



Grizzly Gazette

From the Desk of the Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

11/21—11/23	<i>Thanksgiving Break</i>
12/12	<i>Market Day</i>
12/14	<i>Getaway Dance</i>
12/17	<i>7th/8th Grade Kaleidoscope</i>
12/18	<i>6th Grade Kaleidoscope</i>
12/23—1/7/07	<i>Winter Break</i>
1/7/08	<i>School Resumes</i>
1/15	<i>PTSA Meeting</i>
1/17	<i>End of 2nd Quarter</i>
1/21	No School—MLK Jr. Day
1/23	<i>Market Day</i>

Please also see the detailed calendar at the end of this newsletter

This newsletter should reach you just prior to Thanksgiving, which is one of my favorite holidays. I love Thanksgiving because it is focused on spending time with family and reflecting on what we have to be thankful for. As I look around Granger, I am overwhelmed by all there is to be grateful for. We have wonderful students who come in prepared to learn every day. We have parents who send these students to us ready to learn because they believe that learning is the most important thing their children can do at this stage in their lives. Sometimes this means getting up early to drive their children to before school practices and study sessions. It also means foregoing a gourmet dinner in order to pick students up from after school activities. I am grateful for these sacrifices that parents make. I am also grateful for the amazingly dedicated teachers and staff at Granger. Drive by our parking lot at 6:30 am or 10:00 pm and take note of the teachers' cars in the lot. Good teaching doesn't come easy. I am also thankful for the administrative staff which includes Mark Carlin and Diana Harris, assistant principals, and Glenda Gustafson, lead teacher. Granger is lucky to have a top-notch secretarial staff (the people who really run the building) who are Janet Musser, Kathy Volk, Judy Tortorich, and Karen Muthler. I am also grateful for our

custodial staff, headed by Steve Mays, who treats Granger as if it were his own home. I would like to wish you and your family a happy holiday. Thank you for supporting Granger in so many ways and thank you for everything you do to help your child be successful here.

The big news at Granger is that beginning January 7, 2008, we will be offering an after school program sponsored by the city of Aurora's Community in Schools program and Aurora University. The goal of the after school program is to engage the city's pre-adolescent students in positive activities beyond the school day in the areas of academic, fine arts, and recreation. The program will be held at Granger four days a week, Monday through Thursday from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. There is no cost to parents; the entire program is funded by the city of Aurora. Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions about the after school program:

Who acts as mentors in this program?

There are two Granger teachers who are full time directors of the program. Aurora University undergraduates are hired to act as mentors in the program. These students gain valuable hands-on experience, money to continue their education and something wonderful to add to their resume from the program. AU students can model the importance of a college

education, build meaningful and trusting relationships with middle school students, and understand the value of working together to achieve more.

What do the students do in the after school program?

Students participate in activities and experiences in the following subject areas:

- Academics (Math, Reading, Science)
- Fine & Performing Arts
- Recreation & Sports
- Socialization
- Homework Help

Enrichment "hands-on" activities

How does a child get into the program?

Any student attending a participating school is encouraged to register for the program. Signed parental consent is required for enrollment. There is no cost to the students or their parents.

On November 27, 2007, at 7:00 pm we will be having an open house at Granger to introduce the after school program to parents and students. Registration will be taken that night. The first day of the after school program will be January 7, 2008. Please join us on November to learn more about the after school program that will be starting at Granger.

From Assistant
Principal Dr. Harris

It is important that your child sees you model reading in many different situations.

**STUDENT
PROGRESS**

Recently you were sent your child's 1st Quarter Report Cards.

**PROMOTION
POLICY**

Families may not be aware of the district's promotion policy. On June 15, 1998, the School Board adopted a promotion/retention policy. This policy was put into place for those students who do not successfully complete the grade level curriculum, do not attend school on a regular basis, do not perform acceptably on standardized tests, or do not meet other criteria as set by the Board of Education.

Parents of students receiving a grade point average below 1.75 after the first quarter will be receiving a letter notifying them that their students may be at risk for the year. Parents and students in receipt of such a letter should contact the grade level counselor for possible strategies and interventions. We also highly recommend that stu-

dents who attain a grade point average of 1.75 or below attend our Saturday sessions of on-going study support classes. These Saturday study support classes will afford our staff additional opportunities to provide your child with academic assistance.

