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From the Principal's Pen

The first quarter ends tomorrow, Friday, October 20th at 3:22 P.M. Our students have successfully navigated the first ten weeks of the 2006-07 school year while accomplishing some pretty exciting things such as:

- The Girls' JV and Varsity Volleyball teams played a fantastic season.
- The JV and Varsity Boys' soccer teams had a great season with the JV team ending their season with an 8-1-1 record.
- The Class of 2007 has worked hard and are ready to showcase their talents during this year's 8th Grade Play, *Kilroy Was Here*.
- Students in Grades 5-8 completed the first season of MAP testing.
- All students have accepted the Math challenge by engaging in Mathematics content that has

been more rigorous than ever.

- Our extracurricular programming has been very popular with 22 clubs and activities being offered!

As the 2nd Quarter begins, students in Grades 6-8 will participate in Golf Middle School Exploratory program. Please take a moment to review our offerings and discuss them with your child(ren).

As always, I am available to meet with anyone should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress at GMS.

Your partner in education,

Mr. Keith Westman, *Principal*
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2nd Quarter Exploratories	Teacher	Details
Who Are We?	<i>Carro</i>	Share your culture and learn about others!
WGMS Radio	<i>Alonistiotis</i>	Record your own music, interviews, and talk shows and will broadcast them on the Internet!
DDR Basics	<i>Vojack</i>	Do you like dancing, video games, and working out? Then you'll love this exploratory!
Science Fair	<i>Maldonado</i>	Participants in this exploratory will prepare for the Illinois State Science Fair.
Pilates	<i>Featherstone</i>	Learn about this exciting new way to stay healthy and strong!
Robotics	<i>Stavropoulos</i>	Build robots using computers and other technology.
School Store	<i>Levin</i>	Run your own business by purchasing, pricing, and managing the Cardinal Korner Store.
Take It Apart!	<i>Carris</i>	Ever wonder how things work? Take everyday things apart and learn what make it tick.
Chess	<i>Atwood</i>	Challenge your thinking by competing with your peers at the game of chess.
Greeting Card Design	<i>Hesse</i>	Students can be creative and while thinking of others on important days and celebrations.
Poetry Jam	<i>Joyner</i>	Are you a poet and didn't know it? Then you'll love this exploratory!
Stress Management	<i>Orsello</i>	Learn how to relieve stress, manage your time, and stay productive!
Volunteer Service	<i>Conejo</i>	Participate in a fundraising activity to donate to a cause for the holidays.

5th Grade Team: Mrs. Amy Feinstein, Ms. Brooke Iglow and Mrs. Anne Moss

The fifth graders have been very busy this fall and have all done a wonderful job adjusting to Golf Middle School. We have been studying natural disasters in Reading this past month and the students are really enjoying learning about earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, and volcanic eruptions. We have read many stories relating to this topic, as well as non-fiction text. It has been especially interesting for the children because of all the extreme weather we have been experiencing in the past few weeks. It makes for lots of interesting discussions!

In science the students are learning about the water cycle, seasons, and electric current. We are using Science Court to help us learn about these different topics. The students really enjoy Science Court, as well as working in groups to figure out the answers. We are also about to begin our Ancient Civilizations unit in Humanities. The children will be learning about ancient Greece, Egypt, and Rome. This is always a fun topic to learn about with many exciting activities. We are visiting the field museum to learn more about the ancient civilizations. We will be seeing the Ancient Egypt exhibit, as well as several others. This is always a fun trip! Thanks again to our parent volunteers for helping out with this field trip.

6th Grade Team: Mr. Brian Carro, Mrs. Hope Nelson, Ms. Peggy Steadman

We have just successfully completed the first quarter. During the second quarter, students will be selecting new exploratory activities. Please be sure to ask your children what exciting activity they have chosen.

The sixth graders have completed their Medieval Europe curriculum and will be attending Medieval Times on November 3rd. We are very excited!

We hope to be able to visit with all parents for Parent/Teacher Conferences in November. Please be sure to schedule a time.

7th Grade Team: Ms. Liana Alonistiotis, Mrs. Cindy Conejo, Mr. Gregg Gilman

The 7th graders were in Burlington, Wisconsin this week to participate in Outdoor Education. The purpose of this trip is to enable the 7th graders to form long-lasting connections with their classmates, develop team-building skills, experience science activities in a natural setting and allow students and teachers to bond in a relaxed atmosphere. The students had a wonderful time!

