

Golf Middle School News and Views

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Mr. Keith Westman, Principal

From the Principal's Pen

Dear Golf Middle School Community,

Beginning on Tuesday, October 23rd, parents and guardians of Golf Middle School students will be able to sign up for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Just like last year, parents will be able to sign up for conferences online through a program called, PT Conference Maker. Instructions, usernames, and passwords have been mailed home and should arrive within the next few days.

Parent Teacher Conferences provide you with a wonderful opportunity to have a personal dialogue with your child's teacher(s) regarding his/her academic performance, social and emotional well-being while at school, as well as allowing time for you to provide your valuable input about your child to your child's teacher.

Our first series of Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on:

Thursday, November 8th from 6:00-8:30 P.M.

Monday, November 19th from 6:00-8:30 P.M.

Tuesday, November 20th from 8:00-Noon

Each teacher will be available for ten-minute conferences on two of the dates listed above.

You may; however, regularly monitor your child's progress through PowerSchool which will allow you to view grades on classroom assignments, homework, tests, and quizzes.

I look forward to seeing you at next month's Parent Teacher Conferences. Should you have any questions regarding any other Golf Middle School program, feel free to call!

Sincerely,

Mr. Keith Westman, Principal

5th Grade Team

Mrs. Yabut, Mrs. Hockenberg and Ms. Bitonti

The fifth graders have all become acclimated with GMS and they are all enjoying middle school. Now that school is in full swing, the fifth graders are very busy! In Science, we started learning about seasons and the water cycle. We have been using Science Court to help us with these topics. The fifth graders are having fun performing the experiments while working cooperatively in groups.

In Humanities, we are finishing up with World Geography. In a few weeks, we will be starting our Ancient Civilizations unit. The fifth graders will be learning about the Ancient Greek, Roman, and Egyptian cultures. We will be taking a field trip in November to the Field Museum to learn more about these interesting civilizations.



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6th Grade Team

Mr. Brian Carro, Mrs. Hope Nelson, Ms. Lilly Kim

The sixth grade students and the team of teachers want to thank you for your support of our fundraiser. We have almost raised enough money for our field trip to Medieval Times. In order to reach our financial goal, we will be holding our first annual raffle.

The prizes will be on display in the Media Center on Monday October 22nd and Wednesday October 24th. Raffle tickets will be sold on Wednesday and Thursday October 25th and 26th during lunch/recess and exploratory.

Price: \$.50 per raffle ticket
\$1.00 = 3 raffle tickets
\$5.00 = 15 raffle tickets

* The drawing for the raffle will be held on October 26th during 9th period.

With great appreciation,
The Lords and Ladies of the Sixth Grade

7th Grade Team

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

The 7th grade had a great time preparing for the annual outdoor education trip to Camp MacLean. They were reading and writing outdoor adventure stories in class in preparation for the trip. Once at camp, they participated in an outdoor adventure course which required problem solving and team strategies. They climbed a wall, learned archery, fished, and experienced what it feels like to be a predator and prey. The 7th graders learned a lot about the outdoors, each other, and themselves on this trip.

8th Grade Team

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

As the first quarter comes to a close, the Class of 2008 continues to wear many hats on the road to graduation. As scientists, they are learning about cell division through the study of meiosis and mitosis. As historians, they are studying the Roaring 20s. They will also be wearing their dancing shoes as Ms. Patty Holecek makes a guest appearance in humanities to teach students the jitterbug and the Lindy Hop. As readers, students are devouring book upon book, with an October author spotlight on Edgar Allan Poe. As writers, students are composing poetry, essays, and journal entries. Finally, as dramatists, they are presenting their 8th-grade play on Friday, October 19th and Saturday, October 20th. Hats off to our wonderful 8th-grade students!

Student Services Team

Mrs. Jenni Orsello, Social Worker

CareerTracks Parent Education Presents:**OFF THE COUCH AND INTO THEIR FUTURE**

Discouraged and frustrated at seeing your young adult on the couch day after day? Wondering how to motivate them to go to school or work? Don't know where to turn for help? Participate at this interactive workshop for answers to these questions and more. Join Tema Rosenblum, LSW, Life Education Network Specialist on:

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Skokie Public Library - 5315 Oakton Street, Skokie

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS: ARE THEY REALISTIC?

Not being on the same page can be a stumbling block to your young adult's success. Understand and identify the family's expectations and determine if they are realistic. If not, how can they become possible? Learn how to be in sync with your young adult's capabilities and interests. Join Tammy Besser, LCSW, Eva Cooper Disability Coordinator and Specialist for an interactive discussion on:

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Deerfield Public Library - 920 Waukegan Road, Deerfield

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Free admission. Space is limited.

RSVP to Nancy Peter at (847) 272.2882 - (847) 412.4316 TTY

Please inform Nancy if you require a special accommodation in order to participate.

Ecology Club

Mrs. Danielle Maldonado, Sponsor

An exciting and informative program on global warming is taking place this fall. *Our Climate Matters* - a four day symposium on global warming will be held at the Glenview Park District facilities in The Glen from Thursday evening, October 18 through Sunday evening, October 21, 2007.

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Wilmette, with the Glenview Park District and other local leagues, *Our Climate Matters* will examine issues, implications, challenges and possible 'remedies' associated with global warming.

Offerings include prominent speakers, as well as panels, forums and workshops at which scientists, business people, legislators and other policymakers, architects, and citizens will discuss and share information and consider possible solutions. Special features include a "Green" film festival and "Cool Jazz".

Topics of interest include economic ramifications of action and no-action, environmental law and policy, green architecture, the health of Lake Michigan, Ways to Make Your Town Green, what is happening in governmental policy at the national, state and local level.

For a complete listing of events visit www.ourclimatematters.org .



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 19 and 20	8 th Grade PTA Play, 7:00 P.M.
October 23	Hynes Music Festival at Golf 7:00
October 26	PTA Masquerade Dance 6:30 @ GMS
November 2	End of 1 st Quarter
November 3	8 th grade EXPLORE Test 8-11:30 @ Niles North
November 6	Teacher Institute Day- No school for students
November 7	Report Cards Distributed
November 13	PTA Meeting, 7:00 P.M.
November 14	Grandparents' Day
November 15	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

For a list of all upcoming athletic games, please refer to our online athletics calendar which is available through www.golf67.net.