

## **Listserv**

**Thursday November 15, 2018**

Greetings Granger Families,

Thanksgiving break is fast upon us. I wanted to take this opportunity to share highlights from this past week and express how thankful I am to be a part of this community. I am grateful to work with such kind, considerate, and passionate students. During the recent Veteran's Day assembly our students did not fail to impress everyone. Several students shared poems and essays they had written with so much pride and passion, it brought some in the audience to tears. All of our students displayed such respect and regard for our veterans and military personnel. In addition to the students, we had family members give up their time to share with students their personal experiences while in the military. Our PTA board members also took their time to come and support this important celebration. I am so thankful to all of our students, staff, and families for their support. I hope this upcoming Thanksgiving is filled with happiness and wonderful memories for all of our families.

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](mailto:laurie_fiorenza@ipsd.org) or come in to see me.

Laurie Fiorenza

Principal

### **Important Dates**

- **November 15<sup>th</sup>** – (PDAC) Parent Diversity Advisory Council, Crouse Education Center 7:00 - 9:00pm
- **November 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 23<sup>rd</sup>** - **NO SCHOOL** (Thanksgiving Break)
- **November 27<sup>th</sup>** – Granger Gold
- **November 30<sup>th</sup>** – Friday Night Basketball 3:30 – 5:30pm

### **Morning & Afternoon Drop Off**

As the weather changes we would like review our drop-off and pick-up procedures to ensure student safety and efficiency for our families:

- **You may pass the parked buses located in the front of our building as long as they are within the drop off zone separated by the yellow median. This holds true even when the bus' stop sign and lights are displayed.**

- To help ensure that before and after school drop-off and pick-up is safe and efficient we ask that you please follow the guidelines below:
  - In the morning if you would like to wait to drop off your child at a specific time we ask that you use the parking lot. Students may then use the crosswalk when they are ready to enter the building.
  - In the afternoon should you find that your student is not ready to be picked up please continue around the circle drive to access the parking lot to wait for your student.
- While dropping off or picking up your student please be aware of the crosswalk area located directly in front of the building. We ask that you do not stop in the crosswalk in order to keep it clear and accessible to pedestrians.

## **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 effect school success are effective leaders, collaborative teachers, involved families, supportive environments, and ambitious instruction.