**READ TO YOUR
CHILD--HAVE
THEM READ TO
YOU**

Whether it's a textbook, personal reading book, or the sports page of the newspaper, spend some time alternating the reading of a selection. Try choosing a book you and your child both like and set aside the time needed to read it together.

**DISCUSS WHAT
YOUR CHILD IS
READING**

Asking questions and predicting what will happen next is a good way to engage your child in the book they are reading. Questioning is also a good strategy to use to check for understanding when reviewing textbook ma-

terial for a test.

**LET YOUR CHILD
SEE YOU READ**

It is important that your child sees you model reading in many different situations. Novels, newspaper, manuals, directions, magazine recipes, and nonfiction books are just a few of the many examples of printed materials adults come in contact with. Your child needs to see you reading to acquire information and for pleasure. Please feel free to call me with questions at 375-1010.

The Holiday Season is a time for true expressions. I would like to extend sincere thanks to all our parents and students for your time and commitment to the Granger educational experience. Together, we will continue to make Granger an outstanding educational institution. Have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Assistant Principal Carlin



Happy November!

You may have heard about our recommitment to the **Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports** program from your child over the past month. The program was started as a district-wide initiative many, many years ago. Granger Middle School will be putting a new twist on the program during the 2007-08 school year! The program's name has changed from P.B.I.S. to **GRANGER PRIDE!** We will continue to practice the many concepts associated with the research-based P.B.I.S. initiative while incorporating the concepts to better fit the needs of Granger.

Currently, we have been focusing our school-wide interventions to the hallway/house areas of the school. It was determined, through school-wide behavioral data, that this area

was the highest area of need. The staff has conducted two lessons for the students during Read & Respect time on Friday mornings. The students have been introduced to the expectations of appropriate behavior within the house/hallway areas. In addition, the students were led through the expectations during real-time learning experiences within these areas. Students will be continuously re-taught these expectations throughout the school year. In addition, students will be praised and rewarded during the school year, earning Granger Pride Tracks when they are observed following the expectations, thus being eligible for special raffles! Please have a conversation with your child about their learning experiences over the past month. Following are the expectations for the hall/house areas to better support your conversations. Thank you in advance for sharing this learning experience with your child.

GRANGER PRIDE
(School-Wide Expectations)

**Hall/
House**

Be Respectful

- * Walk right, talk right
- * Respect personal space
- * Respect property

Be Responsible

- * Walk directly to your destination
- * Report damage or concerns
- * Be responsible for your area & belongings

Be Ready

- * Use your time wisely
- * Have a purpose
- * Be organized

CALLING ALL PARENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS!

Granger PRIDE believes in rewarding students for outstanding behavior both inside of the classroom and outside within our Granger community. In order to keep rewarding our students, we need some help. The Granger PRIDE committee is looking for parents and business owners to donate small items for our PRIDE incentive program. These items could be as simple as small candy treats, to larger items such as movie passes or such. If you would be interested in donating, or know of a business that Granger can partner with, please contact Mr. Carlin.

Granger Pride ~ Be Respectful, Be Responsible, & Be Ready!



As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Carlin @ mark_carlin@ipsd.org.

Middle School Fund Raiser: A Huge Success

During the week of October 11 – October 18, all six middle schools in Indian Prairie School District 204 participated in a charity fund-raiser to help rebuild homes in Pass Christian, Mississippi, that were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina two years ago. The schools engaged in a friendly competition to see which school could raise the most money per student. Money was collected by having “penny wars” where students put their extra change in a jar in the classroom. Several teachers offered to donate \$100 if their classes reached a pre-determined amount. These donations, coupled with a generous parent donation of \$1,000 brought Granger’s total contribution to \$3,634.03, the second highest collection of all six middle schools.



A huge thank you to the entire Granger community for their generosity and community spirit.

To top off the week, teachers at each school met at Frontier Park to play in three concurrent softball games. I am happy to report that the amazingly athletic staff of Granger Middle School bested the teachers from Hill Middle School with a score of 12 to 5. A huge thank you to the entire Granger community for their generosity and community spirit.

