

## Listserv

**Thursday January 10, 2019**

Good Afternoon Granger Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful break and are ready to get semester two underway. The students are starting to get back into the swing of things acclimating to their new schedules, Encore teachers, and many of the exciting things this semester will bring. As we head into the second half of the year I would like to encourage you to talk with your student(s) about the importance of digital citizenship; the footprint we leave on social media as well as any Google searches performed on the Chromebook. The district has recently increased the monitoring capabilities of our software. Daily I receive a report from the district regarding any searches that were attempted by Granger students that fall into the “inappropriate” category. The administrative team uses this information as a opportunity to speak with identified students regarding the importance of responsible internet use as well as inform parents so together we can ensure our studnets are safely and responsibly using the internet. Thank you for all of your support. As always, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to call (630-375-1010), email [laurie\\_fiorenza@ipsd.org](mailto:laurie_fiorenza@ipsd.org) or come in to see me.

Laurie Fiorenza

Principal

### Important Dates

- **January 17<sup>th</sup>** – 5th Grade Informational Parent Night (Encore Selection) **6:30pm – 8pm**
- **January 21<sup>st</sup>** – Martin Luther King Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- **January 24<sup>th</sup>** – STEM Night **6:30 – 8pm**
- **January 29<sup>th</sup>** – Prelude Registration (5<sup>th</sup> grade Parents Only) **4pm – 8pm**

### **Attention Current 8<sup>th</sup> Graders/Metea Valley Class of 2023:**

On *Thursday, January 17th*, Metea Valley High School will host 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House which begins with “MV Expo” at 6:15 PM. At MV Expo from 6:15 to 6:50, you can visit electives’, athletics’, and parent organizations’ tables for information in the LMC, Auxiliary Gym, and Commons. At 7:00 PM, please join us in the Main Gym for a Welcome Session. Departmental Curricular Presentations will follow the Welcome Session. Representatives from MV’s staff will be available to answer questions throughout the evening. We look forward to welcoming the Class of 2023! Go Go Mustangs!

## **Parent(s) of current 7th grade students (ONLY)**

Next school year, your student has the opportunity to be part of Granger's PE Peer Buddies program. The Peer Buddies PE class is a modified physical education class, which if selected would replace your students regular education PE class, during the following school year.

The PE Peer Buddies program connects students from general education with students from our special education program in this adapted PE class. During this inclusive class, all students will be engaged in fun, active PE skills and games together. Your student would serve as a positive peer role model while developing leadership skills through interactions with students who have various learning and physical challenges.

If your student would like to participate in the PE Peer Buddy program please complete the following steps:

- Students must **enroll** in Google classroom using the classroom code **qhbbl**. (**In order to be considered for the program an application and parent consent form must be completed on Google Classroom**)
- Application and Parent/Guardian Consent forms are due by **Friday, February 1st**. No applications will be accepted after 2/1/19

**Please note:** Class size is limited, students will be notified if they are selected to be in the program by the end of this school year. **Students who are enrolled in chorus cannot apply for peer buddies, due to scheduling conflicts.**

## **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Tryouts**

There will be an informational meeting on **Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 3:05** in the cafeteria for any 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>-grade girl wanting to try out for the Granger Girls Basketball Team. **Students must have a current physical on file with the Granger Nurse in order to try out.**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Tryouts – **January 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 5pm**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Tryouts – **January 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3 – 5pm**

## **PDAC**

**On Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 7-9:00 pm, at CEC, PDAC will host a meeting, *Parent Engagement: Parenting the Whole Child*.** This meeting is open to all District staff and families.

**On Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3:00 pm, at Metea Valley High School, PDAC will host a free screening of *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age*.** For more information or to attend the event, please visit [HERE](#).