurrie Gold Soccer vs. Washington Red
- 27 Boys' Volleyball vs. McClure
- 27 Girls' Softball vs. McClure
- 27 Gurrie Blue Soccer at Pleasantdale
- 30 Boys' Volleyball vs. Park
- 30 Girls' Softball vs. Park
- 30 Gurrie Blue Soccer vs. Highlands Blue
- 30 Gurrie Gold Soccer vs. Highlands White

ten years! The girls on the team were, Maggie Brejcha, Anna Brown, Juliet Duarte, Katie Hess, Grace Kernagis, Maggie Kernagis, Meah LaRocco, Leslie Mendoza, Lily Metz, Ava Paganis, Sophie Peto, Emma Rogers, Ella Rovai, and Anna Westrick.





## 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, April 16th at Gordon Park. Soccer field addresses are listed below. Students who are interested in participating are encouraged to listen to the morning announcements for details regarding the first team meeting and practice information. Participating students must have a current sports physical on file.

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.

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
- Washington Middle School:** Costello School  
45th Place between Clyde and Winchester
- Forest Park:** Park District of Forest Park  
7501 W. Harrison, Forest Park
- Highlands:** No Home field
- Willow Springs:** Justice Park District  
7747 Oak Grove Avenue, Justice

### 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 Jumic at [jpedersen@d105.net](mailto:jpedersen@d105.net) or  
Mr. Alvarez at [ealvarez@d105.net](mailto: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
- mals Now and Laters
- Strawberry Twizzlers
- Tootsie Pops
- Dumb Dumb suckers
- Rice Krispie Treats

#### Nonfood Items

- Water bottles
- Hacky sacks
- Stuffed Ani-
- 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