

# November Newsletter

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### Grimmer's Project LIT!



In the picture are members of the library's Project LIT having fun with their murder mystery dinner. The club is led by Grimmer's Librarian Laurie Rosine:

- Project LIT promotes the joys of reading for pleasure. Seventh and eighth grade members will read and discuss 6 of 18 different titles during the year. The books are then donated to 5th – 8th grade classroom libraries where all students may enjoy them. Our members are literacy leaders who help spread the enjoyment of choice reading among the rest of our students.

## [Important Dates for November](#)

- **November 4-8 6th Grade Challenger Field Trip**
  - Different Science classes go on different days
- **November 8 - Veterans Day Program**
  - Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM
  - Programs starts at 9:15 AM
- **November 12 - Early Release Day**
  - All 3 LC middle schools and LCHS are Early Release
  - All LC elementary schools are doing eLearning in order to have Parent/ Teacher Conferences
- **November 18-22 - Grimmer Book Fair**
  - Click [here](#) for more information
- **November 27-29 Thanksgiving Break - No School**



### **Congratulations to members of the Grimmer Spell Bowl Team!**

In the picture: Alyssa Wright, Michael Brown, Aaquib Mohammed, Alhan Mohammed, Donovan Kolbus

## [Attention 7th Grade Families!](#)

**Do you want to be in NJHS during your 8th grade year?**

NJHS Criteria:

- 2 School Activities (such as school sponsored sports or clubs)
- 2 Out of School Activities (such a club swimming and piano)
- 3.3 Cumulative Grade Point Average
  - Find all NJHS information on our [website](#)

**\*We want you to have this information now so you can plan accordingly**

## [Athletic Announcements](#)

Click [Here](#) for Grimmer's Athletic Calendar

## [Grimmer Guidance Office Information](#)

Click [Here](#) for the Guidance Newsletter

## [Planning out the Year at Grimmer](#)

### **Grimmer School Wide Events**

- ~~Open Building - August 8 - 10:00 - 6:00 PM~~
- ~~First Day of School - August 13~~
- ~~Open House - August 14 - 5:30 - 7:30 PM~~
- ~~Picture Day - August 16~~
- ~~Picture Retake Day - October 18~~
- ~~Halloween Dance - October 23 - 6 - 8 PM~~
- Veterans Day Ceremony - November 8
  - Breakfast - 8 AM
  - Ceremony - 9:15 AM
- Book Fair - November 18-22
- First Semester Reward Trip - December 12 & 13 (Thursday 5th & 6th) (Friday 7th & 8th)
- Penny Wars - Week of February 3rd
- Winter Dance - February 7 from 6-8 PM
- Straight A Breakfast - February 14 at 8:45 AM
- End of Year Celebration - May 22 (Thursday) Rain Date is May 23 (Friday)
- 8th Grade Ceremony - May 28
- 8th Grade Dance - May 28

### **Early Release Days**

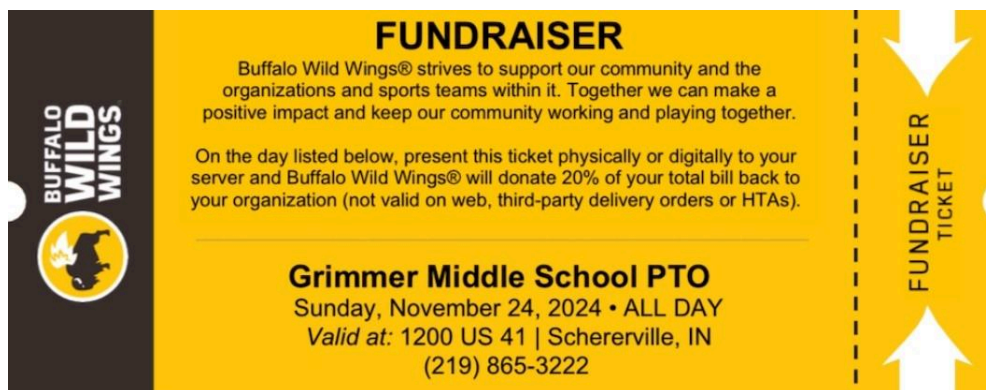
- ~~September 10~~
- ~~October 8~~
- November 12
- February 11
- March 11
- April 8
- May 13

# Grimmer First Semester Reward Field Trip

This year, Grimmer is sponsoring a reward field trip for students who meet the following criteria during the first semester:

- No Grade lower than a C- on their quarterly report cards
  - We will run a 2nd quarter grade check on December 8 at the end of the day
- No more than 8 absences for the first semester
- No disciplinary infractions greater than a detention
  - No more than 2 detentions for the semester

Our goal is to provide a fun incentive for students to work towards. We want to prepare students for real world working experiences, and many careers offer incentives. This trip is an extra incentive. There is no academic negative impact for not qualifying for this incentive.



