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Letter from the Principal:

Dear Parents,

As I sit down to write this final newsletter of the year, I can't help but be reflective on our best year yet! Today I started my day attending a Glendale Heights Character Counts Coalition Breakfast, where many of our students won awards for their impressive character. I then ended the day by watching *Oh Boy! The Buddy Holly Story*, which is the MMS musical for the year. Once again I was amazed at the talent and treasures that our students and staff possess. Hopefully you also had an opportunity to see this fantastic performance.

The month of May and first week of June are chock full of happenings and events. Keep in mind, however, that we still have much learning that needs to occur before we move our students on to the next grade level. Our 3rd and final round of NWEA or Maps testing will occur in May for all 8th graders and Team 6-1. AIMS fluency testing, 3rd round, will occur for ALL students as well. Our 6th graders will head to the Art Institute during May and our 7th graders just wrapped up their Career Fair.

Many fun activities occur at the end of the year as well. Sixth graders will enjoy a field day and their culminating social science event, the Medieval Fair. Seventh graders will have their annual field day. Our 8th graders have their dance, field trip to Navy Pier, class picnic and of course graduation. If you have an 8th grader, set aside June 3rd at 7:00 for graduation, which is held at Glenbard East in their auditorium.

Mail in registration went out several weeks ago and is due prior to this newsletter going home. If you haven't yet sent yours into school, please do so. Additionally, summer school registration and summer sport camp forms are due.

A huge thank you to all parents who contributed, in any way, to our students and staff. Without you, it would be impossible for us to do our job well. Please know that we appreciate you!

On behalf of our staff, enjoy your summer, be safe and read often. If you are leaving us, thank you for your past support and if you will be returning in the fall, know that we will be working hard to welcome you back.

Warmly,

Marie Cimaglia
Principal

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Jon Pokora
Assistant
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Kim Snyder
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- Attendance should be called in by 9:00 a.m.
- The attendance line is available 24 hours a day.
- (630)858-3850
- (630)790-5042 7/8 fax
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News from the Learning Media Center:

As the school year winds down and we begin to look towards summer, the following titles are recommended for those lazy, hazy days.

Down the Rabbit Hole, Skellig, Hope was here, Tangerine, Flush, No more dead dogs, Heat, Belle Prater's boy, Stargirl, Code talker, Double identity, Stolen, or The alchemist.

From kidshealth.org:

Here are some ways to make reading a natural part of their summer fun:

Explore your library. Visit your local library to check out books and magazines that your kids haven't seen before. Many libraries have summer reading programs, book clubs, and reading contests for even the youngest borrowers. With a new library card, a child will feel extra grown-up checking out books.

Read on the road. Going on a long car trip? Make sure the back seat is stocked with favorite reads. When you're not at the wheel, read the books aloud. Get some audiobooks (many libraries have large selections) and listen to them together during drive time.

Keep up the reading rituals. Even if everything else changes during the summer, keep up the reading routines around your house. Read with your kids every day — whether it's just before bedtime or under a shady tree on a lazy afternoon. And don't forget to take a book to the beach! Just brush the sand off the pages — it's no sweat!

Reviewed by: Laura L. Bailet, PhD

Date reviewed: February 2010

Until summer, we are all busy using the LMC for computers for research and typing papers, researching topics being taught in social studies and science, book talking new books and books on those content area topics, collaborating with teachers for powerpoint projects, and checking out books for enjoyment.

Thank you to the PTA for once again bringing the Scholastic Book Fair to our school. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to buy books and for us to receive books for our LMC collections.

A reminder to please check with your child(ren) that they have no overdue or lost books. It is better to get that cleared up now before the rush of the last day of school. Students are reminded weekly of any overdue books and may pay for lost books in the Main Office.

Joan Stoiber, media specialist

Notes From The Nurse:

All sixth graders must submit a completed dental form by May 15.