8th Grade Team: Mr. Ted Carris, Mrs. Lisa Featherstone, Mrs. Kristine Joyner, Mrs. Danielle Maldonado

An Interactive Quiz for your Eighth-Grader

Have fun with your child around the dinner table this week, and review the following questions:

- (1) Who is the main character of "The Outsiders?" (*from Mrs. Joyner's class*)
- (2) Recite the poem "Nothing Gold Can Stay" by Robert Frost. (*from Mrs. Joyner's class*)
- (3) Why were the Americans upset when Russia pulled out of WWI? (*from Mr. Carris's class*)
- (4) What vocabulary word describes a person who is for peace and not in favor of war? (*from Mr. Carris's class*)
- (5) In algebraic terms, define a function. (*from Ms. A's class*)
- (6) Explain the rule of forming a question in Spanish. (*from Senora Conejo's class*)
- (7) Explain how a child with blue eyes could have biological parents with brown eyes. (*from Mrs. Maldonado's class*)
- (8) What wonderful class worked so hard to present the play, "Kilroy Was Here?"

The teachers have enjoyed a busy first quarter with your children, and we look forward to learning with them in the coming months.

Band: Mrs. Traci Bowering, Instrumental Music

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated for and participated in the VanderCook College of Music's Middle Level Honor Band Festival on Saturday, September 30:

Samantha Cuya
Tricia Dacpano
Stephanie Kost
Janet Perez
Blake Whitehouse

They rehearsed all day with students from all over the Chicago area, and performed a concert in the afternoon. Great job!

Band members that are using Book 1 or Book 2 for lessons should strongly consider purchasing the Smart Music software that we use for the playing tests. It is extremely helpful for students to practice with the computer software at home! The software is available for only \$25 for the year, and only \$15 for the instrumental microphone. Please go to www.smartmusic.com and type in school code 'golf67' to order the program.

Upcoming events

Thursday, October 26	Eighth Grade Band Festival (eighth graders only) 7:30 PM at Niles North High School
Tuesday, November 14	Grandparent's Day Concert Time TBA
Wednesday, December 6	District Band and Chorus Concert 7:00 PM

Chorus: Mrs. Holly Hesse, General Music/Chorus

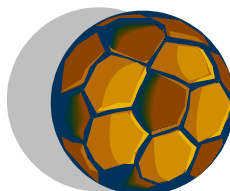
Calling all singers: It's not too late to join Chorus! If you love to sing please come to our next rehearsal. Chorus meets every Tuesday and Friday morning from 7:30 to 8:15 in the music room. Our first concert of the year will be on Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00 P.M. Mrs. Hesse is in the building every morning during first quarter on rehearsal days so feel free to stop by her office if you have any questions.

Technology: Ms. Joann Stavropoulos

We have a new and exciting module in our technology lab; the Forensic Module. This module will bring the exciting and interesting world of forensic sciences of to GMS. Students will learn how to investigate a case, look for evidence such as fingerprints and DNA and use chromatography and handwriting analysis. Students will also use microscopes, dusting powders and other investigating techniques that the C.S.I. unit uses to solve crimes.

Boys' Junior Varsity Soccer: Mr. Ted Carris

Led by 7th Graders Matt Curtis, Eddy Jukovic, Dale Lim, Joe Hancock, Sam Luo, Zain Siddiqui, and Sebastian Marin the team finished an outstanding season by recording an exciting 3-2 victory in the final game. With a record of 8 wins, 1 loss and 1 tie the JV team proved its "Team First" concept and look forward to another celebrated season as Varsity members next year.





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Red Ribbon Week

Starting October 23-31 we will be having Red Ribbon week. Mrs. Lisa Featherstone, the Guidance Counselor, leads this eventful week every year.

We will be having assemblies, dressing in red, and pledging to be drug-free and only making positive choices in our daily lives.

Don't forget to wear your red!!!!



Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 20 - 7:00 P.M.	8th Grade Play, <i>Kilroy Was Here</i>
October 21 - 7:00 P.M.	8th Grade Play, <i>Kilroy Was Here</i>
October 23 - 9:00 A.M.	Online Conference Scheduling Opens
October 27 - 11:00 A.M.	Red Ribbon Week Assembly @ Golf
October 28 - 10:00 A.M.	8 th Grade Open Gym
November 4 - 7:00 A.M.	EXPLORE Test for 8 th Graders
November 7	Teacher Institute Day: No School
November 9, 15, and 21	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 10	No School
November 14	Grandparent's Day

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

The News and Views will be released on the 3rd Thursday of each month both online and in print.