



Tiger Tracks

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CALENDAR

April

- 2 Gr. 8 Jr. Lions Tour at LT South
- 3 Quint 4 ends
- 6 Spring Avenue visit to Gurrie 1:10
- 7 7th Avenue visit to Gurrie 1:10
- 8 Hodgkins visit to Gurrie 1:10
- 9 Ideal 6th Grade visit to Gurrie 1:10
- 10 Non-Attendance Day for Students
- 14 Band-Aid Concert 7:00 pm
- 15 6th Grade Parent Orientation, 7:00 pm
- 23 Choir Concert
- 27 Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 28 Spring Band Concert

8th Grade Class Trip Update

On Thursday, May 21rd, 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 \$37.00. 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 \$37.00 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.

District 105 Speech Team

On Saturday, February 15th, the District 105 Speech Team traveled to Elmwood Park High School to compete in the West 40 Speech and Drama Festival. After months of practice and memorizing by the speech team members and support from their teacher coaches, we're happy to announce that District 105 earned a third place trophy from the competition!

Students who received first place finishes in their events included Doryan Kubik and Ben Lockley locking down a perfect score with their improv duet; Sam Costello delivering a powerful slam poetry performance; Anthony Lowe, Christian Macouzet, and Tyler Kirk receiving a near-perfect score for their humorous Trio event; Jordyn Hoffenberg and Ava Bailey with an out-of-this-world humorous duet performance; Katie Prystalski and Katarina Jecemenic's stellar serious duet; and Everett Kittridge's crowd-pleasing humorous presentation. In the Readers Theater event, 6th graders from Spring and Hodgkins – Rachel Beery, Veda Rodriguez, Maddie Renick, Kate Seiple, and Valeria Monterrosas – secured a first place finish as well.

Carrying the team the rest of the way were Shelby Lawrence, Jackson Koos, Ethan Meraz, Ava Wisniewski, and Andy Guerrero in a humorous group presentation; Emily Spelson and Samantha Cervantes each delivered excellent poetic performances; and Kate Badrov and Genevieve Harmount both performed solo original pieces to great effect.

Thanks to all the coaches who helped along the way: Mr. LaBud, Mrs. Noga, Mrs. Heaver, Mrs. Rioux, Mrs. Eiternick, Mrs. Dessauer, Mr. Walsen, Mr. Tabor, Mrs. Senese-Burns, Mrs. Musillami, Mrs. Casey, Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Ingwersen. Congratulations to all the District 105 Speech Team members for their big win!



From the Principal's Desk



Greetings from Gurrie.

As we conclude 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, continuing service activities, band-choir-orchestra concerts, and many other activities. 8th grade parents will continue 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 IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) / PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessment. Students are taking five assessments over the course of four days. There are two tests for reading/language arts and three for math. Testing will take place on April 8 and 9 for math on April 15 and 16 for reading/language arts.

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 26. 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.

Do not forget that our building calendar, Wednesday envelope materials, and other important information can be accessed on our website. Go to 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

Daniel Brantner
Catherine Brejcha
Andrianna Buchanan
Leo Cannizarro
Leeyah Chancy
Donovan Colville
Ben Couture
Biara Diaz
Alina Elguezabal
Leo Escobedo
Kevin Fernandez
Max Itkowitz
Delaney Judkins
Taina Lomeli
Tona Lopez
Angelo Lundeen
Luke Malay
Brian Maldonado
Ashley Maranon
Aaliyah Montalvo
Sian Noguera Nunez
Nihal Rabari
Angel Rio Lopez
Johnny Rocha
Jesus Rodriguez
Victor Rodriguez

Briza Toledo
Aidan Torres
Jennifer Torres

8th Grade

Nicholas Aguilar
Angelique Balderrama
Tom Butters
Luna Carballo
Samantha Cervantes
Anthony Chavez Gonzalez
Josh Connolly
Yahir Contreras
Aidan Dill
Ryan Dowling
Ashley Esparza-Lopez
Yanira Flores
Michael Frankhauser
Angel Garcia Martinez
Aldair Garcia
Angelina Garcia
Yasir Garcia
Angelina Geronimo
Tom Goryl
Yoselin Jaramillo
Shawn Jenkins
Hannah Kallal
Jackson Koos

Adam Kreczko
Ben Lockley
Emilio Lopez
Alexis Machay
Oliver Maksimovich
Grant Maloney
Ethan Mason
Will May
Abisai Medina
Katarina Neskovic
David Paulus
Kendahl Payton
Montserrat Pelayo-Valadez
Rozlyn Piagnarelli
Ilija Randjelovic
Dylan Rickman
Claudio Rodriguez
Ray Rosenbach
Tommy Shishman
Yanelly Solis
Avianna Stewart
Matija Stomenovic
Ilija Tomich
Daniel Torres
Juliana Torres
Grace Turner

