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Thank You, Teachers!

This week is National Teacher Appreciation Week. We have amazing teachers in District 41 who care deeply about each and every student. They work extremely hard and we thank them!





Thank you to all of the parents who helped us celebrate our teachers this week! Your support and appreciation means so much. If you would like to celebrate a specific teacher, please send a brief description about a District 41 staff member who you feel is W.O.W. (Warm. Open. and Welcoming) to <u>wearewow@d41.org</u>.! We would love to hear from you! Stories will be shared in District Digest next week.

REMINDER: Kindergarten Roundup is TONIGHT May 10

All four District 41 elementary schools will have Kindergarten Roundup tonight May 10 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. School principals and staff will be on hand to present building and academic information to parents and incoming kindergartners for the 2018-19 school year.

Donuts with Dr. Gordon - Monday, May 14

Community members are invited to engage in conversation with Superintendent Paul Gordon on Monday, May 14 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Hadley Junior High School located at 240 Hawthorne Boulevard in Glen Ellyn. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a photo ID as it is needed to enter the building. A tour of Hadley will be offered at the end of the event. If you have never been to Hadley, stick around and check it out!

Hadley Graduation Details

The Hadley graduation ceremony will take place Friday, June 1, at Glenbard West High School's Biester Gym, 670 Crescent Boulevard in Glen Ellyn. <u>Click Here</u> for a map. The ceremony will begin promptly at 7 p.m. We ask all graduates to report to the Glenbard West field house between 6:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. This year over 400 students will be graduating! Due to the size of the graduating class, we will limit tickets to four



per family. Tickets will be given to students on the day of graduation, June 1. Seating is on a first come first serve basis, and all guests entering the gym **must have a ticket**.

NOTE: The ceremony will be live streamed for guests and extended family who cannot attend. For more information, <u>Click Here</u>.

Congratulations to the 2018 Hadley Wildcat graduates!

Hadley Students Make Special Connection with Congo Refugee and Author

A group of 7th grade girls engaged in a book club after school with teacher Katie Luehrs. As Mrs. Luehrs and the students read *How Dare The Sun Rise* by Sandra Uwiringiyimana they were so inspired that they decided to reach out to her and invite her to visit Hadley. This was a special connection as the students could related to some of the author's stories about being a refugee from the Congo. With the support of many including the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center, author Sandra Uwiringiyimana visited Hadley on May 3. <u>Click here</u> for the front page story in the Chicago Tribune featuring this unique author visit.

In her book *How Dare The Sun Rise*, author Sandra Uwiringiyimana tells her story of tragedy, terror, survival, and hope. Originally from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ms. Uwiringiyimana presented to all 8th graders about her experiences as a refugee and how she overcame personal tragedy to become a successful author and activist.

Thank you to the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center (GECRC) for supporting this unique and memorable opportunity for the students.



Hadley String Orchestra Receives Highest Scores in IGSMA State Festival

Congratulations to the Hadley String Orchestra for an amazing performance at the Illinois Grade School Music Association Organization State Festival on Saturday, April 28, at Joliet West High School. The judges were astounded with the advanced literature and the performance sound of our Hadley String Orchestra. The Hadley String Orchestra, under the direction of Ms. Georgia Alemis, received the highest scores in the state! Ms. Alemis is very proud of the all the hard work, practice and wonderful musicianship that has been displayed by our fine musicians all year long! Congratulations Hadley String Orchestra members for this huge accomplishment!



Clinician Works with 7th Grade Jazz Band

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Hadley PTA, the Hadley 7th Grade Jazz Band has participated in jazz clinics with <u>Mr. Mike Lehman of Lake Park High School</u> during the month of April. Mr. Lehman is the

Director of Bands at Lake Park High School in Roselle and was previously on faculty at Evanston Township High School in Evanston and Edison Middle School in Champaign. Mr. Lehman has been awarded seven "Citations of Excellence" awards from the National Band Association and is an active clinician, guest conductor, and guest lecturer throughout Illinois. Mr. Lehman regularly presents lectures on "Rehearsal Techniques and Breaking the Boundaries of Middle School Jazz Band," "Suggestions for Young Jazz Bands," and "Choosing Repertoire for Developing Jazz Bands." Mr. Lehman is a member of Illinois Music Educators Association, National Association for Music Education, Jazz Education Network, and was invited to join the International Bandmasters' Fraternity (Phi Beta Mu) in 2014. Mr. Lehman also served as the ILMEA District 3 Junior High School Jazz Band Chairman for seven years.

Mrs. Tribley and Mr. DePalo thank the Hadley PTA for their support of our school music programs!



Please join us at our Spring Jazz Band Concert TONIGHT May 10 at 7 p.m. in the Hadley Jr. High School Auditorium

WOW Celebration

W.O.W. is a campaign in all of the school and district buildings that seeks to help foster a Warm. Open. Welcoming.(W.O.W.) environment for every student, parent, staff, and community member. If you have been WOW'ed by one of our staff members, please let us know! Send a note to wearewow@d41.org and include a brief message telling us about your experience. Thank you!

We are writing to tell you what a phenomenal teacher **Miss Jessie Garmon** is. She has changed our lives this year, and we are so grateful to her for setting our son, up with a foundational love of learning.

Miss Jessie brings such energy and enthusiasm to her work, and we leave

interactions with her feeling inspired to channel her at home. Her units are so thoughtfully prepared and have expanded our son's curiosity in the world around him. Watching his horizons being broadened is a gift; to say nothing of the fact that she has rescued us from hours of talking solely about Thomas and Friends!



We are continually impressed by her efforts to stay in touch with parents. Her regular photo updates on Class Dojo, her tip offs on upcoming lessons that we can supplement at home, and her surprise emails telling us about our son's triumphs really make us feel like we are in the know and on the team.

It is hard to have a child with special needs and even harder to send that child off into the world without you. The love, creativity, and kindness that Miss Jessie offers her students erases those worries and leaves us feeling so fortunate to have landed in her class.

Submitted by Parents of a PreK Student at Forest Glen School



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