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# District Digest

*from Glen Ellyn School District 41*

## Take the 5Essentials Survey Before January 31

We need to hear your voice! Surveys are incredibly important in our District. Survey data is used to evaluate, plan and make decisions about the future. Every year, the State of Illinois administers a survey called 5Essentials. Please take the 5Essentials survey and let us know about your experiences with District 41. The District will only receive results to the survey if over 20 percent of parents respond and 50 percent of teachers respond from each school. Thank you in advance for providing your feedback. The deadline is January 31.

**5Essentials  
School Surveys**

### [Please Click Here to take the survey](#)

Select the PARENT or TEACHER survey to begin.

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## Winter Break Dates

The last day of school before winter break is December 22. Schools will be closed December 25 and will reopen on January 8. We wish all of our families a safe and happy holiday season!



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## PTA Holiday Sharing Program Provides for 241 District 41 Families

Thank you to the District 41 PTA Community Outreach Committee and Holiday Sharing Program Co-Chairs Karen Winter and Therese Crawford for your dedication to helping District 41 families through Holiday Sharing! This year Holiday Sharing provided gifts and grocery gift cards to 241 District 41 families.

Abraham Lincoln School - 22  
Benjamin Franklin School - 25

Churchill School - 112  
Forest Glen School - 33  
Hadley Junior High School - 49  
Holiday Sharing is possible because of the many generous volunteers and donors. Thank you to everyone who contributed!





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### Hadley Chess Teams Wins 1st Place

Congratulations to the Hadley chess team for winning 1st place at the Benjamin School Tournament on December 2. Way to go, Wildcats!



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### Students Visit Argonne National Laboratory

As part of a Problem-Based Learning Inquiry field experience, Benjamin Franklin School 5th grade students and teachers visited [Argonne National Laboratory](#) in Darien. This field experience served as a launch for inquiry to get students curious about innovation, and to see how scientists and engineers at Argonne creatively solve difficult problems. Some of the questions that Argonne staff discussed with the students were: How are UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems) used? How does the Advanced Photon Source help make better medicine? How can we improve robotics to help us? When selecting a real world issue to address for their next PBL, students will draw upon this field experience to help when solving their own problem.

A special thank you to everyone at Argonne!





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### **Team Building at Hadley**

Hadley 8th grade students participated in team building activities during their Wildcat time last week. Students representing their teams played Minute to Win It, Tug-O-War, the Winter Song Challenge and the Frozen T-shirt game while other students cheered them on. These team building activities were a fun way for Hadley students to enhance their social relationships and to connect to their team and teachers.





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## A Musical Birthday Celebration at Lincoln School

Kavya, 5th Grade Orchestra student from Abraham Lincoln, celebrated her birthday during string orchestra class with Mrs. Feuerborn by playing her violin with a teeny-tiny baby bow and wearing birthday glasses. Orchestra students who play the viola, cello and bass also have an opportunity to celebrate their birthdays by playing with the teeny-tiny baby bow.



Thank you, Mrs. Feuerborn, for making music and birthdays fun!

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## WOW Celebrations

District 41 celebrates staff members who are Warm, Open, and Welcoming (WOW) across the District. Help us recognize staff by sharing WOW moments by emailing [wearewow@d41.org](mailto:wearewow@d41.org)



"I would like to recognize Band Directors **Jim DePalo and Samantha Tribble** for the fantastic job they do with the Hadley band. Not only do the kids love band but their love for the kids and the programs always shines through. Also, they offered live streaming of the concerts last night which was wonderful as I was home with the stomach flu, so even though I had to miss it in person, I was still able to see it!"

*Submitted by a parent of two Hadley students*

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"Each day Ms. Ericka Dudley requests a student to lead the morning meeting that occurs in her classroom. Ms. Dudley is a fifth grade literacy teacher at Churchill Elementary School. In addition to students, parents are invited to come in and lead meetings, as well. When native Spanish speaking student Natalin asked if her mother could present to the class, Ms.



Dudley didn't hesitate to invite in Mrs. Maria Torres Sanchez. Knowing that Mrs. Torres Sanchez spoke little English, Ms. Dudley had a translated slide show sent home with Natalin in preparation for the meeting. On Tuesday, December 5, Mrs. Torres Sanchez came in and successfully led the meeting. It was amazing to see the meeting conducted in a mixture of Spanish and English. Students were receptive to the exchange, all having familiarity with Spanish through the FLES program. The bilingual meeting was such a success that other students asked if they could present their meeting in Spanish next time! Ms. Dudley looks forward to more bilingual meetings in her classroom."

*Submitted by Theresa Ulrich, Director of ELL*

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