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Student Council News

The Student Council has been hard at work! This year, members are working in subcommittees to accomplish goals established at the end of last school year. The Spirit Committee has been brainstorming ideas for a spirit week and assembly in the works for after the New Year. The Public Relations Committee has been spreading the word about school dances and other Student Council activities. The School Store Committee has been scouring catalogs to find just the right items to sell at the school store, which will be opening soon during lunch periods. Finally, the Community Service Committee has been planning fundraising and charity drives for the school year. Remember, new members are welcome at any time. Student Council meets every Tuesday from 3:05-4:00 in the Lower A house. See you there!

GRANGER GREEN CLUB

What are you doing to help our Planet Earth? Start by making small, simple changes. It's easier than you think! In Granger's newest club, The **Green** Club, we will increase awareness about recycling used cell phones, cartridges for book collection, and encourage



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school-wide

pride for "being green". We will meet the SECOND and THIRD Wednesday of every month in the LMC for 3:15-4:15PM. See Ms. Sinding for details!

Granger's Going GREEN!

This year Grizzlies are paving the way for the Granger Community to help improve the environment! How can your family do their part? Check out these great opportunities brought to you by concerned students and staff!!!



1. Watch the Granger List Serve for daily Green Tips. These are quick, simple suggestions for living a more environmentally responsible lifestyle, brought to you by the 8th Grade Family and Consumer Science classes!

2. Check out the display case in the front entrance of the building during the month of November. You will see several examples of ways you can make easy lifestyle changes that will benefit the entire world!!!

3. E-CYCLE! Did you know....

This year only 20% of petroleum-based, plastic printer cartridges will be recycled!

The remaining 80% will end up in landfills and will require over 1,000 years to decompose!

YOU can help clean up the environment and turn those used cartridges into funds for our school at the same time!!!!

Granger will be collecting small ink and toner cartridges, and sending them to be remanufactured for re-use. In turn, the ECYCLE Group will pay Granger cash for every re-usable item. *Details to be distributed at Parent - Teacher Conferences.*

4. Thursday, Nov. 14th is ***America Recycles Day***

In observance of A.R.D., Granger Green Club will launch a week-long BOOK RESCUE. Our goal is to "rescue" books from landfills and put them into the hands of children in need. Previously, donated items have found new homes in schools, orphanages, hospitals, confined youth centers, and libraries in 25% of the countries around the world!!!

5. Do you have Techno Trash lying around your house???? You know....it's all the garbage that is generated from discarded cell phones, computer peripherals, electronic games, listening devices, C.D.s, D.V.D.s and more. Watch for details for an upcoming Techno Trash collection day at Granger!!!! In the meantime.....start cleaning out your closets, entertainment centers, and desk drawers!

See...it ***is*** easy being **green**!!! Do you have other ideas for helping Granger Go GREEN???? Send your suggestions to julia_alsirt@ipsd.org or samantha_sinding@ipsd.org.

NOTES FROM THE NURSE



DENTAL EXAMINATIONS

All Illinois children in **K, 2 and 6th grades** are required to have an oral health examination, which must be performed by a licensed dentist. **WHY?** There is an estimated 51 million school hours per year lost because of dental related illness. The ages for examination were chosen based on biology: when sealants should be applied, and when the first and second molars erupt.

Dental forms must be completed and signed by the dentist. Each child must have proof of a dental exam prior to May 15th of the school year. Exams completed prior to May 16, 2006 will not be counted for the next year. Dental forms were included in registration packets for 6th graders.

To date, dental exam forms have not been submitted for a large number Granger 6th graders. **Please** submit this information as soon as possible to the Health Office. If you did not receive a form or have lost it, the form can be downloaded from the district website or contact me directly and I will be happy to send this home with your child or mail it to you.

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ALLERGIES TO FERTILIZERS OR PESTICIDES?

If so, please notify the Health Office so that your child's name can be placed on our registry. Parents will then receive notification in writing prior to any chemicals being sprayed in or on the Granger Middle School property during the spring/summer season.

ILLNESS GUIDELINES

If your child has had a fever, they should be fever free at least 24 hours before returning to school. The same goes for vomiting and diarrhea. Any student positive for strep throat should be treated with appropriate antibiotics for at least 24 hours to be considered non-contagious. However, if your child is still feeling quite ill after 24 hours they should remain at home until they are able to function normally at school.

