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# District Digest

*from Glen Ellyn School District 41*

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## **Institute Day - No School on March 2**

This Friday, March 2, is a District-wide Institute Day. The day will feature further professional development and training opportunities for teachers and staff. For the 2017-18 School Year Calendar, [Click Here](#).

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## **Donuts with Dr. Gordon**

Community members are invited to engage in conversation with Superintendent Paul Gordon on Tuesday, March 13 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Hadley Junior High. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a photo ID as it is needed to enter the building.

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## **School Perceptions Survey - Your Feedback is Important!**

A District 41 specific survey will be administered to all parents, staff and 4th - 8th grade students over the next three weeks. Please be on the lookout next week for an email with more details. The survey will ask questions about overall satisfaction with District 41 and specific programs offered in District 41 schools. Respondents will also have the opportunity to provide comments in each section of the survey.

This is a very different survey than the one administered in the fall. Thank you in advance for your time and feedback!

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## **Annual Churchill "Jump Rope For Heart" Fundraiser**

Together with SHAPE America and the American Heart Association, Churchill Elementary School began "2018 Jump Rope For Heart" with a KICK OFF Assembly this week. The program runs through March. Jump Rope for Heart (JRFH) promotes physical education and provides kids with knowledge of heart disease and stroke while raising funds for

research. Over the past four years, Churchill has raised over \$28,000 for the American Heart Association. This year Churchill has set a school goal of raising another \$6,000. Good luck and great job, students!



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### **PBL Expo at Hadley Junior High**

Hadley 8th grade students participated in the first Expo-style expert panel as part of their cross-curricular Healthy Living Problem-Based Learning (PBL) unit. Several hundred students presented to panelists and their peers on the topics of work-life balance, healthy habits and stress/anxiety. Their objective was to educate one another about strategies, products, or plans to maximize their well-being as they move forward to high school. Panelists included a physician and a pharmacist from the community, experts from Northwestern Medicine and the National Alliance on Mental Illness. In addition, District 41 nurses, counselors, a social worker, and a school psychologist participated.



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### **Grease Is The Word!**

Hadley Theater Arts presents a family friendly version of *Grease* at Hadley Junior High. Showtimes are:

Friday, March 9 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 10 at 3 and 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 11 at 2 p.m.

Tickets for *Grease* are available online at [www.hadleytheater.org](http://www.hadleytheater.org)

*Grease* is sponsored by the Hadley PTA.

For more information contact Hadley Theatre Arts at [hadleytheatrearts@gmail.com](mailto:hadleytheatrearts@gmail.com)



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### **Hadley String Orchestra Prepares for District Contest**

In preparation for the Illinois Grade School Music Association District Organization Contest, Hadley's String Orchestra recently worked with Elmhurst College Professor Mrs. Susan Blaese. The Contest will be held on Saturday, March 10 at 9:45 a.m. at Glenn Westlake Middle School in Lombard. The

orchestra will be performing in front of three judges to be critiqued on district music standards. The performance is free and open to the public. Mrs. Blaese gave wonderful feedback to help improve the skills of the orchestra. Mrs. Blaese also stated that "the orchestra is a very enthusiastic group even so early in the morning." We thank Mrs. Blaese and the Hadley PTA for providing this wonderful learning opportunity!

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### **Professor of Music Works with Hadley 8th Graders**

Hadley Jr. High 8th Grade Band students participated in a 4-hour rehearsal workshop with Music Department Chair and Professor of Music at Elmhurst College [Dr. Peter Griffin](#). Dr. Griffin also brought students from the collegiate music education program to sit in with the 8th grade students and offer praise and feedback. The clinic helped prepare the 8th grade band students for their performance at Yorkville Middle School Concert Band Festival, which will take place on Saturday, March 17 at Yorkville Middle School. Hadley will perform at 10:15 a.m. in the Yorkville Middle School Auditorium. To read more about the Yorkville Middle School Concert Band Festival, [Click Here](#).



### **Students Honing Their Craft at Solo & Ensemble Festival**

District 41 band students participated in the annual Solo & Ensemble Festival for Band on Saturday, February 10 at Hadley. The

festival is an opportunity for students to perform a solo and/or ensemble in front of another professional music educator to showcase their preparation and musicianship. During a one-on-one clinic, they receive praise and constructive feedback from the clinician on how they can continue to improve their craft. Mr. DePalo, Mrs. Tribley, and Mrs. Weiland continue to hear wonderful feedback from the adjudicators and look forward to providing their students with rich musical experiences.



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### W.O.W. Celebrations!

To submit a story about how one of our staff members was "Warm, Open, and Welcoming," please email [wearewow@d41.org](mailto:wearewow@d41.org)

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A shout out to Deborah Proska for the "small" things that staff members do! I stopped by Churchill to see if they could use some free 3-ring binders that my husband's company was giving away. When I say "small" things I mean the daily requests or offers like mine that means stepping away from their desk and interrupting their work to accommodate us. I dragged the box in and Debbie finished pulling it in - grateful for the donation and certain they would be used. My WOW is for Debbie and all staff members who welcome students, parents, community members and others to their building front office every day and keep the office humming. Thank you :)  
*Submitted by Erica Nelson, Board of Education Member and former Churchill/Hadley parent*



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