

Listserv

Thursday September 21, 2018

Greetings Granger Families,

This has been a wonderful week. We are half way through the month of September and not only is cooler weather upon us but it is also midterm. Please take a moment to log into Home Access to review your students' progress and grades. As always if you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to reach out to your students' teacher.

Yesterday, we were honored to host Tom Thelen for an all school assembly to equip and empower our students with strategies to prevent bullying from the inside out. Students listened as Tom share how they could recognize and respond to bullying, and *Be the Change* here at Granger. Tom recommended five action items for students including; finding a trusted adult to talk to, learning how to unpack your "baggage", developing emotional intelligence, signing a technology agreement, and staying calm under pressure. In addition to the all school assembly our 8th grade Grizzleads met with Tom privately to brainstorm and strategize ways our student leaders could unite to make a powerful impact on the Granger community. Finally, Tom spoke with our parents addressing ways to support our student(s) by; being the trusted adult for at least one child in your life, modeling healthy relationships, modeling healthy technology habits, signing a technology agreement with kids, and being the calm presence amidst anxiety. We look forward to continuing this work and recognize that it is a community effort made up of individuals committed to *Being the Change*.

Laurie Fiorenza

Principal

Important Dates

- **September 25** - Team Granger & IPEF Restaurant Night at Culver's (all day) on route 59
- **September 28** - Team Granger & IPEF Friday Night Basketball 5:00 - 7:00
- **September 30** – Roaring 5K starts at 9:00 a.m.
 - Dunk your teacher Mr. Nelson in the water tank. Cash only - \$1 for a ball or 3 for \$5 (at the Roaring 5K).

PSAT Testing September 25th

Our 8th grade students will be taking the PSAT on September 25th. College Board has a Mobile Opt-In opportunity for students. Students can supply their mobile number or their parents/guardians number in order to receive updates from College Board. By providing a mobile number you are agreeing to receive text messages from the College Board about their programs, to participate in research surveys, and/or to receive free college planning services. If you decide you would like to participate in this opportunity please discuss which mobile number your student should provide. For those who participate you can always discontinue this serve by replying STOP.

PTA

Volunteers needed for Friday Night Basketball

Team Granger & IPEF need volunteers for the Friday Night Basketball - Open Gym Event. Please consider volunteering. Here is the link: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f0d4caeaf29a5f49-open>. This event is for ALL current Granger students only. There is a \$5.00 per person entrance fee and concessions are available for purchase.

Did you get your **Granger Spirit Wear** yet?

- Order deadline has been extended to October 5, 2018 [Click here to order Granger Spiritwear](#). CODE in all caps: GRANGER

The PTA is looking for Concession volunteers during home games. Please click on this link to see availability. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4caeaf29a5f49-granger>

Welcome to the 2018-2019 Reflections Program!

Our theme this year is "Heroes Around Me."

Thank you for participating in this great program supporting all of the wonderful artists in District 204! Founded in 1969, Reflections engages over 300,000 students and their families nationwide in arts education activities.

REFLECT on the theme. CREATE ART. BE RECOGNIZED!

- Dance Choreography
- Film Production
- Literature
- Musical Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts
- Special Artists

For downloadable entry forms and rules, visit: <https://illinoispta.org/reflections/>

Please see your local school's PTA for individual submission deadlines.

Questions? Contact our District 204 Chairperson, Trudie Ranson, at ippcpta@gmail.com.

Check out our new website at [Granger PTA Website](#)

- PTA Membership online
- Volunteer sign-up
- Granger and IPSD Calendars
- Upcoming events and information