Students with viral colds and coughs may not have fevers. If they are experiencing excessive coughing or have excessive nasal secretions they should remain at home until symptoms have subsided adequately to prevent widespread exposure to others in the building.

Please free to call if you have questions about your child's specific illness in relation to school attendance.

PE EXCUSES

Parents may write notes excluding students from physical education activities for illness and injuries when necessary. Parent notes are valid for 3 days, after that a medical evaluation is typically expected for an extension of this exclusion. This can vary on the circumstances, however, so please contact me if needed to discuss your child's specific problem.

PHYSICALS FOR 8TH GRADERS

Keep in mind when getting a sports physical after the 1st of the year, that a complete physical is required to enter freshman year in high school. Some insurances do not cover more than one physical per year.

In order to participate in sports in high school, the physical must be valid for the entire season of a particular sport. It is best to have physicals completed after school is out in June, so that it will be valid for the entire school year, otherwise an updated sports physical may be required at sometime later in the school year to continue sports participation.



Fall Into Orchestra

Hello and welcome to a new school year! It is wonderful to see (and hear) all of the orchestra students back in action on their instruments.

Mrs. Kryszak and Mr. Johnston are excited to be a part of the always-growing orchestra program again this year at Granger! Mrs. Kryszak teaches 6th and 8th grade orchestra, as well as the Select Strings and Cello Choir ensembles. Ms. Liu directs the 7th grade orchestra, as well as the Granger Fiddlers ensemble. Both Mrs. Kryszak and Mr. Johnston will be teaching Technique Classes.

Our concert season began with the Fall Concert on Tuesday, October 30. This concert featured the sixth and seventh grade orchestras, as well as Select Strings and Granger Fiddlers. Members of these ensembles had a great 1st quarter of rehearsals and gave a fabulous performance! Way to go!!

Granger's 8th grade orchestra students collaborated with Still Middle School 8th grade students as well as the Symphonic I and Chamber Orchestras of Waubesa Valley High School to present a wonderful evening of music on October 25. Eighth grade orchestra students represented Granger well and got a taste of what orchestra will be like in high school. Plus, they got to perform in a large concert hall—a first for many students!

Technique Classes continue into 2nd quarter. It is important that orchestra students check their Technique Class period every week. Technique Classes are a wonderful opportunity for your child to receive more individualized instruction. It is also a required part of their orchestra grade. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding Technique Class.

Select Strings is also underway! . Some students from this ensemble, as well as the 6th, 7th and 8th grade orchestras, auditioned for the IMEA Music Festival on October 3rd at Scullen Middle School. Granger had 7 Students chosen to participate in the Honor's Orchestra on Saturday, November 3, at Nequa Valley High School. Those students are as follows:

Violin: Jonathan L, Eric O, William C, Jenna D, and Claire B

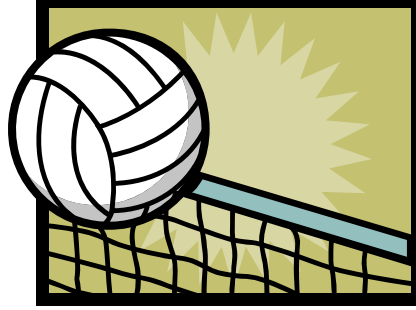
Cello: Emma B

Bass: Ian B



Sports News

Volleyball



Congratulations to the Single A volleyball team on their victorious season! The girls had an overall season record of 11-1. They entered their last game of the season undefeated, but fell short to Kennedy Junior High. No worries though, that would not be their last chance to face off with Kennedy. The girls glided through the conference finals all the way to the championship game where they met up again with Kennedy only to show them who were the real conference champions. ***They beat Kennedy in just two games to win the match and the Conference Title!***

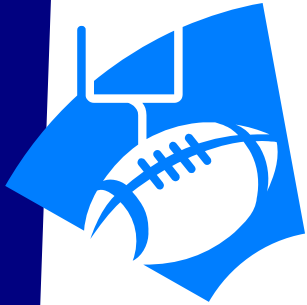
The team was coached by Jen Torza and consisted of Aly A, Briahna R, Lauren C, Laruen L, Anapaula M, Nicole M, Chloe H, Rachele A, Abby K, Samantha D, and Sean B. This victorious season would not have been possible without the tremendous support of the team manager and head cheerleader, Myah H. It was very exciting to have brought home the first ever Conference Championship for Granger volleyball. The girls worked hard all season to improve their skills and overall knowledge of the game to make sure the banner came home to Granger Middle School!

