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District Digest

from Glen Ellyn School District 41

Spring Break 2018

District 41 schools will be closed for spring break beginning Monday, March 26. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 3. The District 41 Central Services Office will be open during spring break except for Friday, March 30.

Thank You for Your Feedback!

Thank you to the parents and staff who took the recent School Perceptions Survey. Bill Foster from School Perceptions will present the results at the next Board of Education meeting on Monday, April 9, 7 p.m., at the District 41 Central Services Office.



Referendum Construction Starts Next Week

The first of the referendum construction projects will begin over spring break at Hadley Junior High School. The majority of the work through this summer will take place at Hadley and also Churchill Elementary School. All schools will be impacted by construction between now and the fall of 2019. [Click Here](#) for information about the facilities planning process.

The first phase of the construction is the removal of the four portable classrooms at Hadley (the southern units). These portable classrooms will be removed during spring break as this will be the location of the new addition. The northern six portable classrooms will stay until the summer of 2019 when the addition is complete.

A reminder that the approved calendar for next year allows for maximum construction time. [Click Here](#) for the Board of Education approved calendar for the 2018/19 School Year. In addition, some beginning of

the school year activities at individual schools, especially at Hadley and Churchill, may look different next year. Schools will share event/activity details with parents as soon as the information is available.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience over the next 18 months of construction and projects in District 41. The improvements will enhance all of our facilities and better support student learning. If you have any questions, please contact your building principal.

Principal Diveley Elected AIMS President

Congratulations to Hadley Junior High School Principal Steve Diveley, who was recently elected president of AIMS (Association of Illinois Middle-Grade Schools). AIMS is a statewide organization that focuses on and promotes middle school teaching, learning, and best practice for supporting professionals who educate adolescents. They are associated with the National Forum to Accelerate Middle School Reform and the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE). Way to go, Mr. Diveley!



Hadley 8th Graders Performed at Band Festival

The Hadley Jr. High 8th Grade Bands performed in the Yorkville Middle School Concert Band Festival on Saturday, March 17th at Yorkville Middle School in Yorkville, Illinois. The Hadley Jr. High 8th Grade Bands performed in the auditorium and received a clinic with Mr. Mike Fiske, a former band director from Joliet Central High School. Students also

received written and verbal feedback from two other educators; Vic Anderson and Stephen Squires from Yorkville High School and Roosevelt University, respectively. Information about this year's clinicians and adjudicators may be found within [this link](#). The Yorkville Middle School Concert Band Festival is a non-competitive, educational performance opportunity centered around the growth and education of the middle school musician. It is also a wonderful opportunity for all students to perform in a venue with their friends and peers with the purpose of constantly improving and striving for musical excellence. In preparation of this festival, the Hadley 8th Grade Bands worked with Dr. Peter Griffin, Professor of Music and Music Department Chair of Elmhurst College, in a clinic workshop setting. To read more about the Yorkville Middle School Concert Band Festival, please visit [this link](#). Mr. DePalo and Mrs. Tribley continue to be proud of their students' efforts and commitment to their musicianship.



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

This WOW! goes out to the 6th grade student researchers/presenters, their teachers, Ms. Fitch, Mr. Bulster, Ms. Bollinger, Guest Expert Panelists Keith McClow, Forest Preserve DuPage County, Jim Truesdale, Klein Creek Farm volunteer, Bill Whitney, City Bee Savers, Chris Pekarek, Village Links and Ms. Annie Kane, Problem-Based Learning Coach at Hadley. The research on Colony Collapse Disorder related to the loss of bee pollinators was deep and insightful. The presentation



skills of the 6th grade students demonstrated their preparation and confidence in their subject matter. As one of the expert panelists said, "These Hadley students are Rock Stars!". Ms. Kane and the faculty are educating the whole student - science, research, writing, developing persuasion skills, partnerships, supporting each other's learning and commitment to action on the subject. Special thanks to our community members who generously gave of their time to support the growth of our students and learned how talented our Hadley D41 students and faculty and coaches are. #PBL6gradeRock

Submitted by Erica Nelson, Board of Education Member and former Churchill/Hadley parent

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