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# District Digest

*from Glen Ellyn School District 41*

## School Perceptions Survey - Request from Supt. Gordon

Thank you to the parents and staff who have taken the survey recently emailed to you by School Perceptions. This survey is specific to District 41 and is unlike any other feedback we receive. It goes beyond overall satisfaction and asks about programs and services in our District. In addition, this survey includes an opportunity for you to write your own comments in each topic section.



I know we ask you to take a number of surveys throughout the year. Thank you in advance for your time taking this survey above and beyond the others you have already completed. We sincerely appreciate it. If you did not receive an email with a link to the survey, please contact Erika Krehbiel at [ekrehbiel@d41.org](mailto:ekrehbiel@d41.org)

Thank you,  
Dr. Paul Gordon  
Superintendent

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## Reminder: SIP Day March 23 and Spring Break

Friday, March 23 is a SIP Day. School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. and there is no attendance for Pre-K, Early Childhood and Kindergarten. District 41 spring break begins Monday, March 26. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 3. For the full 2017-18 School Calendar [click here](#).

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## Hadley 8th Grader Heading to State!

Hadley student Jack Hatlestad has qualified to compete in the state level competition of the National Geographic Bee! The Illinois State Bee will be held on Friday, April 6.

Congratulations and good luck at state, Jack!

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## Public Schools Week

This week, people across the country are celebrating Public Schools Week. Join the national conversation on social media and post how public education has made a positive impact in your life. Thank you for your support of our District 41 schools! Hashtags are [#PublicSchoolsWeek](#) and [#LovePublicEducation](#)



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## World Down Syndrome Day March 21

At the Board of Education meeting this past Monday evening, Board Secretary Jason Loebach gifted Superintendent Gordon and all of the Board members official [#Lotsofsocks](#) in honor of World Down Syndrome Day, March 21. For more information about World Down Syndrome Day click to [#Lotsofsocks](#).



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### **Community Listening Session: Inclusionary Practices in District 41**

Parents and staff are invited to engage in a Listening Session on Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 p.m. at Hadley Junior High School located at 240 Hawthorne Boulevard in Glen Ellyn. The session will begin with a presentation focused on the collaborative work in the District towards improving our instruction for all students. There will be breakout discussions and an opportunity to report feedback out to the larger group. Board of Education members will also be at the session to listen to feedback from the community. All District 41 parents and staff are invited. We hope you can join us to give us input on the next steps of this journey.

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### **Hadley Orchestra Receives First Division Rating**

Congratulations to the Hadley String Orchestra for receiving First Division Ratings at the Illinois Grade School Music Association District Organization Contest held at Westlake Middle School on Saturday, March 10. "This was the orchestra's best performance all year thus far," stated Ms. Georgia Alemis, Hadley Orchestra Director. The orchestra now qualifies to perform at the IGSMMA State Festival on Saturday, April 28!



Fantastic teamwork, orchestra members!

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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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Churchill's crossing guard, Mrs. Wanat, is impressive! She keeps our kids safe and does it with a positive attitude and friendly smile. Even on bitter cold days, she maintains her joyful demeanor and is the perfect welcome point to the school for our walkers. Mrs. Wanat tells daily jokes (or Fun Facts on Fridays!), which the children (and parents!) enjoy. She knows the names of all the students, and even younger siblings. She goes out of her way to keep all the children safe, and is a warm, kind presence on the way to and from school. Thank you Mrs. Wanat!



*-Submitted by Churchill parent Rebecca Kuhlmann Taylor*

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I would like to recognize Ms. Katherine Kramer for stepping up as the only teacher involved in the Churchill Elementary Science Olympiad (ESO) team. This was Churchill's first year participating, and Ms. Kramer donated multiple weeks of her time leading the Starry Night and Backyard Biology events, both of which earned medals at the competition. Churchill performed very well, despite being parent-led, and this would not have been accomplished without the efforts of Ms. Kramer!

*-Submitted by Jay Mehta*

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Yesterday my husband and I took our very timid soon to be kindergartner to Churchill to drop off paperwork to finalize her registration for next year. We wanted her to see the school and understand that she will be going there in the fall. She was confused and concerned, but wanted to see a classroom so she could start to visualize herself there. As we walked down the kindergarten hall, Ms. Wagner was just locking up her room. She saw the wonder/fear in my daughter's eyes and asked her if she wanted to see the room. It was a small gesture, but meant the world to my daughter and us as her parents. At this point it was after 5pm, and I'm sure Ms. Wagner had a long day of teaching and planning, but it really wowed us that she took the extra few minutes to show the room and chat with us about the school and changes that are taking place for next year. Thank you to Ms. Wagner for taking time to talk to us and wow us!

*-Future Churchill parents Allison and Todd Schroeder*

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