

# Golf Middle School News and Views

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Mr. Keith Westman, Principal

## From the Principal's Pen

Dear Golf Middle School Community,

Although you would never think that the spring season is here by looking at our recent weather, all you need to do is look around our school to see all of the signs of the new season!

Spring Break begins on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Once school resumes on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, we will begin the fourth quarter of the school year. Third quarter report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. It is hard to believe that we are in the final lap of the 2007-08 school year.

Our Spring Athletic season will begin shortly after break. Please visit our online District calendar for a full list of Boys' Varsity and Junior Varsity Volleyball and Girls' Varsity and Junior Varsity Soccer games. Come out and support our Cardinal athletes!

Our sixth through eighth graders will begin their new Exploratories once we get back from break. This quarter, we are excited to offer the following courses: *Guitar, Baseball Basics, Music of the Decades, Beading, Study Skills, Jazz Band, Graduation Memories, and Tech Squad.*

All of our students continue to be very active participants in our extracurricular activities. From Art Club to Volunteer Service Club, our students have fully-embraced the middle school experience with energy and enthusiasm through their participation in our extra offerings.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the students and teachers for their positive attitude and consistent effort during ISAT week. I am looking forward to a wonderful remainder of the school year. Should you every have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Warm regards,



Mr. Keith Westman, Principal

## Morton Grove Earth Hour

Mayor Rick Krier, the Village of Morton Grove Trustees, and the Village of Morton Grove Board of Environmental Health recently endorsed a Proclamation for Earth Hour. The village is encouraging all residents and businesses in Morton Grove to participate in Earth Hour on Saturday, March 29 by turning off all nonessential lights for one hour, from 8:00-9:00 P.M.



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### **Golf Backpack!**

All documents that are distributed from the GMS office may be found online in the Golf Backpack.

### **Athletic Calendar**

For a list of all upcoming athletic games, please refer to our online athletics calendar.

Available at:  
**[www.golf67.net](http://www.golf67.net)**

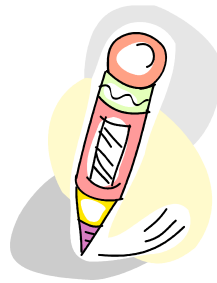


## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

*Mrs. Yabut, Mrs. Hockenberg and Ms. Bitonti*

This month, fifth graders have been working hard on an Economy unit. They have learned how different products start as raw materials and end up being sold to consumers. They have also studied the effect of supply and demand, competition, trends, and niche markets. For their project, the students are working in teams to develop a product, research the production and distribution stages, and present an advertisement or commercial to the class persuading us as consumers to buy their product. The students are very excited about this project and have some very creative ideas!

The fifth graders also participated in "Young Authors" by writing a creative story. They included features such as: introduction, rising action, climax, falling action, and conclusion. Two fifth grade students will be selected for a prize and entered into the school wide contest. All of the stories were fantastic!



## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

*Mr. Brian Carro, Mrs. Hope Nelson, Mrs. Peggy Steadman*

We are entering into the fourth quarter of sixth grade; how exciting! The students have completed their ISAT testing and are planning to enjoy a well-deserved Spring break.

In English, our writers have been diligently working on their Young Author stories for the writing competition. The YOUNG AUTHOR winners will be announced at the May awards assembly. Good-luck to all of our writers!

In Humanities, students recently completed their unit on Explorers and are eagerly learning about the early Spanish and English settlers to the New World. We will continue to study the 13 Original Colonies and finish the year with the American Revolution.

The Invention Fair is just around the corner, it will be taking place on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. The sixth graders have been hard at work on their inventions and we can't wait to see how they all turn out! Please encourage your student to continue working on their invention during Spring Break; their finished products will be due on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sixth grade readers are wrapping up their literature circles by helping one another with comprehension and vocabulary. Teams of three students each take a role and create assignments as they experience reading a novel together. They hold discussions, study vocabulary words, and write responses. It was so successful that we'll do it again at the end of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

## 7th Grade Team

*Ms. Liana Alonistiotis, Mr. Gregg Gilman, Mr. Kevin Atwood, Mrs. Bari Levin, Mrs. Julissa Reyes*

On Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, two days after we return from break, the seventh graders will be heading to Springfield for a day of touring historic sites. During our trip, we will have the honor of having a personal meeting with Senator Ira Silverstein, our Illinois State Senator. If you have not returned your signed permission slip and fee to the office, please do so as soon as possible.