All students entering the 6th grade will need a complete physical done prior to the first day of school in August. Make your appointment now before the doctors offices get busy. If you get the physical done now send it to school with your student and we will forward it with the rest of their records.

When to Keep Your Child Home

1. When they have had a fever of 100° within the last 24 hours.
2. When they have thrown up or had diarrhea within the last 24 hours.
3. When they have a rash that has not been seen by the doctor
4. When they have pinkeye that has not been treated for 24 hours

—Monica Blum RN

The **6th Grade Physical Education** classes are finishing up a Track and Field unit. The students learned how to throw the discus and shot put, run the 50M dash and relays, and also how to participate in the long jump. We are about to have a school wide "Olympics" where each student will take pride in their country (bus) and use what they have learned to take the gold!

Next week we will begin a golf unit. Each student will learn skills such as putting, chipping, and driving. They will also learn the rules of the game and proper golf etiquette. They will be able to challenge each other on a mini-golf course and also on a mock outdoor course.

-Ms. Moore and Mr. Soerens



Hello 7th and 8th grade parent,

Time is flying by in physical education! Throughout the third trimester we have completed pickleball and health units and are currently wrapping up our fitness testing/games unit. The students are tested twice a year on push-ups, curl-ups, trunk lift, sit and reach and the mile/pacer run. We have seen great improvement in student's scores throughout the year! Shortly, the PE department will be sending home the scores each student has achieved on the fitness testing unit. We believe it would be extremely beneficial for the students to share and discuss this information with you.

As the year comes to an end we will finish up with a softball and track unit. In the softball unit students will be working on improving their throwing, catching, fielding, and hitting. In the track unit students will be participating in various events, including individual sprints, relays, shot put, and long jump.

Our PE Students of the Month for April are: Maria Berrum, Omar Lopez, Victor Aguilar, and Christine Maximov.

Lastly, as a reminder to the 7th grade students, please make sure you keep your PE uniform over the summer so you can have it for next year!

7th/8th Grade Physical Education

Students in **Technology** Applications are currently finishing a unit on the use of Microsoft Word. Over the past few weeks, we have used the Internet for research in conjunctions with Microsoft Word. With the time remaining in the trimester, students will learn the basics of Microsoft Excel and Microsoft PowerPoint. They will be creating graphic organizers, presentations, as well as organizing & interpreting data. For our final unit, students will learn how to use Microsoft PowerPoint as a productivity tool. When we have finished our study of PowerPoint, the students will create their own business as a culminating activity. This will include designing a business card in Adobe Photoshop Elements and a presentation in Microsoft PowerPoint. When finished, students will print their cards and present the final presentation to the class.

- Mr. Good

A NOTE FROM MARQUARDT SCHOOL DISTRICT 15 FOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

8th Grade End of Year Balances – We will not refund balances on 8th grade accounts at the end of the year, unless the student's balance is over \$10.00. If this is the case, the food service department must receive a written or emailed request from the parent to foodservice@d15.us asking for the balance to be returned to them along with the guardians name and home address the check can be mailed to. 8th grade students are responsible for monitoring their accounts towards the end of the year to make sure they do not have a large amount of money remaining on their accounts.

If a balance does remain on their account it may also be transferred to a siblings account within our school district. If you would like to do this you must contact the food services department at foodservice@d15.us. Please email us with the following information, your 8th graders full name and the sibling's full name and school in which they attend.

If you have any questions, you can contact Sandy Voss, Director of Food Service at 630-858-3850 x6536.

6th Grade General Music

Our class is just about finished with the melody unit. We are writing our own melodies and will be playing them on the pianos. Some of us are just learning how to play piano for the first time, while others have more experience. We will be learning about harmony next and then about composers.

Mrs. Manzke



6th Grade Art News

The students have just completed a perspective unit. Students created their name in 1-point perspective, creating 3-dimensional images on a 2-dimensional surface. The second drawing was a 2-point perspective drawing of a cityscape. Perspective is a challenging unit that is realistic in style. While the students were working with perspective, they learned about various artists and specific paintings of the artists. The students will re-create a painting in the manner of a selected artist. Later in May, all of the 6th grade students will go to the Art Institute of Chicago to view the works of the artists that were studied.