!! Congratulations !!



Sports News

Heavyweight Football Newsletter 2007



The Granger Heavyweight Football team ended its 2007 season with a 6-1 record. The Heavyweights wins came against Crone, Hill, Gregory, Still, Scullen and Kennedy. The Heavyweights only lose was to Naperville Washintgon. Coach Branson and Burson would like to thank the student-athletes for all their hard work during the season. We would also like to thank the parents for their continued support of Grizzly football. Good luck to the 8th grade players and continued success at Wau-bonsie Valley. Listed below are the athletes that helped make this great season possible:

Kevin A #36	Lloyd G #88	Aspen L #77	Evan R #75
Juan B #20	Oscar G #53	Andre L #54	Joe R #65
Aireon B #87	Demitrius G #17	Zach L #70	Donovan R #32
Malcolm B #74	Tim G #98	Jose M #61	James S #30
Derek C #76	Griffin G #57	George M #35	Greg S #29
Tyler C # 38	Brendan H #31	Tyler M #78	Jeremy S #16
Kade C # 59	Jarrett H #9	Joe N #99	Zach S #34
Daniel C #24	Tyler H #39	Raysean P #15	Adam S #50
Eric C #42	Michael H #71	John P #86	Anthony T #56
Robert D # 55	Shakeb H #85	Glenn P #61	Josh V #80
Tony D # 51	KJ J #73	Joe P #58	Matt W #10
Brennan D #43	Ryan K #52	Charles P #5	Bradford W # 60
Austin G # 79	Sam K #24	Charles P #68	Zach W #72
Mitch G #66	Nick K #64	Ben R #67	Tommy W # 44
			John Z #63

Middleweight Football 2007

The Granger middleweight football team finished in 2nd place with a record of 6-1. The team scored 144 points and let up only 80 points. On offense, Alex H. scored 10 touchdowns, A.J. S. 6, Alan W, Jeff F, Peter H. and Austin D. had one touchdown. Ryan G. had 10 touchdown passes at quarterback. Extra points were scored by Mike M, Peter H, Alex H, Alan W. and A.J. S. On defense, Austin D, Johnny B, Mike M, Cullin T, Andy M, Will K, Alan W, Mitch S, and Nate L. made considerable contributions. Coach Reder and Luedtke are very proud of the team.

Lightweight Football Newsletter 2007

The lightweight football team finished the season with a record of 4-3. Wins were recorded versus the Still Bulldogs, Hill Trailblazers, Scullen Sharks, and the Crone Panthers. Coach Carter and Coach White would like to thank all the players for a great season!



City of Aurora presents:

My time

A citywide fun enrichment and recreational after-school program for middle school students

Four days a week, except on school holiday, non-attendance days and half days

Monday—Thursday, 3:00—6:00 p.m.

Students select activities to participate in throughout the school year. Activities include:

- Art
- Indoor and Outdoor Activities
- Dance/Drama
- Music
- Field Trips
- Recreational Activities
- Homework
- Science

☺ Each day, students will receive a snack and will be given time to complete homework.

☺ Parents and/or guardians must pick up their students promptly at 6:00 p.m. at school.

This is a FREE program funded through a partnership with:
City of Aurora · Communities In Schools · Aurora University · Greater Aurora Organizations

Yes, I am interested

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Middle School _____

Parents' or Guardians' Names _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

#1 Contact Phone Number _____

#2 Contact Phone Number _____

Contact Information: Karen Harkness, Director of After School Programs, 630-844-3712
kharkness@cisaurora.org, www.cisaurora.org

** The original flier is on the listserv for viewing

Letter from the PTA President....

Dear Granger Parents:

Thank you to our 841 members. We are quickly approaching our goal of 1000 members. If you have not joined the PTSA, as of yet, please consider doing so. The \$8.00 membership supports the many wonderful things we do for the Granger community. To check your membership status you can access the Granger website and click on Parent Organization, and find a complete membership list. All of our programs have chair leaders and many volunteers in place. We still are looking for volunteers to help with Frosty's Friends and Market Day.

