



Tiger Tracks

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CALENDAR

May

- 2 Moana Jr. Performance, 7pm
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- 17 8th Grade Celebration, 3:30pm-6pm
- 22 Yearbook Signing during Flex
- 23 8th Grade Gown /Ticket Distribution during Advisory
- 24 8th Grade Great America Trip
- 27 Memorial Day, No School
- 28 8G Graduation Ceremony at the Local 150, 5pm
- 31 Last day of school for 7G



**The World Is
 Yours To Conquer**

From the Principal's Desk



Another year at Gurrie is winding down. Thank you to all of our families for all you've done to support your students and their continued growth and achievement.

Please remember that our graduation ceremony will be held here at the Local 150 banquet hall, 6200 Joliet Road in Countryside, on Tuesday, May 28, at 5 p.m. Graduates need to arrive at the banquet hall no later than 4:30pm. Each family will be issued 5 tickets and seating opens at 4:30pm.

After graduation, eighth graders have completed their school year and do not return to school. Seventh graders final day will be Friday, May 31.

Please continue to check the weekly Parent Square and website for important end of the year information. Eighth grade parents should have received, via ParentSquare, a full packet of end of year information with specific information about graduation. This is also posted on our website. www.d105.net/gurrie.

Over the summer, whether you are the parent of a graduate or a soon to be eighth grader, continue to encourage your child to read everyday. With the nice weather, vacations, and many other distractions, it is easy to forget how important it is to continue reading regularly. Reading a book as a family, bringing some magazines on a long car trip, or just reading the newspaper are all ways to continue building positive reading habits. Remember too, that all of our students are expected to complete their summer reading requirement prior to returning in August. Students will be receiving their summer reading information this month and there will be information for parents in the weekly envelope and on the website. Eighth grade students should have seen their summer reading expectations from LT and we will post that on our website. Talk with your son or daughter about the summer book and even share it as a family read. Summer is notorious for loss of student reading skills simply because they are not used regularly. Encourage reading and make it a routine part of your week, just like it is during the school year. Summer is a great time for your child to read that book they have been interested in, but not had time for.

Thank you also to all of our PTO volunteers. Without all of you, our students would not have had so many wonderful experiences and opportunities. If you were not a member of the PTO this year, please consider joining. It is a wonderful opportunity for all parents to contribute to our school, get to know other parents, and see your children in some wonderful activities.

As I end this final Tiger Track letter for the year, just one final thought. Please encourage your children, as we are, to finish the year on a positive note. We have had a very good year with many successes. Even though this is the final Tiger Tracks, there are still several 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.

Thanks for another great year and the opportunity to serve your children and your families.

Ed Hood

Attention 8th Graders!

Eighth Grade Class Trip

Eligible 8th grade students will take a class trip to Great America on Friday, May 24th. Groups of 12 to 14 students will be led by teacher chaperones. This year the fee for the trip was set at \$40, the Great America group rate for groups of 100 or more.

Your eighth grader will need to bring pocket money to purchase lunch that day since no food may be brought into the park. If you wish your child to purchase other things or to play the arcade machines he or she will also need additional pocket money.

The trip will run from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 4:15p.m. Students who normally ride the bus home will be able to make bus connections on their return.

Not all students will be allowed to make this trip. Any student who fails to qualify for the trip will be expected to attend school that day. Students are aware of this.

Gowns and Tickets to Students on May 23

Parents, for your convenience, gowns will be given out to students to take home on Thursday, May 23rd, so that parents and students can take pictures at home prior to the graduation program. Pictures of each graduate receiving their diploma will also be taken by Portraits Plus at the ceremony.

This year students will be purchasing gowns and medallions. Students will not be wearing caps again this year.

Medallions will be given out to students when they arrive on the evening of graduation.





Music Notes



Spring Awards Concert A Huge Success!

Our annual Spring Honors Concerts were outstanding this year. Along with the great performances, we honored all of our graduating 8th graders from Concert Band, Symphony Orchestra, and Gurrie Choir. Thank you to all of the students for their years of hard work and for the parents for their years of support!

District Music Groups Earn Superior Rating at the Great America High Note Music Festival

Congratulations to the District 105 Concert Band, Symphony Orchestra, and Gurrie Choir on their Superior Rating at this year's High Note Festival. The group worked extremely hard to prepare for this event and celebrated by enjoying a fun-filled day at the Great America Theme Park! Keep up the great work and let's do it again next year!