The seventh grade Pre-algebra students have been working with slope-intercept form. They are currently graphing linear equations. The seventh graders in Math 3 are learning about geometric shapes and their angle measures. In Spanish, seventh grade students are learning about the beautiful country of Mexico. They are learning how to describe classes, classroom objects and daily activities. In language arts, the students have been designing streets and neighborhoods based on books of short stories they have read.

## 8th Grade Team

*Mr. Ted Carris, Mrs. Lisa Featherstone, Mrs. Kristine Joyner, Mrs. Danielle Maldonado*

We hope that everyone enjoys a relaxing spring vacation. Certainly, our students deserve a break after working hard preparing for and taking eight ISAT tests! Upcoming units in April will be the "GMS Emergency Room Experience" in science, the Vietnam War in humanities, and Shakespeare in reading. The long-awaited etiquette meal will take place the week of March 31st.

Awaiting us at the end of April ... the ABC Countdown to graduation!

## Media Center

*Mrs. Marla Herzog, Media Center Director*

Over fifty Golf Middle School students accepted the challenge to read for six hours during their free time. As a result, each student who met this goal will be entitled to a FREE ticket to Great America this summer. Way to go! We are very proud of your efforts and hope that many more of you catch "Reading Fever" this Spring! Enjoy the beautiful weather over Spring Break, bring a good book with you outside and READ for fun. What could be a more perfect way to relax and treat yourself during your vacation? Happy Spring!

## Physical Education

*Mr. Kevin Atwood and Mrs. Cindy Conejo, Teachers*

All Golf students are participating in a combined Health/Badminton unit in their PE classes. Students will be involved in eight days of Health class with Mr. Atwood in the Art Room and will switch over to Badminton lessons in the gym with Mrs. Conejo. These activities will occur on a rotating basis. Ask your child what important lessons they are learning in Health class. Over Spring Break, go outside with your child and have him/her teach you the basics of Badminton!

**An important reminder for ALL students from Mrs. Conejo and Mr. Atwood:** Exercise Journals are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> school day of each month! Exercise Journal Log Sheets can be printed from the Golf Middle School website or be picked up in the front office. Also, any student who participates in the Morton Grove Park District's 5K Run in April, will NOT be required to turn in a May Exercise Journal. You will receive points for PE class for being involved in the worthwhile community event. Get involved and start training for this 5K Run over Spring Break!

## Band

*Mrs. Traci Bowering, Instrumental Music Teacher*

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Northwestern Solo and Ensemble Contest on Saturday, March 15: Kristiene A., Daniel A., Maygan B., Vi-Vien B., Giana C., Eva D., Kayleen E., Lisa G., Derek H., Janine H., Zainab K., Edward K., Sean L., Snehith M., Brett N., Michelle S., Matthew S., Dominique W., Hailee W., Megan W. and Yuliya Y. All of the students earned a division one or two rating!

Also congratulations to the five students that were nominated for and participated in the Niles North High School 8th Grade Honor Night. The students were bussed to the high school on Tuesday, March 18 to rehearse with the other 8th grade nominees and the high school Symphonic Wind Ensemble. That evening, they returned to Niles North High School to perform with the Symphonic Wind Ensemble at their concert. Our students - Kristiene A., Eva D., Janine H., Derek H. and Kaitie K. - did a fabulous job. Great work everyone!

On Tuesday, April 8, 2008, the Golf Concert Band and Golf Chorus will be participating in the VanderCook College of Music's Middle Level Band and Chorus Festival. Our students will perform in front of esteemed judges and receive helpful comments and critique to better improve the ensembles. Wish them luck!

The District 67 Spring Band and Chorus Concert will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 7:00 pm. at Golf Middle School. We look forward to seeing you there as we stroll down memory lane with our concert theme, "Remember When...".

## Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 20, 2008	Board of Education Meeting 6:30 P.M. End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
Friday, March 21, 2008	No School
March 24- 28, 2008	Spring Break
Monday, March 31, 2008	School Resumes First day of 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
Monday, April 7, 2008	Music Boosters Meeting 6:30 P.M.
Tuesday, April 8, 2008	PTA Meeting, 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, April 9, 2008	Report Cards Distribute
Friday, April 11, 2008	PTA Variety Show, 7:00 P.M.