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District Digest

from Glen Ellyn School District 41

We Need YOUR Voice - 5Essentials Survey is Open

Every year, the State of Illinois administers a survey called 5Essentials. The survey is available now through January 31, 2018.

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!

5Essentials
School Surveys

[Please Click Here to begin the survey.](#)

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!



Registration for Next School Year Starts January 29

Registration will be happening earlier this year. You will receive information via mail to your homes in January and we will remind all parents through the various District communications. Please pay special attention to all registration information and deadlines. Thank you!

Dual Language Program Informational Meeting - Save the Date!

District 41 is pleased to announce that an important dual language parent informational meeting will be held at Churchill Elementary School

on Tuesday, February 6, from 6 to 7 p.m. All parents with incoming kindergartners for 2018-2019 who are interested in dual language should plan to attend. Packets with an application of interest will be shared at the event.

To learn more about the Dual Language Program, [click here](#).

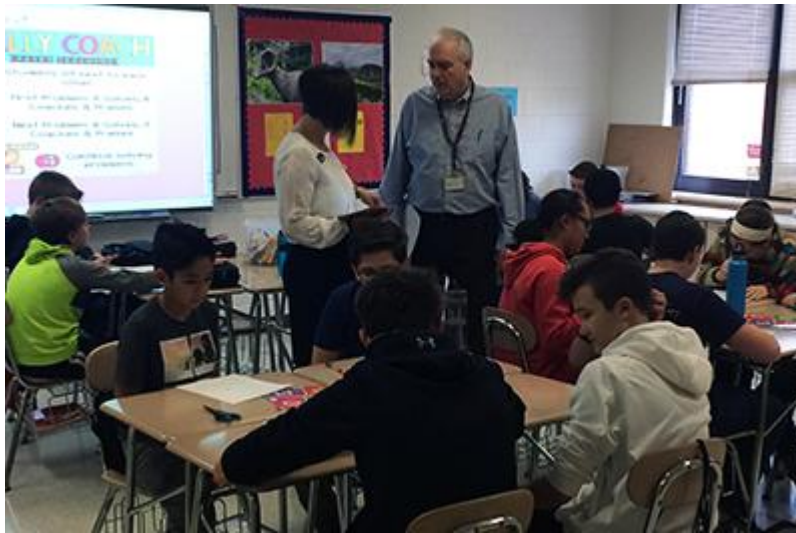
Congratulations to the Hadley Chess Team

The Hadley Chess Team finished 2nd at a tournament at St. John's Lutheran School in Lombard on November 18. Three Hadley students, David Manzke, Nathan Tsai and Owen Wright, tied for 4th place out of 57 players. Way to go Chess Team and Coach Bennett Joseph!



Kagan Coach Visits Hadley

Teachers at Hadley Junior High welcomed a Kagan coach to their classrooms on Monday, December 4. Staff have implemented cooperative learning strategies for two years to boost student engagement. Kagan centers on the concept of PIES for cooperative learning. By using specific teaching structures, student participation and accountability increases. Hadley teachers have received large group practice, and several times a year the Kagan coach visits classrooms for individual coaching and mentoring.



Solo and Ensemble Festival for Band

The Solo and Ensemble Festival for Band is an *optional* opportunity for band students to choose a solo and/or ensemble to perform at our annual festival on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Hadley Junior High School with a specific performance time based on the information provided at [registration](#).



The purpose of the Solo and Ensemble Festival is to provide students with an opportunity to perform solos and ensembles. Then, in a one-on-one clinic, the students will receive feedback from other experienced, professional music educators on how they can continue to improve their musicianship. It is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate abilities and build confidence in playing. Students can play a "solo" or "ensemble" (duets & trios are preferred) with friends of similar instruments. Solo music is available in SmartMusic; ensemble music is not available in SmartMusic. Students should choose something challenging that they will have to dedicate practice time toward to play well. There is no participation fee, only quality practice time! Family and friends are encouraged to attend.

All the information is in Google Classrooms and [on this link on the band website](#). If your child is interested in participating, please register online at <http://hadleybands.weebly.com/>. Registration is open now through Friday, January 12, 2018 at 3:30 pm.

School Closures Due to Weather

As colder weather approaches, please familiarize yourself with school [closure notification procedures](#). School closures due to weather will be communicated to all families in the following ways:

- Email
- Voicemail
- [Website](#)
- [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)
- Emergencyclosingcenter.com

In addition, closure announcements can also be sent directly via text messaging to parents who sign up. If you are a parent and would like to receive emergency messages on your cell phone via text (in addition to email and voicemail), please follow the below steps:



1. Log on to [Family Access](#)
2. Click the Skylert button on the left.
3. The Skyward contacts screen will appear for the different types of notifications. Scroll to the bottom of the screen and enter your cell phone number(s) in the "Text Message" section.
4. Click Save.

The District typically informs families of a closure due to weather as soon as possible the morning of the closure. Closures are decided upon based on the severity of the weather.

Please note: Elementary students must dress appropriately for the weather, because they will be outdoors for play except in very cold or inclement weather. During the winter season, students must wear boots and snow pants if they wish to play in the snow outside of the blacktop area. As a general rule, children will not be outdoors when the actual temperature or wind chill factor is below 10 degrees Fahrenheit. See [Student Handbook](#), page 5.

Thank you for your attention to this important information.

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