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# District Digest

*from Glen Ellyn School District 41*

## End of School Reminders

District 41 schools will be closed on **Monday, May 28** for the Memorial Day holiday. We hope you enjoy the day with family and friends!

**Friday, June 1** is both a SIP Day and the Last Day of School in District 41. Students in grades 1-8 will have early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. Please note that half-day students (Early Childhood Special Education, Pre-K, and Kindergarten) do not attend school on SIP days.

**Hadley Graduation** will take place on Friday, June 1, 7 p.m. at Glenbard West. Tickets are required. More information [HERE](#)

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## Referendum Construction Update

Construction continues at Hadley Junior High and will begin at Churchill School the week of June 4. Stay connected to District 41 on [Facebook](#) and [twitter.com/GlenEllynD41](https://twitter.com/GlenEllynD41) as we will be posting pictures and videos this summer during construction! To find more referendum construction info and rendering plans go to: [www.d41.org/facilityplan](http://www.d41.org/facilityplan)





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### 6th Graders Working to Solve Colony Collapse Disorder

Mrs. Bollinger's Hadley 6th grade class presented materials to staff and volunteers at [Kline Creek Farm](#) as part of the implementation of their Problem-Based Learning unit on Colony Collapse Disorder in honeybees. The students prepared a poster board, a hands-on activity and other materials for Kline Creek Farm to use as part of their presentation for visitors who tour the Bee House. The students made a list of bee-friendly plants and encouraged visitors to add them to their gardens. They also designed an activity that allows visitors to design their own native bee house, and they researched and presented information on how to use pesticides responsibly. [Click Here](#) to read the blog posting about this student project created by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County. Great job, students!



## Franklin Students Contribute to Cantigny Museum

Under the guidance of art teacher Lucy Dallman, Ben Franklin students created approximately 300 of the 2,000 poppies that are currently on display at the [Cantigny Park First Division Museum](#) in Wheaton. The poppies serve to honor those who suffered casualties in World War I and at the Battle of Cantigny (France). This Memorial Day weekend coincides with the 100th anniversary of that battle. ABC 7 News Chicago has covered the story! To read the article and see the video [Click Here](#).



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## Hadley Music Department Receives Grant from JCS Fund

The Hadley Jr. High School Music Department applied for and was awarded a grant through the JCS Fund: The DuPage Community Foundation: Young People's Music Initiative. The music department has been a recipient of the grant for several years. In previous years, the grant has provided Wenger model instrument storage lockers in the main entrance of Hadley Jr. High School as well as the purchase of other instruments to assist in the expanse of the growing instrumental music program.

This year Hadley Jr. High Band Directors Mr. Jim DePalo and Mrs. Samantha Tribley were able to purchase four high-quality trombones for the band program and its students. Mr. DePalo and Mrs. Tribley want to ensure all students are able to develop their musicianship on high-quality instruments. The new instruments will remain as an important part of the District 41 instrument inventory and help plan for the continual growth of the Hadley Jr. High Band Program. They are currently in use by our middle school students and will continue to be used by students in years to come. Mr. DePalo and Mrs. Tribley are so appreciative to the JCS Fund and the grant donors. Having this amazing opportunity from the DuPage Foundation has made a tremendous impact on our District 41 instrumental music program and we are very grateful for their generosity.



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### Planning Ahead - Glenbard Parent Series

Glenbard Parent Series speakers are scheduled through next school year. To plan ahead, check out the upcoming speakers and topics [here](#). The majority of the



speakers are very helpful to parents of elementary and junior high school students. Take advantage of the knowledge and advice provided by these experts! For more information about the GPS, go to [GPS](#). Programs are free and open to the public.

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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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I am a proud Mom of two boys that get to attend Churchill Elementary School (with a third who will attend in the future). When our oldest son was getting ready to enroll for kindergarten at our home school of Forest Glen, we discovered the opportunity to enroll him in the Dual Language program at Churchill.



While we chose Churchill for its dual language program, we had no idea just how much we would come to love this school. Now, this is not to discount other schools. I continually hear that every school in District 41 has their own amazing staff, programs, and events. However, in this message, I will spotlight our own experiences at our own FAVORITE school of District 41. Through the four years our children have been attending Churchill, we have seen our children grow in the areas of academics and languages as well as in their friendships, cultural awareness, and empathy. From the energetic kindness of Sra. Lozano,

and the gentle encouragement from Sra. Hernandez in Kindergarten; the boisterous and loving ways of Ms. Yerkes and Sra. Rentas in first grade; the calm and encouraging instruction from Ms. Selzer and Sra. Calderon in second grade; and the caring yet exciting instruction from Ms. Wittenberg and Sr. Flores in third grade; our teachers have been amazing. They have been beyond anything we would have hoped for. Every year our kids, and we as parents, are sad to say goodbye to their teachers, but every year they (we) grow to love their new teachers. We also know, Churchill is a community of teachers, administrators, teacher assistants, paraprofessionals, office workers, janitors, lunch workers and more. All of whom play a role in our children's education and the "feel" of Churchill Elementary School. From the waves, smiles and kind words that greet our boys in the morning, to the time we pick them up in the afternoon, we know our boys are in the BEST hands. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for all you have done and continue to do for our children.

*-Submitted by a Churchill parent*

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