Maks Washchuk
Kevin Zapata



2nd Trimester Improvement Honor

7th Grade

Marko Milutinovic
Iriana Garcia-Sanchez
Angelo Lundeen
Erick Ramos
Jason Miller
Gavin Carolan
Joseph Olinger
Aaliyah Montalvo
Everett Kittridge
Ryan Nowak

8th Grade

William Brown
Joshua Connolly
Milana Pacholski
Yoselin Jaramillo
David Paulus
Dylan Rickman
Meraly Rubio
Alondra Gaytan-Molina
Sebastian Escobedo
McKayla Duran
Yahir Contreras
Brian Kloes

2nd Trimester Perfect Attendance

7th Grade

Ava Bailey
Natasha Bertovic
Sofia Bravo
Gavin Carolan
Ben Couture
Gavin Dill
Dylan Hall
Genevieve Harmount
Jackson Henning
Nhan Hoang
Alyssa Hubbs
Samantha Lameter
Daniel Macias
Jason Miller
James Minton
Sarah Mshar
Lukas Petersen
Madeline Price
Michael Ramirez
Vladimir Ramirez
Makaela Reimer
Cristalyn Romero-Rojas
Sophia Rufa
Devin Wong

8th Grade

Melanie Almeida
Michael Badrov
Brandon Betancourt
Tom Butters
Colin Cartwright
Tommy Culver
Aidan Diaz
Aidan Dill
Angel Garcia Martinez
Alondra Gaytan-Molina
Shawn Jenkins
Brian Kloes
Shelby Lawrence
John McLane
Roz Piagnarelli
Annie Price
Jude Short
Nikolette Weiss
Isabel Wirtz

Second Trimester All A's Honor Roll

7th Grade

Marleen Alamo
Noemi Arredondo
Ava Bailey
Leo Barrette
Daniela Bojovic
Simone Brown
Gavin Carolan
Katherine Carolan
Logan Cudaback
Thomas Curran
Emmett Dill
Gavin Dill
Chloe Dwan Minucciani
David Eterno
Aadden Guerrero
Dylan Hall
Genevieve Harmount
Nhan Hoang
Emma Hornickle
Seth Hyland
Naomi Kellemeyn
Everett Kittridge
Agnes Kuchta
Samantha Lameter
Kara LaRocco

Lily Lopez
Anthony Lowe
Luka Luburic
Daniel Macias
Derek Martinez
Madeline McLane
Chris Medina
Ethan Meuer
James Minton
Cam Morris
Sarah Mshar
Abigail Murillo
Ryan Nowak
Daisy Oldenburg
Anastasija Pavlovic
Lukas Petersen
Ian Polonowski
Daniel Popovich
Madeline Price
Makaela Reimer
Alexandria Riley
Sophia Rufa
Elizabeth Rus
London Shannon-
Muscolino
Charlie Shishman

Filip Soldat
Ilija Tepic
Desiree Villagomez
Tiffany Vu
Lily Wenstrup
Devin Wong

8th Grade

Rayna Aaronson
John Barrette
Brandon Betancourt
Will Brown
Lydia Busker
Anna Bylsma
Claire Collins
Sarah Crowe
Lilian Davis
Caroline Fuller
Abigail Gomez
Poppy Graber
Andrew Guerrero
Olivia Hill
Sophia Imielski
Katarina Jecmenic
Jackie Kogen
Shelby Lawrence

John McLane
Ethan Meraz
Reese Metz
Abigail Michaelson
Dean O'Bryan
Lizet Ojeda-Acuna
Caroline Pooler
Katie Prystalski
Maddie Rowen
Gabrielle Sanchez
Charlotte Schulz
Jude Short
Emily Spelson
Sophia Szymanski
Nikolette Weiss
Isabel Wirtz
Austen Wisniewski
Camille Woods



Second Trimester High Honor Roll

7th Grade

Amy Abarca
Ken Bach
Katherine Badrov
Natasha Bertovic
Kellin Bourjaily
Rebekah Brassfield
Madeline Buzek
Eduardo Escobedo
Elise Ferro
Samuel Garcia
Iriana Garcia-Sanchez
Jackson Henning
Jordyn Hoffenberg
Khyla Hopkins
Alyssa Hubbs
Sydney Jones
Tyler Kirk
Drake Levreau
Miah Lopez
Matthew Matteucci
Mila Miletic
Jason Miller

Marko Milutinovic
Cristian Montano
Martinez
Daniya Morrow
Sebastian Nevarez
Genesis Nietes
Jaylene Nunez
Emily Nutting
Lucas Packard
Dominic Piscotti
Michael Ramirez
Vladimir Ramirez
Alyssa Robinson
Cristalyn Romero-Rojas
Diana Santana