-Mr. Foster

READ 180

It is hard to believe that we are already in the final stages of the school year: looking at data, planning end of the year assessments, determining which students will exit R180 for the 2010-2011 school year, and which students will remain. Generally speaking, the vast majority of the students in R180 have experienced success. Most have made significant gains in the development of reading skills that lead to reading comprehension. All have developed some expertise in concepts that were almost unknown in the past, such as "alien invader species" and "turning points" in life. This intervention program has truly lived up to its reputation of bringing students closer to grade level in terms of their reading ability.

Many students will exit R180 and go into regular English next year because they are now reading on grade level. Congratulations to them! They worked hard to reach that point. Some students will return to R180 next year to continue working on reading skills that will improve their reading comprehension. In order to insure that all maintain the reading levels they have achieved, it is very important that students continue to read at least 20 minutes per day during the summer (magazine and newspaper articles count as reading as long as the articles are actually being read). So, keep on reading while enjoying the summer months. It is an investment in the future of our children.

iHola!

In Spanish for Native Speakers we are studying of the ancient civilizations of Mexico as well as Mexican Muralism. In order to deepen our understanding of Muralism, we took a field trip to Pilsen, Chicago to go to the National Museum of Mexican Fine Arts. We also did a scavenger hunt around the community looking at the various murals that are painted on different buildings. We will be finishing up the year with some literature as well as whole class project.

If you have any questions or comments, please email me at kkelly@d15.us or call 630-858-3850 x6233.

iMuchas gracias! - Sra. Kelly

Communications: Students are currently finishing a researched informational speech, using Big6 Approach to Research. They will continue the trimester by looking at the impact of Radio plays, instructional demonstrations speeches, and media literacy.

Writing Resource Lab: Students have been improving their writing skills by building their writing portfolios. They are currently adding a descriptive, horror fictional piece of writing.

- Mrs. Pacucci

Congratulations to both Symphonic and Concert band performers who participated in this year's Solo & Ensemble Contest. We had many 1st & 2nd division ratings and would like to thank everyone for their hard work! The Mustang Jazz Band had a successful performance at the Reskin Elementary School Math Night. It was an evening filled with great music and fun. Come hear our next gig at Reskin's Ice Cream Social on May 26th. The Symphonic, Concert, and Jazz bands will have their final concert of the year on May 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the 7/8 grade gym. We hope to see you there! - Ms. Musgrave

iHola a todos! In Spanish 2B we just finished chapter 5B. We can describe people and can say if someone is tall or short and what color and length they wear their hair. We were also learning restaurant vocabulary including the table setting words. We can order at a restaurant in Spanish as well. We are currently on chapter 6A where we are learning about items in one's bedroom, how to compare things in Spanish and the verbs dormir- to sleep and poder- to be able. Every night practice your fichas (flash cards) and teach someone at home the words and phrases you are learning in class.

Gracias, Señorita Mauro

The Orchestra has been very busy since the last newsletter installment, whew! At the Organizational Contest back in March the Orchestra achieved a Division I rating! For our debut performance that is fantastic! I am so proud of the way our student performed that day, it was an incredible experience and a great deal was learned from that day as well as from the preparation. I look forward to taking our students again next year and striving to achieve even greater success and achieve straight Division I ratings. Great job Advanced Orchestrators!

Not only did the students prepare and perform in the Orchestra contest, but they also were busy preparing for the Solo and Ensemble Contest that took place on Saturday April 17 here at the Marquardt District Office. The students all did very well, every student received at Division I or II rating which earned him/her a medal. Each student also received a mini clinic with our judge for the day, Mrs. Megan Zalokar. I hope the students valued the experience and learned about themselves as individual players. I know that many have expressed to me that it was incredibly stressful and nerve racking but they are glad that did it! That is my hope that in the end they appreciate the experience and do their best.

