

GRIMMER MIDDLE SCHOOL

GLADIATOR

NEWSLETTER



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PSAT—On October 11th, all 8th grade students in Lake Central will take the PSAT 8/9 exam. This test is the first in a yearly series culminating in the SAT exam in students' 11th grade year. Students will be assessed in Reading, Writing and Language, and Mathematics (2 tests: one with a calculator and one without). The results of the test will “provide information about student achievement and the skills and knowledge that convey a cohesive profile of student readiness.” Scores should be available late December or early January.

Playground to pills— On September 19th, all Grimmer students attended an assembly titled “Playground to Pills. The program was specifically designed for students in grades 4-9 and focused on the dangers of drug abuse and addiction. In addition, a parent program was provided the same evening. On October 10th, the next presentation in the series, Stairway to Heroin, will be held at Lake Central High School. Detailed information can be found at <http://stairwaytohero-inlcsc.eventbrite.com>

Ed. Tech. Page—The Lake Central School Corporation webpage now has a Educational Technology Page. Please check it out! lcsc.us > [aboutlcsc](#) > [educational technology](#)

5th grade HR—This year for the first time, 5th grade students begin their day with a Homeroom. The purpose of this block of time is to assist students with organizing the start of their day, catch up on missing work, teacher assistance, remediation, silent reading, and various other learning opportunities. It is our hope that this time assists with the transition from elementary school to a middle school environment.

Pinwheel is now Eventlink— Earlier this year, LCSC transitioned from Pinwheel to Eventlink as our school/corporation calendar. Logins and passwords are the same, just a change in the website. Therefore, if you haven't already done so, please bookmark www.eventlink.com for all your school calendar event info!

Twitter—Want up to date school info? Is there an upcoming school event? Want to know how our sports teams performed last evening? If so, follow Grimmer on Twitter: [@Grimmer_Glads](#)

Family ID—If your child plans to participate in a Winter sport, you can get a head start on the registration paperwork and sign them up on Family ID now. A link is located on the Grimmer Homepage.

Upcoming events:

- ◆ 10/11—PTO Dance for grades 6-8
- ◆ 10/13—End of 1st Grading Period
- ◆ 10/13—Picture retakes
- ◆ 10/16—Wrestling practice begins for grades 6-8
- ◆ 10-16-10/19—7th and 8th grade Boys BB tryouts
- ◆ 10/26-10/27—Fall Break—No School
- ◆ 11/3—PTO Walk-a-thon
- ◆ 11/23-11/24—Thanksgiving Break—No school.
- ◆ 12/1—6th grade and Jazz Band Concert 7PM
- ◆ 12/8—7th and 8th grade Band Concert 7PM
- ◆ 12/14—Choir Concert 7PM
- ◆ Check Eventlink for list of Basketball games and Wrestling meets

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| <p>Science News—6th, 7th, & 8th grade students started the year by reviewing metric measurement and the scientific method. 6th grade has moved on to the properties and phases of matter. 7th grade is now studying rocks & minerals. 8th grade is learning about the periodic table.</p> | <p>Wrestling info— Practice begins October 16th. No experience is necessary and it is open to all students in grades 6-8. Students must have a current IHSA physical on file to participate. If you have questions or need additional info. contact Coach Meyer at nmeyer@lcscmail.com or Coach Vest at bvest@lcscmail.com</p> | <p>they very much enjoyed participating in the experiment. The hope is that students now have a better understanding and acceptance about what it is like to be different; because sometimes 'norms' are relative, or based on personal opinion.</p> |
| <p>Math News—The Grimmer Math department is off to a great start this year. The 8th grade classes began the year with the properties of integers. This helped with the solving of multi-step equations, which is what we accomplished next. The 7th grade began the year with integer properties. Absolute values were also covered. Then we moved into properties of rational numbers. The 6th grade classes began the year with numerical expressions and factors. They then covered powers and exponents which included prime factorization. The 6th grade then covered fractions and decimals.</p> | <p>Class updates: Students in Ms. Roth's and Mrs. Waszak's 8th grade Social Studies classes, recently participated in a virtual Skype field trip to Boston Harbor on September 25. The experience included being assigned a character who participated in the Boston Tea Party, a mock town meeting, and actually throwing a crate of tea overboard covering Indiana Historical Standard 4 of rebellion of British imperial rule. Students and their families can learn further about the Tea Party and those involved at Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum at https://www.bostonteapartyship.com/</p> | <p>Ms. Colgrove's class made cards and brought gifts for a boy, Jackson, who went viral after his dad posted his frustrations about him getting bullied due to Treacher Collins Syndrome. This is the same thing Auggie, the main character in <i>Wonder</i>, a novel read by her class, has. This activity was a great way to connect the novel being read in class to real-world issues. Great job, Ms. Colgrove's class!!</p> |
| <p>5th grade Field Trip—After reading the novel <i>Wonder</i>, 5th grade students will be taking a field trip to the movie theater in Schererville during the month of November to view the movie adaptation of the book. Details will be coming home during this month of October.</p> | <p>Mrs. Kirn's 7th grade Social Studies class recently participated in a social experiment. The purpose of the experiment was to gather empirical and quantifiable data related to school cultural norms by breaking them. Students broke school norms by wearing odd outfits, speaking in other languages, acting strangely in the halls, etc... The following day, they debriefed in class, found that many of their hypotheses were proven, and that</p> | <p>After reading <i>Tell Tale Heart</i>, Mrs. Jones's 8th grade advanced classes worked on illustrations depicting their interpretations of the story. They used text evidence to plan and create these illustrations. The students enjoyed using their creative sides in literature class.</p> <p>Mrs. Groszek is having her students utilize technology to study plot line while use Storyboard-That! The students are enjoying the opportunity to use technology in a new way in her classroom.</p> |