District Groups Performing at Graduation

Members of the Concert Band and Symphony Orchestra will be performing for the Gurrie Middle School Graduation on Tuesday, May 28th. This event is being held at the Local 150 in Countryside. Please contact your director with any questions or concerns.

Summer Band Camp

All students have received information about the summer band camp that will be hosted by Mr. Tabor. Though students are not required to come, ALL band students are welcome to. Information for the camp has been sent out via parent square. The Registration forms are due on July 15th.

School Owned Shirts

All white shirts that were borrowed from the district are to be turned in during lessons. The only exceptions are students performing at Graduation. Please be sure your child brings his or her shirt to school on the appropriate day so they can be collected and cleaned. Thank you!

Summer Orchestra Camp

Information has been sent home via ParentSquare about the 4-day orchestra camp. Students are not required to participate, but ALL orchestra students are welcome to attend! Registration forms are due on July 15th. Please reach out to Mr. Arnold with any questions.



Thanks for the Memories!

Congratulations and good luck to all of our graduating band, orchestra and choir members. Thank you for your dedication to the District music programs over the years, and for the many fine performances you have presented to your families, friends, teachers and classmates. Good Luck at LT!





Reminder to students and parents...

This is just a reminder to our students and parents that with the warmer weather come thoughts of summer and summer attire. However, the Gurrie dress code, which is found in the Student/Parent Handbook, is still in force throughout the school year. Please keep this in mind when dressing during the warmer months. This includes summer school.

Thank You PTO

Thank you to everyone who has helped at all of our PTO activities this year, from the school directory to the graduation dance and every activity in between. The PTO planned and organized many events for our students this year and we could not have done it without the help of each and every one of the many volunteers. The Gurrie PTO Board THANKS YOU ALL!!



7th & 8th Grade Girls Softball Season Ends

The members of the combined 7th/8th Grade Gurrie Girls Softball Team started the season with great energy and truly spent time learning the game and new positions. They ended up creating a fantastic team bond. Overall, they worked hard to develop their fielding and hitting and showed off their new skills in several games. Each player contributed to our team in some aspect, and everyone made stellar plays or great at bats throughout the season. The members of the team were:

Sophia Murphy
Alivia Rivera
Jhania Wickert-Harris
Eleanor Meur
Olivia Cabrera
Celeste Brittmon
Leah Koziol
Mariela Silva
Ailin Leon Martinez
Bella Vidales
Ava Heeb
Sophie Colville
Julie Broadbelt
Alex Sanchez
Julissa Lopez
Mila Panos
Maddie Flores
Natalie Lopez

Coach Kulaga & Coach Stoffer

The coaches are proud of all the hard work that the team put in and wants to thank our wonderful players who made it a fun season to coach softball! See you next season! GO TIGERS!



Volleyball Season Recap

Despite an overall 4-6 season, the 8th Grade Boys' Volleyball team worked hard and supported each other, improving their skills and teamwork. One of the highlights of the year was beating our vaunted rival McClure in three sets. Always great to get a win against them. Their effort paid off with noticeable growth, teaching them important lessons in teamwork and determination for future success at LT. As the season ends, we would like to thank the players and their families for all their support. Thank you for an awesome year!

Go Gurrie! #TigerNation

8th grade girls' volleyball had a good season. We did not advance in the tournament but had fun. Many new players on the team this year and returning players were eager to help them grow in the sport. Great leadership, teamwork, support, and cheering by all players! I wish them the best in anything they do as they can achieve anything they want with practice and patience! Good luck in the future! Come back and visit during the volleyball season! Once a Tiger, always a Tiger!!
Coach Helf

7th grade boys' volleyball had a great season, especially competing with other scheduled activities. Many players were able to help out the 8th grade team, which was greatly appreciated! They only lost three games and advanced to the championship game where we won 1st place with only half the team! A 1st place trophy was presented to Mr. Hood for his retirement. A job well done! I hope we can repeat next year!
Coach Helf

7th grade girls improved throughout the season. These girls always had a great time, on and off the court. I am excited to see what these girls will do next year, as a Gurrie Tiger and as an athlete!
Coach Bednash



Soccer Season Spins to an End!

Gurrie Soccer continues strong strides towards success"

Success is a journey, not a destination". The Gurrie soccer program starts each day off with a quote to aim their focus as they step onto the field. For the Gurrie Soccer program, success wasn't measured by the wins and losses, but more so defined by the growth of its players and teams. With a philosophy focused on teaching discipline, commitment, and hard work, the Gurrie soccer players were able to gain life skills that they can carry with them off the soccer field and into high school, and even further into rest of their life. We are excited for the Gurrie Soccer future!