Countless thanks to the following:

- ◆ Lynda Moresco for many countless hours of coordinating volunteers in our various programs.
- ◆ Rebecca Levi for the daunting task of putting together the Granger Directory. Which will be available soon to our members.
- ◆ Tammy Jacobi for managing market day.
- ◆ Patty Smith for taking on the enormous task of chairing the sports concessions and coordinating volunteers with Mr. Peterman.
- ◆ Elyse Degen and her crew for the organization of the testing breakfast provided to our Granger students.
- ◆ Cathi Plass and Patty Smith for organizing our parent chaperones for the Getaway Dance.
- ◆ Darlene Apple and the many volunteers who work the Greeter Desk.
- ◆ Rachell Kitchen for the organization of the Reflections program.
- ◆ Gwen Wells for a job well done with the Granger Newsletter.
- ◆ Becky Gusse and Carrie Nasenbeny for the coordination of apparel sales.
- ◆ Terri Conrath and Swetal Vimawala for bringing together the Granger Gold breakfast (Granger Awards Ceremony).
- ◆ Last but not least, all the parent volunteers that have stepped up to help. You are very much appreciated!

Sincerely,

Christie Schepp
Granger PTSA President

Christie Schepp, President	820-5305	Schepps5@aol.com
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Elyse Degen, Secretary	236-6060	toobusy923@yahoo.com
Jessica O'Bryan, Treasurer	820-3410	jessica_obryan@sbcglobal.net

GRANGER PTSA VOLUNTEER FORM 2007/2008

In the Granger PTSA, we believe that parents working with the staff and administration can make all the difference in the world. We can provide the time, talent and materials to make every experience better for our children. We ask that you join us in the opportunity to volunteer and make a difference.

Below is a list of committees at Granger. Each main committee needs at least one Standing Chairperson who is willing to coordinate its subcommittees and is able to attend PTSA board meetings. Grab a friend and co-chair a committee together!! Each subcommittee also needs a chairperson as well as numerous volunteers to keep it going. Please review the list below and check off all committees in which you are interested. For your reference, a brief description of each committee is included on the back. **Please volunteer your time.**

Name: _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail address: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade in Fall: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade in Fall: _____

Please return form to the school office.

Visit the Listserve to see all the opportunities

Available for volunteering!

Substitute Teachers & Substitute Teacher Assistants Needed

Be a part of an outstanding school district and serve as an active partner in preparing all District 204 students to succeed. Substitute assignments are available every day and accessible 24/7 via the phone or Internet. Work full-time or on an on-call basis for District 204's permanent teachers and teaching assistants. Take advantage of the numerous locations and flexible days.

Substitute employment opportunities are perfect for:

- Individuals needing flexible schedules
- Retired teachers
- Job searching college graduates
- Students working on teaching degrees

Qualified substitute teacher candidates must have a valid Illinois teaching certificate or Type 39 substitute certificate (bachelor's degree required).

Qualified substitute teaching assistant candidates must have a valid Paraprofessional Approval.

**For additional
information or to
apply, visit the
Human Resources
section of our website
at www.ipisd.org**

**** See the Flyer on the listserve for full details**

PTSA Needs You1!!!

The Nominating Committee is currently looking for a few special individuals to see Granger PTSA through another fun year! If you or anyone you know has an interest in serving on Granger's PTSA Board, please call or email one of the following:

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| Sandra Conti | Sanconti@aol.com | (585-8086) |
| Mary Anne Castro | ortsacmac@aol.com | (820-6853) |
| Joy Scott | joysie33@comcast.net | (375-0752) |
| Mary Reid-Vizintos | mfreid@ameritech.net | (585-7410) |
| Una Allison | perconchr@worldnet.att.net | (375-1596) |



PTSA Meeting

The success of our PTSA relays on your parental input, ideas, and involvement. We encourage to attend the following PTSA meetings. All meetings are on Tuesday at Granger. Evening meetings meet in the LMC. The location of the morning meetings will be posted at the Greeter Desk on that day.

