

Listserv

Thursday, November 9, 2018

Greetings Granger Families,

As we prepare to honor the brave men and women who so selflessly serve or have served our country I would like to extend an invitation to all of our families to join us as we celebrate all that is good about our country and community. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to demonstrate their citizenship, express their gratitude, and hear first hand the power of service to others. I hope you will join us on Monday, November 12th at 8:30 am for this special tribute.

Please follow us on Twitter @GrangerIPSD204. As always, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to call (630-375-1010), email laurie_fiorenza@ipsd.org or come in to see me.

Laurie Fiorenza

Principal

Important Dates

- **November 12th** - Veteran's Day Assembly: 8:30 - 9:30 am
- **November 13th** – Granger Chorus Concert at 7:00 p.m.
- **November 15th** – (PDAC) Parent Diversity Advisory Council, Crouse Education Center 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- **November 21st, 22nd, & 23rd** - **NO SCHOOL** (Thanksgiving Break)
- **November 27th** – Granger Gold
- **November 30th** – Friday Night Basketball 3:30 – 5:30 pm

5Essentials - We Need Your Feedback

Parents, students, and teachers across Illinois will once again have an opportunity to participate in the annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school as it relates to the important elements of school effectiveness.

On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by the University of Chicago. All survey responses will be kept confidential. The state will provide survey results for individual schools only if a school has at least 20 percent of parents take the survey. If you have children attending more than one school, we ask that you complete the survey for each school.

To take this short survey:

1. Visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/>
2. Type and select "Dupage" as "County." (The county is the location of the school district's main office.)
3. Type your school's name into the "School" field and select your school.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey identifies five indicators that can lead to important student outcomes, including test score gains. Research has shown that schools strong on these indicators are ten times more likely to improve student learning. The five indicators that affect school success are effective leaders, collaborative teachers, involved families, supportive environments, and ambitious instruction.

Parents will have until January to participate in the survey.

School Safety Community Night *November 14*

District 204 is partnering with local law enforcement agencies for a School Safety Community Night presentation from 7 to 8 pm on Wednesday, November 14 at Waubonsie Valley High School.

Safety topics include what parents should teach their younger children to help keep them safe, the district's partnership with police and how school resource officers work with staff and students, ALICE training in schools, a new program that involves a school safety dog, and how students and parents can report safety concerns. All-District 204 parents are invited to attend this event. Children are encouraged to attend at their parents' discretion. An RSVP is appreciated, but not required at <http://ipsd.us/C8LMZ>.

Granger Spelling Bee

- December 5th- information meeting and practice from 3-4 p.m. in room B215
- Additional practice sessions (not mandatory) will be from 3-4 in B215 on Dec. 12th and 18th.
- January 10th- School Spelling Bee will be held in the cafeteria after school from 3:15- 5:30 (estimated end time)
- Permission Form is attached

Bears - 7th-grade Leadership

The Bears are teaming up with the Aurora Food Pantry raising money to provide local families with Thanksgiving meals. For only \$16.00 a family of 6 can receive a Thanksgiving meal.

Money collection will take place during the student's lunch hours. Students can donate any amount they would like as this is an optional activity. The collection bin will be located at the student sign out desk by the exit doors of the cafeteria. We will be collecting through next Friday, 11/16/18. We will be doing a grade level contest, can't wait to see which grade will raise the most money! If you have any further questions, please email sarahbrucher@ipsd.org.

Yearbooks

Have you ordered your 2018-2019 Granger Yearbook? The yearbook order deadline has been extended so that all students have an opportunity to order a yearbook! Please order your book by Friday, November

16th. Yearbooks can be purchased online. To order, log on to the [yearbook order center](#) and enter order number 8987.

Reminder: Yearbooks are **not** ordered at registration or with school pictures. Also, they are **not** available for sale at the end of the school year. Parents can click [here](#) to use the “Think you already placed an order?” feature to see if they have already ordered.

Granger PTA

Thank you to the Granger PTA for sponsoring lunch for our wonderful Granger teachers and staff during the parent-teacher conferences on Monday, November 05, 2018.

Thank you to the PTA chair of Bakers Joanne Jachimiec.

Thank you to Sharon Shatto, Tsukasa Tsunoda, Mary Ann Dichoso, Jeanine Ramirez, and Samatha Chatakondur for helping with set-up and clean-up.

Thank you to all the amazing Bakers for providing salads and desserts. Thank you to Priti Amin, Jill Brown, Samatha Chatakondur, Sridevi Dendukuri, Mary Ann Dichoso, Laura Macleod, Cami Nordahl, Sherri Nugent, Chandra Ramanujam, Trudie Ranson, Sweta Sannareddy, Sharon Shatto, Kristi Sierakowski, Christa Szalasek, and Saima Yawar.

Granger Middle School Directory Advertising Form

Are you looking for an inexpensive, yet effective way to advertise your business? Place an ad on the *NEW ONLINE Granger PTA Directory*, which will be available to our PTA members. The directory reaches over 900 households in the immediate area and will be available end of November 2018.

Just return this form to school, 2721 Stonebridge Blvd., Aurora, IL 60502, along with your business card or ad, and the appropriate fee (cash or check made payable to Granger PTA), in an envelope marked *PTA - Directory Ad* - Please email us with any questions at grangerpta204@gmail.com. Advertising Fees: *Ads will be in full color* The advertising fee is \$175.00 submit your ad on or before Friday, November 16, 2018.

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Granger PTA Communication

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