8th Grade

Melanie Almeida
Michael Badrov
James Brejcha
Sam Burcal
Daniela Cahue
Sean Cherry

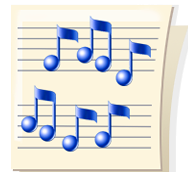
Nataly Contreras
Caitlin Crowe
Tommy Culver
Aidan Diaz
David Diaz
McKayla Duran
Sebastian Escobedo
Kaitlyn Filkins
Brianna Flores
Alita Folkening
Gunnar Garelli
Ashlyn Grelewicz
Ryan Huynh
Avery Jasinski
Minna Johnson
Sarah Kutlich
Alex Lonsway
Max Marquardt
Dwane Morrow
Nathanael Mukite
Landon Nill
Milana Pacholski
Celestine Perusich

Andrew Peto
Aleksia Petrovich
Annie Price
Oscar Rojo
Campbell Schumacher
Caden Strack
Carson Turner
Jurnee Warkentein





Music Notes



Upcoming Performing Arts Events

April 14: Band-Aid Concert
April 23: Choir Awards Concert
April 28: Band Awards Concert
April 29: Choir & Orchestra District Tour
April 30: Orchestra Awards Concert
May 1: Band District Tour
May 2: High-Note Festival

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 ensemble 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!



Band Aid Concert

On Tuesday April 16th, 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 Humane Society of the United States. All proceeds for the benefit concert will go to this charity. There is no set admission, but donations will be taken at the door. We will also be selling raffle tickets with wonderful prizes from local businesses! The Symphony Orchestra, Gurrie Choir, Concert Band, and GMS Jazz Ensemble will be performing along with a full orchestra and a special performance combining all groups.



2019-2020 Gurrie Wrestling Season Ends

After a long season of practices and competition, the wrestling team was able to improve from the previous year and advance four wrestlers to the state tournament at Northern Illinois University. Congratulations to Claudio Rodriguez (8th), Patrick Collins (6th), Sam Costello (8th), and Kellan Knop (8th) for earning the title as IE-SA 2020 State Qualifiers! Congratulations to the wrestlers who qualified for this year's sectional tournament: Dylan Rickman (8th), Frankie Mungo (7th), Shane Hendrix (6th), and Ignacio Rodriguez (6th). Without the hard work from the students, these accomplishments would not be possible and we would like to congratulate all the wrestlers who participated in this outstanding season!

Coach Varela
Coach Brewer



SPORTS CALENDAR

SOCCER

April:

- 14 Blue at Park Blue
- 14 Gold at Park Red
- 16 Blue at McClure Red
- 16 Gold at McClure White
- 20 Blue at Westchester Black
- 21 Blue vs Pleasantdale
- 21 Gold vs Willow Springs
- 23 Gold at Washington Red
- 23 Blue at Washington Blue
- 24 Blue vs Highlands Blue
- 24 Gold vs Highlands White
- 27 Gold vs Westchester Yellow
- 28 Gold vs Park Blue
- 28 Blue vs Park Red
- 30 Gold at Westchester Black
- 30 Blue at Westchester Yellow

May:

- 4 Blue at McClure White
- 4 Gold at McClure Red
- 7 Gold at Pleasantdale
- 11 Gold vs Washington Blue (5:00PM)
- 12 Blue at Washington Red
- 14 Blue vs Highlands White
- 15 Gold vs Highlands Blue

GIRLS SOFTBALL

April:

- 7 Gurrie vs Willow Springs
- 9 Gurrie at Pleasantdale
- 14 Gurrie at Highlands
- 16 Gurrie vs Westchester
- 20 Gurrie vs Pleasantdale
- 21 Gurrie at Park
- 23 Gurrie vs Washington
- 28 Gurrie at McClure
- 30 Gurrie at Willow Springs

May:

- 7 Gurrie vs Highlands

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

April:

- 7 Gurrie vs Willow Springs
- 9 Gurrie at Pleasantdale
- 14 Gurrie at Highlands
- 16 Gurrie vs Westchester
- 20 Gurrie vs Pleasantdale
- 21 Gurrie at Park
- 23 Gurrie vs Washington
- 28 Gurrie at McClure
- 30 Gurrie at Willow Springs

May:

- 7 Gurrie at Highlands



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 Tuesday, April 14th 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 April 4th.

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 on Tilden Ave & Ogden Ave.

Other soccer fields are:



Park: Gordon Park
Tilden Ave & Ogden Ave, 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

Westchester: Westchester Primary School
2400 Downing Avenue, Westchester

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 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
Animals 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