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District Digest

from Glen Ellyn School District 41

REMINDER: April 13 is a SIP DAY (11:30 am Dismissal)

This Friday, April 13, students in grades 1-8 will have early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. to allow time for District staff to work on school improvement activities. Please note that half-day students (Early Childhood Special Education, Pre-K, and Kindergarten) do not attend school on SIP days. For the full list of 2017-18 SIP days, [Click Here](#).

School Perceptions Survey Results

Thank you to all who participated in the School Perceptions Survey. To view the results reports for the student, parent and staff surveys, [Click Here](#).

SSPAC to Host Parent Coffee - April 16

The Student Services Parent Advisory Committee (SSPAC) is hosting a parent coffee to provide information about inclusionary practices as well as the Special Education Strategic Plan. Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning and Accountability Dr. Katie McCluskey and Student Services Director Laurel O'Brien will share information and listen to parent feedback. We hope you can attend to provide your input on the next steps of this journey. For more information contact SSPAC co-chairs Lisa Brooks (630-297-2603) or Kim Lechner (630-660-6638).

SSPAC Coffee Details:

Monday, April 16th

9:15-10:15 am

Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 301 ([535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn](#))

Students to Participate in Earth Day at Lake Ellyn

A number of District 41 Problem-Based Learning students will have their work featured at the Glen Ellyn Park District Earth Day event taking place on Sunday, April 22nd at Lake Ellyn Park from 1 - 4 p.m. Some of the featured student work will include Earth Day-themed posters, project solutions about renewable/non-renewable resources and recycling, and information about how we can help local plants and animals. Members of Hadley's Builder's Club will also be on hand to share information about the Gardens for Giving plot located in the Community Gardens at Village Green Park. For more info [Click Here](#).



Forest Glen Students Working to Help Natives Survive

Animal skulls. Mysterious scat. Coyote fur. It's all in a days learning for the Forest Glen 3rd Graders last week. As part of their Problem-Based Learning inquiry, "How can we help our native plants and animals survive?," the students visited the Morton Arboretum and Educational Center and conducted research with the experts. Thank you to the [Morton Arboretum](#) for their expertise and collaboration.



Author Thrills Franklin Students

Benjamin Franklin Elementary School was delighted to welcome author and New Yorker cartoonist Paul Noth. Mr. Noth talked with 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students about his career and his new book *How to Sell Your Family to the Aliens*. The students were thrilled to help him draw characters with student input including a new alien. Mr. Noth said he might add the new alien to his third book in the series!



Professor Works with Hadley Strings for IGSMMA State Festival

Clinician Mr. John Fitchuk, Illinois Benedictine University Professor and retired Wheaton/Warrenville North and South High School Orchestra Director, directed the Hadley String Orchestra last week in preparation for the Illinois Grade School Music Association state competition. The assistance and kind words of Mr. Fitchuk, who is also a former District 41 orchestra teacher, are invaluable as our students get ready to compete. The Hadley state festival performance will be held April 28th at Joliet West High School at 4:05 p.m. It is the 24th consecutive year Hadley has qualified to perform in the state competition. The performance is open to the public.

Thank you to Mr. Fitchuk for his work with our students. Also, a big thank you to the Hadley PTA for providing this wonderful learning experience.



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