Mihailo Konjevic demonstrates a remote control car that he built in art class

## Fall 2024 Dress up Days

~~Aug 30 - Sunglasses for the end of summer~~

~~Sept 6 - Yellow for childhood cancer awareness~~

~~Sept 11 (Wednesday) - Red, White, and Blue~~

~~Sept 13 - Black out for Friday the 13th~~

~~Sept 20 - Fall attire, fall colors, flannel, football t-shirts for fall equinox~~

~~Sept 27 - College go week~~

~~Sept 30 - Oct 4 Spirit week~~

~~Oct 11 - Pink for breast cancer awareness~~

~~Oct 18 - NHL~~

~~Oct 23 - Blue and White~~

~~Oct 28 - Nov 1 - Red Ribbon week~~

Nov 8 - Red, White, and Blue or Camo for Veterans' Day program

Nov 15 - Advisory Twin Day

Nov 22 - Blue and White

Nov 26 (Tuesday) - NFL

Dec 6 - Favorite Band

Dec 13 - Ugly Holiday apparel

Dec 20 - Pajamas

## Early Release Day Schedule (No Advisory)

<b>5th Grade</b>	8:47AM - 9:50AM	ELA or Math Block 1
	9:55AM - 10:56AM	ELA or Math Block 2
	11:01AM - 11:29AM	Period 6
	11:34AM - 12:02PM	Lunch
	12:07PM - 12:35PM	Period 7
	12:40PM - 1:10PM	Period 8
<b>6/7/8th Grade</b>		
	8:47AM - 9:17AM	Period 2
	9:22AM - 9:50AM	Period 3
<b>Grade 6</b>	9:55AM - 10:23AM	Lunch 6A
	10:28AM - 10:56AM	Period 4
	11:01AM - 11:29AM	Period 5
<b>Grade 7</b>	9:55AM - 10:23AM	Period 4
	10:28AM - 10:56AM	Lunch 7B
	11:01AM - 11:29AM	Period 5
<b>Grade 8</b>	9:55AM - 10:23AM	Period 4
	10:28AM - 10:56AM	Period 5
	11:01AM - 11:29AM	Lunch 8C
	11:34AM - 12:02PM	Period 6
	12:07PM - 12:35PM	Period 7
	12:40PM - 1:10PM	Period 8
<b>Early Release Dates:</b>		
September 10th	February 11th	May 13th
October 8th	March 11th	<i>No Early Release Days in</i>
November 12th	April 8th	<i>August, December or January</i>

## Principal's Message:

I have been married for fifteen years now. It's an adventure I wouldn't trade in for anything. Nobody gets me the way my wife does. Rebekah is an interior designer. She studied at Harrington Institute of Interior Design in Chicago. I didn't realize when I married her that, no matter what home we lived in, there would always be a project happening. I blame Chip and Joanna Gaines along with all of HGTV. But not one time have we ever put up shiplap.

I did not grow up around tools nor was my father a handyman. However, I have come to really enjoy working on projects. The process of solving complex problems while working with your hands gives me a lot of satisfaction. Starting out, our projects were born out of necessity. Rebekah and I didn't have a lot of money. Our first home was a small, two bedroom, one and a half story that we bought for 75K. You could do that in Elkhart during the recession. I was teaching and coaching while Rebekah was home with our infant girls. If we wanted to update our home then it was up to us to put in the labor. Project by project we gained experience. Project by project we added value to our homes.

So much of my day is having conversations, working from a computer, shepherding 800 students to the next class every 45 minutes. Using some power tools to hang a level shelf is the kind of instant gratification I'm looking for. The point of all of this being that everytime we rev up a project, I'm reminded that I love project based learning, and I'm not alone.

Every weekend I see men and women working on their lawns, homes, and vehicles. I can hear the tools. I can see the progress. It's a good reminder that our students are not made to sit at desks all day long. Reading, Writing, and Math are vital to a good education, but they all blend together with Project Based Learning. I never thought I would read so much about Indiana building codes for drains and P-traps. But that's the research you have to do if you want your laundry room in a different space. You need math to figure out a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch of downward slope per foot on a drain pipe.

I want to take this time to highlight our teachers who provide opportunities for students to learn kinesthetically. Mr. McGoldrick who teaches Project Lead the Way (PLTW). Ms. Grimler who teaches art. Mr. Lewis who directs our band along with Mrs. Marsh who directs our choir. All of Grimmer's Science Department: Mr. Meyer, Ms. Mullaney, Mrs. Alcazar, Mrs. George, Mrs. Bortko, Mrs. Duncan, and Ms. Calhoun. These classes play an important role in students applying math and reading in order to build and create. Even this week our 6th graders are visiting the Challenger Learning Center.

I also want to highlight the shortage of skilled trade workers in our country right now. You can make some great money as a welder, electrician, plumber or carpenter. Not only do the trades pay well, they give you a skill you can use the rest of your life.

I'm reminded of my childhood friend Nick who dreamed of becoming a pastor. There is nothing cheap about seminary school nor is there anything lucrative about being a pastor afterwards. I watched Nick (at the age of 14) push a lawnmower up and down his neighborhood so he could eventually save up and buy a truck. He then got the truck, a trailer, and a commercial mower. Nick's been a pastor for twenty years. He walked out of seminary debt free along with a successful mowing company. There's plenty of opportunity out there, and we aim to provide hands-on experience in order to show students that opportunity.

Thank you all,  
W. Ryan Bounds

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