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# District Digest

*from Glen Ellyn School District 41*

## Hadley Students Give Thanks and Give Back

Hadley students celebrated Gratitude Day and reflected upon Hadley adults who have made a positive impact on their lives. During Wildcat time, students wrote a "gratitude letter" to those staff members who students never had an opportunity to formally thank. These people include current and former teachers, custodians, bus drivers, and lunchroom supervisors. Also, Hadley students raised over \$200 for cancer research through the sale of [No Shave November](#) bracelets. In addition, students donated over 1,000 canned goods to the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry during Hadley's annual food drive. Way to go, Wildcats!



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## Tonight - Assistant Superintendent to Speak about School District Finance During Times of Political Change

District 41 Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Facilities and Operations Eric DePorter will present

information about District 41 at the League of Women Voters program "Running Our Local Public Schools in a Time of Political Change" tonight, Wednesday, November 29, 7 p.m. at the Glen Ellyn Police Station, 65 S. Park Blvd. Presentations will also be given by representatives from District 89 and Glenbard District 87. District 41 Superintendent Paul Gordon will also be present. The event is free and open to the public.

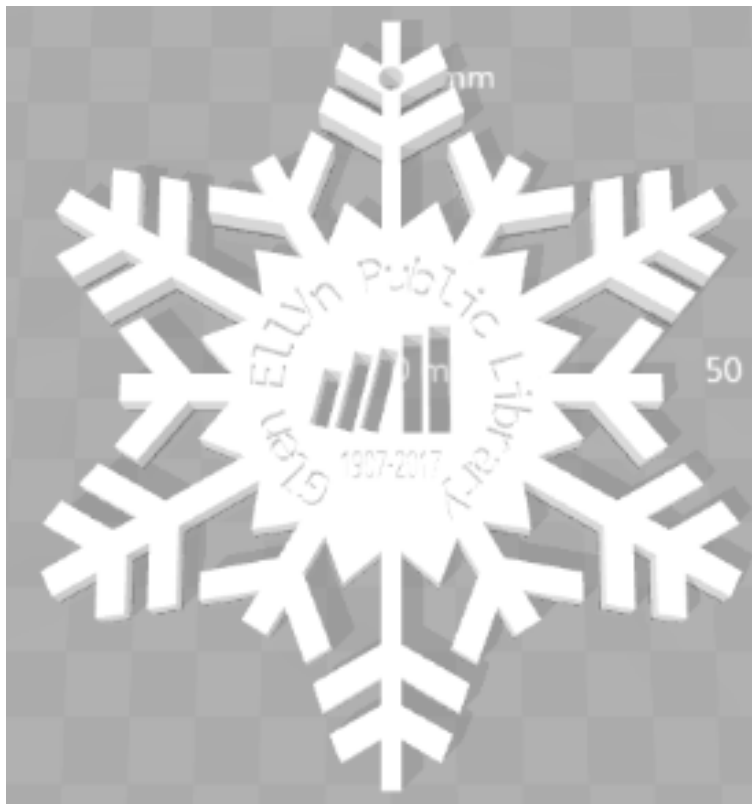


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### **Hadley Student Named a Winner in Local 3D Design Contest**

Beckham Ytterdahl, a Hadley 8th grader, was announced as one of three winners for the Glen Ellyn Public Library 3D Design Competition. Twenty-five local kids and adults entered the competition. Contestants created an original ornament to celebrate the Glen Ellyn Public Library's 110th anniversary.

Congratulations, Beckham!



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### **Elementary Band Concerts**

The 5th Grade Band students from Churchill and Forest Glen will be performing their first beginning band concert on Monday, December 4, 6:30 p.m. at Hadley Junior High. Also, congratulations to the Abraham Lincoln and Benjamin Franklin students who performed their first concert this past week.

The 5th Grade Orchestra students from Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin Franklin, Churchill, and Forest Glen will be performing their winter concert on Thursday, December 14, 7:30 p.m. at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School.

The concerts are open to the public. Please come and support these wonderful young musicians. The children have worked incredibly hard and are so proud of their progress learning how to play an instrument!



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**Lincoln Veterans Assembly Featured in My Suburban Life**

from *mySuburbanLife.com*:

"Abraham Lincoln Elementary School students gave veterans a warm welcome during a Veterans Day assembly Nov. 10. Among those veterans attending the assembly was U.S. Army veteran James Michel of Glen Ellyn, who served in Vietnam. He has four grandchildren who attend Abraham Lincoln School and hopes Veterans Day helps teach the students to respect the country and its veterans. "I think it's important that they grow up knowing their country and knowing what it's all about," Michel said. There were two assemblies, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. Students introduced the veterans during the assemblies. They also sang patriotic songs, and the students were able to ask the veterans questions."



[Click Here to read the full article.](#)

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### District 41 W.O.W. Stories

Thank you to the parents and staff who have submitted stories about how District 41 staff are W.O.W. - Warm. Open. Welcoming! Keep them coming by emailing stories to [wearewow@d41.org](mailto:wearewow@d41.org).



### Administrative Secretary Colleen Costello

-- Just want to send a W.O.W. shoutout to Colleen Costello, Administrative Secretary at Hadley. Colleen consistently greets each person as they walk into the Hadley office with a warm hello and a "how may I help you"! And, always with a cheery smile! And, extremely professional! Colleen was the "Greeter" last week as I walked into Hadley for Parent/Teacher conferences. She greeted me with a warm hello and asked if I knew where my first meeting was. She had a directory and chart in her hands ready to help! I observed her doing this with every single person who walked into Hadley! Colleen is awesome and definitely instrumental in making each person (parents, students, etc) feel important at Hadley! She definitely W.O.W.'s everyone.

*Submitted by a mom of an 8th grader at Hadley*

**Benjamin Franklin School Art Teacher Lucy Dallman** is working on a unit with her 2nd and 3rd graders creating Inspirational Posters. She is basing the project on the picture book; [Maybe Something Beautiful, How ART Transformed a Neighborhood](#) by F. Isabel Campoy.

As she was working with her students she was inspired to take the unit a step further and connect it with the community! She decided that it would be great if the kids could mirror the story by placing the Inspirational Posters in a public space here in Glen Ellyn! She reached out and made the connections necessary to display the student art in

downtown Glen Ellyn. She is working on securing parent volunteers to help hang the posters in a vacant store or stores in downtown Glen Ellyn.

Bringing student work out into the community creates a WOW opportunity as we are opening up the classroom to the community and welcoming parents to get involved by volunteering to make this happen. It's very special for the students. They will feel proud of themselves and of their work when they see their art being displayed for all to see! You are bringing learning in the classroom to life. You are WOW, Lucy Dallman!

*Submitted by Erika Krehbiel, Chief Communications Officer*

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