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| November 13, 2007 | 9:30 a.m. |
| No December Meeting | |
| January 15, 2008 | 7:00 p.m. |
| February 12, 2008 | 7:00 p.m. |
| March 11, 2008 | 9:30 a.m. |
| April 15, 2008 | 7:00 p.m. |
| May 13, 2008 | 7:00 p.m. |

As we begin the 2006-2007 school year, we would like to thank all of you who supported Market Day in the past. Market Day offers high quality food at very competitive prices. With every purchase, at least 10% of the price will benefit Granger Middle School.

The food at Market Day provides quick, healthy, convenient meals. The food is of restaurant quality, and is 100% guaranteed to your satisfaction!

In addition, Market Day offers specials and promotions each month. With each purchase of \$35.00 or more in September you will receive a **FREE** four pack of **Market Day's Signature Chicken Steaks!**

Order forms will be sent home monthly with each child. Ordering instructions are on the back of the form. Order forms are due back to Granger's front office the Wednesday before each pick-up date. Alternatively, you can order online at www.marketday.com thru noon

the Saturday before pick-up.

Granger has pick-up on Wednesdays between 3:30 and 4:30 pm. The following are the pick-up dates for this school year. Mark your calendars now!

- December 12
- January 23
- February 20
- March 19
- April 23
- May 21
- June 18

Market Day is always in need of volunteers to unpack the boxes from 2:15 pm to 3 pm on pick-up days. We are very grateful to anyone who can help, and will ensure that you will be the first to check out at 3 pm.!

If you have any additional questions, please call **Tammy Jacobi** at **898-9399**

Granger PTSA

“There Are Too Many Fundraisers!”

Donations

A BIG THANK YOU FOR THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS!!

We couldn't do it without your support!!

This is our only PTSA “Fundraiser” for the year; the School, NOT the PTSA, runs the Magazine Drive.

Donations as of October 27, 2007

Remember, it is never to late to give!

Silver

(Up to \$24)

Nita Gade
Amy Biegelmann
Jennifer Earley
Marty Biemer
Frech Family
Radhika Gupta
Kolzow Family
Manfre Family
Sally Reeves
Tracey Douville
Loffredo Family
Jeannine Allen
Dickerson Family
Teri Conrath

Nora Gomez
Wood Family
Mulaikal Family
Rose Brandenburg
Green Family
Koeppen Family
Lopez Family
Detra Putman
Julie Reiner
Jindrich Family
Leticia Espinosa
Sharon Colarusso
Amy Liang

Gold

(\$25 - \$49)

Allison Family
Maryann Baker
Barsotti Family
Denise Bradley
Pam Briesath
Paula Dam
Nadene Eisner
Lisa Fortsch
Kia Fuller
Teena & Michael Gilloffo
Paula Granger
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Anitha Katragadda
Kniec Family
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Joell Loutsis
Sharon Maxwell
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Carrie McWhirter

Arndorfer Family
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Lisa Byrne
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Ben & Peggy Fields
Frasca Family
Geniesse Family
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Diane Patrick
Diana & Mark McCoy
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Kathryn Melone

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Milheron Family
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 Susan Cornell-Ohl
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 Rachell & Dennis Kitchen
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 Lori & Gary Flori
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 Palmer Family

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 Donna Nicholas
 Karen Novak
 Laurie Olesky
 Heather Pasztor
 Plese Family
 Elaine Raymond
 Timothy & Diane Reiter
 Allison Schleining
 Sedovic Family
 Michelle Simmons
 Jane & Steve Tabisz
 Peter & Suzanne Taylor
 Theilen Family
 Peggy Wenstrup
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 Plass Family
 Mike & Cindy Steele
 Trotter Family
 Sheila & Casey Woodruff
 Sandy Musachia
 Lee Family
 Doug & Betsy Nardi

Astrid Bullock
 Cronin Family
 Gilmore Family
 Diane Heintz
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We would like to extend an invitation for you and your student to become a member of a group that is working hard to make Granger Middle School the best it can be -- your school's PTSA. Please show your support by completing the form below. Your membership will entitle you to receive one student directory at no charge (available late fall).



_____ \$8.00 1st membership _____ \$4.00 each additional membership
\$ _____ total amount paid

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade in Fall: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade in Fall: _____

Phone Number: _____

Make checks payable to Granger PTSA. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Granger PTSA, it would be greatly appreciated. (All donations are tax deductible.)

Please return form to the school office.

