



GRIMMER GLADIATOR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

January, 2018

HEADLINES

UPCOMING EVENTS

January:

- 15—MLK Observance,
No School
- 20—Science Olyp. Comp.
- 22—GBB Scrimmage
- 23—GBB @ Willowcreek
- 25—GBB vs. Lowell
- 27—ISSMA Solo
- 31—GBB vs. Hobart

February:

- 6—5th/6th grade Dance
- 6—GBB @ Pierce
- 8—GBB @ Kahler
- 14 GBB vs. Munster
- 15—7th/8th Dance
- 15—GBB @ Taft
- 20—GBB vs. Col Wheeler
- 22—GBB vs. Clark
- 26—@ Highland
- 26—ISTEP begins

March:

- 3—Jazz ISSMA
- 8—7th/8th Pre-ISSMA
Concert
- 12—5th grade instrument
tryouts
- 13—5th grade instrument
tryouts
- 14—Choir "Classics"
Concert
- 16 QR 17—Band ISSMA
- 17—Choir ISSMA
- 26—April 2nd—Spring
Break. No School

8th grade parents, don't forget about Freshmen night taking place at Lake Central on January 24th.. Flyers were emailed back in December and copies are also available in the Grimmer office.

The first round of ISTEP testing will begin the week of February 26th and will be administered "paper/pencil." Further information will follow as the testing window approaches.

The Choir Department is sending over 25 performers to Solo and Ensemble Piano/Vocal ISSMA on Saturday, January 27th at Munster High School. Students will perform for a judge who will rate them on a rubric. Students will receive a Gold (1st Place), Silver (2nd Place), or Bronze (3rd Place). Schools from all over the county will compete in this competition. Good Luck to all the performers!!!

Lake Central School Corporation is currently hiring paraprofessionals to support students with special needs. Please visit <http://lcsc.us/administrators/human-resources/> to apply.

An informational meeting for students interested in visiting Washington D.C. next October 25-27 will be held on Wednesday, Janu-

ary 24th, 6PM in the Grimmer Library.

2018-2019 Pre-School Info: It is not too early to begin thinking about pre-school enrollment for next school year. All pre-school students must be screened prior to enrollment. Please see the upcoming screening dates below and call Sara Pietrzak at 365-8507 x2946 to schedule your appointment.

West Lake Preschool Screenings:

- ◆ Tuesday, March 6,
2018 at Munster Town Hall
- ◆ Thursday, April 19,
2018 at LCHS

Lake Central's Athletic Wellness Program begins on February 6th. Parent permission is required. Forms are available in the school office.

Spring Track and Field is coming up in March. Please make sure to register your athlete on Family ID to be able to participate in either boys or girls track and field. Here is the link to our Grimmer Family ID site: <https://www.familyid.com/organizations/michael-grimmer-middle-school>, copy and paste into your URL. Choose the open program 2017-2018 Michael Grimmer Middle School Athletics. You need to make sure to register your athlete even if you had registered them in a fall/winter sport

6th grade science students will be attending a Challenger Mission in early February. This year along with the mission, students will be creating mission patches. The best patch from the Grimmer students will be selected and made into a pin that the students wear on the mission. Later this year, one patch will be selected from all students in the area. The winner's will be posted on the Challenger website

On January 25, students from Mrs. Jones's advanced English and literature courses will travel to the Chicago Shakespeare Theater to see a performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Students previously read this play as a part of their seventh grade curriculum, and it will serve as a great foundation before re-visiting Shakespeare again as eighth graders.

Throughout the second quarter, Mrs. Thompson's Fifth Grade Advanced English students held philanthropic events to raise money for charities of their choice. Her First Hour class held a donation drive called "Claus for PAWS" to benefit Lakeshore PAWS, and the students collected 148 items. Her Fourth Hour class held a carnival during Homeroom for the Fifth Graders for which they created and ran their own games, and they raised \$237.60 for Humane Indiana. Both events were quite a success!