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District Digest

from Glen Ellyn School District 41

Celebrating Our Principals - Hadley Junior High School

As part of National Principals Week we are celebrating all five of our school principal teams! This week we are featuring Hadley Principal Steve Diveley and Assistant Principals Bob Guzzetti and Marybeth Marinier.



Principal Diveley joined District 41 in 2013. He came from a district in Plainfield where he led a school to Blue Ribbon status. Our two assistant principals are fairly new to District 41. This is Assistant Principal Guzzetti's third school year with Hadley and Ms. Marinier just started with the district this school year. Parents, teachers and staff have all shared many accolades about this new leadership team at Hadley. They have made a big difference in a short amount of time!



"Our Hadley students are fortunate to have Mr. Diveley, Mr. Guzzetti and Ms. Marinier as our Principal and Assistant Principals. There is no better champion for the students than Principal Steve Diveley. He is always looking for the best and how to support the students and staff achieve that best. He is thoughtful and always willing to try something new!" said Hadley PTA President Diane McGinley. "Our Assistant Principals make a great team as well."



Mr. Guzzetti has tremendous patience and has formed great relationships with the students and Ms. Marinier, while new, has already impacted our school by jumping in with both feet and being open and available- always willing to see if she can assist!"



Colleen Costello is not only Principal Diveley's administrative assistant, she was also recently a parent of a Hadley student. Colleen shared, " Steve Diveley is an outstanding leader who is committed to the success of Hadley and its students. As principal, he strives to make Hadley a great middle school, focusing much of his time on increasing the academic achievement of all Hadley students. Steve is an excellent listener who always makes time to meet with students and staff despite his busy schedule."

Teachers also appreciate the principal team at Hadley. Teacher John Olzen said, "Mr. Diveley demonstrates qualities of a great leader. He has created a positive learning culture by establishing high expectations while keeping both faculty and students accountable. Mr. Diveley sees the bigger picture and repeatedly shows his commitment to student achievement. He is a difference maker." Olzen also said, "Mr. Guzzetti is a true professional. He is dedicated to his craft which is clear when you see him in action. He is a positive role model to the students and staff." Olzen concluded with a comment about Assistant Principal Mrs. Mariner, "Mrs. Mariner is new to Hadley this year, but has already made a positive impact to the educational community. She has a great attitude, very personable, and is committed to the school climate. I look forward to the perspective and experience she can provide Hadley."

Teacher Allison Ritter added, "Anyone who has met Mr. Steve Diveley knows that he is a thinker. No decision is ever taken lightly and all possibilities and scenarios are fully thought through. He is a thorough and fair principal with the best interest of kids in his heart. The assistant principals at Hadley are no different. Mr. Bob Guzzetti and Mrs. Marybeth Mariner are incredibly supportive of our students and staff members and are always looking for ways to take our school to the next level."

Thank you, Hadley Principals!

Donuts with Dr. Gordon

Superintendent Paul Gordon invites all District 41 community members to donuts and coffee at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center on Tuesday, October 17 from 8:30 to 10 a.m., 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn. All are welcome!

Reminder: Parent/Teacher Conferences Coming Soon

All District 41 schools will host Parent/Teacher conferences in October and/or November. Please see the conference dates below for your school.

Parents can schedule their conferences online through [Skyward Family Access](#) . Abraham Lincoln parents can schedule now. Benjamin Franklin, Forest Glen and Churchill families can schedule conferences starting on October 18 and Hadley families can schedule starting on October 30.

For instructions on scheduling Parent/Teacher conferences [Click Here](#) .

Abraham Lincoln	Oct. 17, 25 and Nov. 6, 9 4:30 - 8 p.m.
Ben Franklin	Nov. 6, 8, 14, 16 4 - 7:30 p.m.
Churchill	Nov. 6, 8, 14, 16 4 - 7:30 p.m.
Forest Glen	Nov. 6, 8, 14, 16 4 - 7:30 p.m.
Hadley Junior High	Nov. 6, 9, 14, 16 4:45 - 8:15 p.m.

District 41 Students Work to Support Hurricane Victims

Abraham Lincoln 4th grade students were driven to lead a fundraising effort after the devastation that occurred in Florida, Texas and Puerto Rico. Students sold lemonade, did extra chores, talked to family and friends, made morning announcements, and informed all who would listen about the needs of hurricane victims and how they can make a difference. The 4th graders collected \$1,281.61 and donated the money to One America Appeal as 100% of the funds go to the victims. Great job leading this effort 4th Grade students!

The **Forest Glen** School Ambassador Club also worked to help those impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Forest Glen has 43 enthusiastic 5th graders who have taken on the challenge of being good role models and helping out Forest Glen and the community. At their first meeting, they made cards and boxed up the school supplies collected by the entire 5th grade to send to Pilgrim Academy in Houston. Pilgrim Academy was badly impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Together, the 5th grade collected 114lbs of notebooks, folders, pencils, pens, and other school supplies. Thank you to the 5th graders at Forest Glen for being so generous! Next up for Ambassadors, a post halloween candy drive for Operation Gratitude.



Forest Glen Student Ambassadors

FLES Language Exchange Program

Thanks to FLES teacher Jennifer Chavez, students at Forest Glen are participating in a Language Exchange Program with a school in Ecuador. This past summer, Ms. Chavez was able to travel to Ecuador with a group of 35 teachers as a part of the Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ICTFL) summer travel program. One of the goals was to visit and build lasting relationships with a small school near Quito called Liceo Los Alamos. There, Ms. Chavez was able to connect with Cristina Diaz, an English teacher.

The new relationship between Ms. Chavez and Ms. Diaz has evolved into a language exchange program for FLES fifth graders at Forest Glen. Students of Ms. Chavez and Ms. Diaz will write letters and create videos for each other. The anticipated exchanged activities will be based on 5th grade curriculum standards. Thanks, Ms. Chavez, for bringing this opportunity to the students!



Bilingual Parent Advisory Council First Meeting

On October 3, the Bilingual Parent Advisory Council (BPAC) had a successful first meeting and event for the 2017-2018 school year. BPAC is a group that serves families of all District 41 English as a Second Language (ESL) and Dual Language programs. The meeting and event brought approximately 40 families together representing Churchill Elementary School, Forest Glen Elementary School, Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, and Hadley Junior High School. The meeting portion of the evening focused on the goals of BPAC and the completion of a survey of interest for future activities and educational opportunities. Some new volunteers, both Spanish and English speakers, offered to participate on the BPAC planning committee for the upcoming school year. The group is always interested in attracting more members, especially Spanish speaking parents from ESL and Dual Language programs. The short meeting was followed by a communal Pot Luck.

If you were not able to participate in the first meeting, but would like information about BPAC, please contact Gaby Escobar at 630-534-7633 or gescobar@d41.org.

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