2007/2008 PTSA MEMBERS ONLY ADDITIONAL STUDENT DIRECTORY FOR SALE

If you have paid the PTSA Membership above, you will receive one student directory in the fall. However, if you would like to purchase an additional directory, you may do so below. The cost for PTSA Members is \$3.00 per additional directory (covers publishing fees).

Parent's Name: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade in Fall: _____

Phone Number: _____

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| Testing Breakfast | Spring Fling | Staff Appreciation Activities |
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| Student Directory | Market Day | |
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Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
Nov. 18	Nov. 19 3 p.m. Art Club 4 p.m. Wrestling @ Jefferson	Nov. 20 3:05 p.m. Student Council 4 p.m. Bball v. Crone (8H/7A)	Nov. 21 NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 22 NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 23 NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 24
Nov. 25	Nov. 26 3 pm Art Club 4 p.m. Bball v. Still 8H/7A	Nov. 27 3:05 p.m. Student Council 4:00 p.m. Wrestling v. Crone	Nov. 28 3:10 Yearbook Club 4:30 p.m. BBall v. Madison 8A/7H	Nov. 29	Nov. 30	Dec. 1
Dec. 2	Dec. 3 4 p.m. Wrestling v. Kennedy	Dec. 4 3:05 p.m. Student Council	Dec. 5 4 p.m. Wrestling @ Lincoln	Dec. 6 4 p.m. Gr Boys BBall v Scullen 8H/7A	Dec. 7	Dec. 8 Wrestling City Meet TBA 7:30 am Traveling Basketball Games
Dec. 9	Dec. 10	Dec. 11 3:05 p.m Student Council 5 p.m. Frosty's Friends Pick up	Dec. 12 3:10 p.m. Yearbook Club 3:30 p.m. Market Day 4 p.m. Gr Boys BBall v. Gregory 8A/7H	Dec. 13 4 p.m. Wrestling @ Still 5 p.m. Frosty's Friends Pick up	Dec. 14 Getaway Dance 6:30 p.m. 6th Grade 7:00 p.m. 7/8th Grade	Dec. 15
Dec. 16	Dec. 17 6:45 pm 7/8th Gr Kaleidoscope Concert	Dec. 18 3:05 p.m. Student Council 4 p.m. Wrestling v. Gregory 7:30 p.m. 6th Gr Kaleidoscope	Dec. 19 4 p.m. Bball v. Lincoln (8H/7A)	Dec. 20 4:30 p.m. Wrest v. Madison	Dec. 21 1 p.m. Winter Assembly	Dec. 22 WINTER BREAK (THROUGH 1/7/07)
Winter Break						
Jan. 6	Jan. 7 SCHOOL RESUMES 4 p.m. Gr Boys BBall v. Washington 8A/7H	Jan. 8 3:05 p.m. Student Council 4 p.m. Wrestling v. Washington	Jan. 9 4 p.m Boys BBall v. Hill 8A/7H	Jan. 10 4 p.m. Boys BBall v. Jefferson 8H/7A	Jan. 11	Jan. 12
Jan. 13	Jan. 14 4 p.m. Boys BBall v. Kennedy 8H/7A 7 p.m. 8th Gr Parent Night—w/ WV	Jan. 15 3:05 p.m. Student Council 4 p.m. Wrestling @ Scullen 7 p.m. PTSA Meeting	Jan. 16	Jan. 17 END OF SEMESTER 4:30 p.m. BBall Tourney 1st Round	Jan. 18 NO SCHOOL—Teacher Work Day	Jan. 19 8 a.m.—Wrestling Conf. Meet
Jan. 20	Jan. 21 NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Jan. 22 3:05 Student Council 4 p.m. Boys BBall 2nd Round @GMS	Jan. 23 3:30 p.m. Market Day 4 p.m. Boys BBall Semi-Finals 8A	Jan. 24 4 p.m. Boys BBall Finals TBA	Jan. 25	Jan. 26
Jan 27	Jan 28 9 a.m. 8-1 Gr Trip to WV Planet 7 p.m. 8th Gr. Registration (WV Green) (A-L)	Jan 29 8 a.m. 8th Gr Pictures 3:05 p.m. Student Council Meeting	Jan 30 7 p.m. 8th Gr. Registration (WV Green) (M-Z)			

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