



## **Listserv**

**Thursday November 1, 2018**

Happy Thursday Granger Families,

The administration has made a commitment to get into as many classrooms in a week as possible. This week Mr. Lowe (Assistant Principal) taught a Science mini-lesson on the food chain, Mr. Hurd (Assistant Principal) taught a Math lesson on coordinate planes, and Ms. Fiorenza (Principal) taught an Art lesson using Pictionary. As we have circulated through many classrooms this week we are noticing our students engaging in many activities designed to provoke critical thinking and evidence-based reasoning. We have also had the privilege to observe our staff and students build strong relationships through fun and meaningful activities. To see our classrooms in action, 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 1<sup>st</sup>** – Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30 – 8:00pm
- **November 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Reflections Entries Due
- **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** – PTA Restaurant Night - Chipotle at 2856 IL-59 #108 Naperville, IL
- **November 5<sup>th</sup>** – **NO SCHOOL** ( Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 – 8:00pm)
- **November 6<sup>th</sup>** – **NO SCHOOL** ( General Election )
- **November 12<sup>th</sup>** - Veteran's Day Assembly: 8:30 -9:30am
- **November 13<sup>th</sup>** – Granger Chorus Concert at 7:00 p.m.
- **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

## **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>.

## 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.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Pictures Needed

We are looking for pictures of current or former military personnel. If a member of your family is or has been a member of the military please forward a copy of the picture to [cindy\\_chejfec@ipsd.org](mailto:cindy_chejfec@ipsd.org) to be included in our video tribute and shown during our Veteran's Day Assembly.

## Notification of Vision and Hearing

This is to inform you that all 8th-grade students and students receiving Special Education services are required by Illinois State Law to receive an annual vision and hearing screening. These screenings will occur throughout the year. Should you have any concern regarding your student's vision or hearing, and they are NOT included in

the two groups listed above— please contact the Nurse, Kathy Sternal RN ([Kathy\\_Sternal@ipsd.org](mailto:Kathy_Sternal@ipsd.org)) and she would be happy to provide a screening to your student.

## **Wrestling**

Attention any 7th or 8th grade student interested in going out for wrestling team, please see Coach Nelson or Coach Burson to receive your paperwork and calendar. Practice will begin Wednesday, November 7th at 3:15 in the small gym.

## **Granger PTA**

### **Reflections Program**

**Due this Friday, Nov 2nd**

**Theme:** Heroes Around Me

We have such a wonderful community here at Granger, there are bound to have many heroes around you to spark your creative energies!

Please fill out the entry form carefully with all information. All entries must include an artist's statement that explains how your art reflects this year's theme "Heroes Around Me". In order to advance in the judging, the submission must demonstrate what the theme means to you and how it is represented in your work.

### **Student Entry Form**

The deadline for entry is Friday November 2nd. Entries may be dropped off at the Granger office by end of school November 2nd.

There are seven categories, and you may enter as many times as you like in as many categories as you like. Please read and follow the requirements for each category carefully as we cannot accept entries that do not comply.

**Dance Choreography**

**Film Production**

**Literature**

**Musical Composition**

**Photography**

**Visual Arts**

**Special Artists**

For further information, please contact [kathyprince@gmail.com](mailto:kathyprince@gmail.com).

Does your child need a P.E. shirt? Shirts are available from their P.E. teachers for \$5.00. Cash or checks accepted. Checks are to be made payable to the Granger PTA.

### 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](mailto: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.

Support our students and school, sign up to become a PTA member on the Granger PTA Website [www.grangerpta.com](http://www.grangerpta.com)

### **Granger PTA Communication**

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