

## **Listserv**

**Thursday November 29, 2018**

Greetings Granger Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Break especially with the added bonus of a snow day. It is hard to believe that December is already here. We are looking forward to several exciting events in December including two fine arts performances and MeteaConnect. In addition to these wonderful opportunities, we will also be wrapping up Quarter two. I want to encourage all of our students to remain focused and persevere these last days before winter break. If you feel like your student is struggling, please do not hesitate to reach out to our teachers for support and suggestions.

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.

Stay Warm,

Laurie Fiorenza

Principal

### **Important Dates**

- **December 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>** – Musical Auditions
- **December 12<sup>th</sup>** – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert
- **December 18<sup>th</sup>** – MeteaConnect (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families Only)
- **December 20<sup>th</sup>** – Kaleidoscope Concert
- **December 20<sup>th</sup>** – End of Quarter 2
- **December 24<sup>th</sup>** – January 7<sup>th</sup> – **NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK**

### **A+ Award Winner**

Congratulations to Mrs. Amy Huetson on being the recipient of the A+ Award this month. Mrs. Huetson was nominated by Roshni Pothireddy. Be looking for the video of the award presentation coming soon to the Indian Prairie School District website

### **Interim Assistant Principal**

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Daniel Thorse has been selected as the Interim Assistant Principal at Granger for the duration of the school year. Dr. Thorse is a 33 year veteran of education and has a range of expertise. Dr. Thorse held several positions in District 202 including; Principal of Ira Jone Middle School, Executive Director of Administration and Personnel, and Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Personnel. While Dr. Thorse has been retired for three years now, he continues to remain connected to the educational field serving as an Adjunct Professor at Aurora University, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, and Principal at Jefferson Middle School. Dr. Thorse will begin his role at Granger Middle School on Monday, December 3rd.

## **MeteaConnect**

### ***Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families:***

Please join Metea Valley Principal, Dr. Darrell Echols, along with a representative from MV's Guidance Department for **MeteaConnect** on **Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Granger Middle School Cafeteria**. Current 8th graders and their parents will learn about the upcoming activities and events that will support a successful transition to Metea Valley High School. The course selection process, the timeline for enrolling in high school classes, and much more will be highlighted.

## **Anderson Bookfair**

Anderson's is happy to offer an opportunity for our families to purchase and our school to benefit with the purchase of the newest in the Dog Man series, *Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild* which is being released on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached flyer for ordering instructions.

## **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.

### **File attachments:**

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