Division I ratings at Solo and Ensemble were given to:

Lexie Matrasko; May Theologidy&Ahtziri Santiago; Ava Mason; Savera Azeem, Brianna Kuceba, Karina Sowa, Dan Theologidy, and Danielle Kaplan; Dan Theologidy&Lawrence Ngo; Danielle Kaplan; Noemi Chalcakova&Karina Sowa; Brianna Kuceba; Sebastian Garcia; Christopher Arrington; Brandon Del Prado; Maciej Polsakiewicz; Alejandra Arellano&Yasmin Ayyad; Samantha Kruzal; Joshua Locklear; Teresa Quimco; Esmeralda Guzman&Joshua Sanders; Christopher Moscatel; and Edgar Rodriguez.

Division II rating at Solo and Ensemble were given to:

JoLynn Bofah, Rebecca Hospes, and Rebecca Marquez; Sara Myhyrdari&Justyne Vu; and Monika Molinar&Teresa Quimco.

Congratulation to ALL Orchestra members for your hard work, dedication, and successful achievement at solo and ensemble contest this year! Let's make next year even better and start preparing and picking music before winter break, with all of that time to work you will be phenomenal.

There are two more upcoming events for the Advanced Orchestra before the conclusion of the school year. Tuesday May 11, 2010 the orchestra has been asked to play at the school board meeting at 7:30 PM at the District Office. The students will be recognized and awarded a certificate for their Division I rating at Organizational Contest back in March. Please parents attend this very special event!

The end of the year concert for all orchestra students in the fourth through seventh grade will be Wednesday May 19, 2010 in the MMS 7/8 gym. There is a letter that will be sent home the first week in May please be asking your child about it for details on the schedule and requirements for the evening.

Last announcement: Don't forget to sign up for summer orchestral! This year we will meet the entire month of July (summer school month) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The more students that sign up the more fun we'll have and the more prepared we will be for our big Halloween tour to the elementary schools which is one of our biggest events of the year. We have a great selection of music picked out so far: Thriller by Michael Jackson, and Ear-igami are just two of many more! Hope to see most of you there!

If your child is new to the district and played in orchestra at his/her prior school (or has studied violin, viola, cello, or string bass privately) and would like to join orchestra please contact Ms. Baker via e-mail or phone at jbaker@d15.us 630-858-3850 ext. 6238.

Congratulations to all of our Village of Glendale Heights Character Counts Breakfast Winners:

**Rashundra Dudley
Ayisha Kecht
Brian Luedtke
Raymon Nance
Megan Stephen**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Friday, May 7	Track Meet @ GBE 4:30
Monday, May 10	MAPS testing all week
Tuesday, May 11	Team 6-1 Field Trip to Art Institute Orchestra Performance School Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 12	Jazz Lunch @ Winnebago
Thursday, May 13	Concert-Elementary & Jazz
Friday, May 14	Volunteer Breakfast 7:30-9:00 a.m. Track Meet @ GBE Team 6-2 Field Trip to Art Institute
Monday, May 17	MAPS testing all week
Tuesday, May 18	AIMS testing Chess Tournament
Wednesday, May 19	Orchestra Concert @ 7:00 p.m. DMVA Conference Track Meet @ College of Du Page 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 20	Character Breakfast 7:15 a.m. Team 6-3 Field Trip to Art Institute Chess Tournament
Friday, May 21	AIMS testing 8th Grade DANCE 7:00—9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 25	Music Boosters
Thursday, May 27	8th Grade Field Trip!!!
Monday, May 31	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, June 1	Graduation gowns and tickets distributed 6th Grade Field Day
Wednesday, June 2	7th Grade Field Day 8th Grade Picnic Medieval Fair
Thursday, June 3	Last Day of school for 1 hour 8th Grade Graduation @ GBE 7:00 p.m.
