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Principal's Page

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*Did you know the
heaviest turkey ever
raised weighed **86**
pounds?*

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Time is moving along quickly as the first quarter and fall sports season is nearing an end. On the first day of school at the grade 6-12 assembly, I set goals of higher student achievement, students demonstrating improved behavior among each other, and reduced discipline issues. Looking at last year's data, we had 57% of middle school and 53% of high school students on honor roll. I emphasized to students the importance of adopting good study habits so that we can continue to increase the percentage of honor roll students at our school. As the first quarter is winding down, I have added an after-lunch study hall for students at risk of failing grades, and I am pleased with the initial results.

Second, as a means of improving student behavior, students were shown a video on bullying in school. We are stressing good decision making and the use of good comments toward other students. Staff members are acting swiftly to issues that arise, and we have had individual and group discussions to continue to learn from past mistakes.

Finally, I stressed reducing detentions and the student body has responded favorably. During the 2010-11 school year, we had 72% of our student body who did not receive a detention, and to begin 2011-12, we have had 95% of our students not serving a detention. Overall, students are exhibiting a strong will to learn, working to improve behavior among peers, and are demonstrating behaviors that will lead to fewer school penalties. I believe the students know our expectations and they have responded favorably.

A state initiative that school districts are adding is RTI (Response to Intervention). One definition of RTI is a "design to provide early, effective assistance to children who are having difficulty learning." The Gilmanton School District is small and we pride ourselves in reaching all of our students. Following RTI protocol, students would take a benchmark level assessment to help teachers monitor a student's growth during the school year and from one year to the next.

Students currently take the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE), a state test which rates levels of learning and compares school districts to each other. Benchmark level assessment

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gives measurable data to show student reading comprehension levels, or if a student is struggling in fluency, reading rate, or phonetics. We would also use the benchmark assessment in math. The data can help identify if a student is struggling in math vocabulary, math applications, multiplication, decimals, fractions or other areas. While some may think, "why another test", or "why can't the teacher find the area a student is struggling", this test is used as an aid to teachers to give specific data and identify if a student is able to cover a deficiency. The test would be given at least twice a year and be completed and scored on a computer. As Gilmanton implements this benchmark assessment, we plan to use interventions in the specific area that are needed for growth in students throughout the year.

The new state curriculum, Common Core Standards, will raise expectations for students and the state and federal government is currently changing the WKCE state test to reflect the new expectations. In ending, states are publishing more student data, looking ahead to a global economy, and expecting more of children in the areas of reading, writing, and math.

Scholarships

- U.S. Bank has a Scholarship Program available to high school seniors planning to attend a 4-year college or university. Apply at usbank.com/scholarship between now and March. \$1,000 scholarships are drawn at random.
- AXA Achievement Scholarship (Deadline Dec. 1) and AXA Achievement Community Scholarship(Deadline Feb. 1): If you are active in your community, led a project to benefit others, or have overcome personal challenges check out this scholarship at www.axa.achievement.com
- KFC Colonel's Scholars: If you have a GPA of 2.75 or higher, enroll in a college or university pursuing a 4 year degree and have financial need apply at www.kfcscholars.org The window to apply online is December 1-February 8.
- BBB Student of Integrity/(2 awards given at \$2500 each)/2012 BBBStudent of Integrity-Industry and Trades Scholarship(1 award given for \$2500): The Student of Integrity award is offered to students who have demonstrated leadership and ethical values. The Industry and Trades award is for students pursuing post-secondary education in an industrial or technical trade. See Mrs. Frieberg for the applications. The Student of Integrity application is due March 1, 2012 and the Industry and Trades application is due April 2, 2012.
- National Wild Turkey Federation: The Mondovi area Gobblers sponsor 2-\$500 annual scholarships. Applicants must write an essay about the importance of hunting and conservation. See Mrs. Frieberg for application details. Applications are due to Mrs. Frieberg by January 1, 2012.
- Seniors: If your parent is a member of WEAC (Wisconsin Education Association Council) and you plan to pursue education as a career, please see Mrs. Frieberg about the WEAC Scholarship opportunity.

GILMANTON HIGH SCHOOL

1ST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

NOVEMBER 3, 2011

MIDDLE SCHOOL

High Honors (3.75 and higher)

Cameron Bauer
 Julia Branger
 Tessa Brantner
 Hunter Fedie
 Morgan Fillmore
 Hunter Fredrickson
 Rachel Hovey
 Austin Johnson
 Callie Rae Long
 Nicholas Pelke
 Whitney Rud
 Nick Urness
 Johanna Wulff
 Sadie Wulff

Honors (3.5-3.74)

Courtney Evanson
 Derric Gray
 Izaak Killian
 Cheyenne Loewenhagen
 Skylar Newman
 Chandler Plank
 Gabrielle Saul
 Laurissa Walentin

Honorable Mention (3.25-3.49)

Hailey Bork
 Paige DeWitt
 Chandini Lay
 Elizabeth Lay
 Paige Lieberman
 Bryanna Reidt
 Colton Werlein
 Aliyah Walentin

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

High Honors (3.75 and higher)

Tucker Asher
 Devon Bauer
 Taylor Bloom
 Courtney Bork
 Kelsey Burr
 Paige Cooke
 Joshua Hallock
 Alyssa Herbenson
 Jessa Kuba
 Brittany Laehn
 Michelle Lisowski
 Dustin Oesau
 Mariah Peterson
 Tairen Przybelski-Lisowski
 Dylan Reidt
 Katie Reidt
 Kelsey Rudsinski
 Derek Thompson
 Kendra Weinrich

Honors (3.5-3.74)

Morgan Bork
 Desmond Davis
 Karissa Davis
 Weston Gumbert
 Brady Laehn
 Danica Long
 Brooklyn Mueller
 Lena Rey
 Zoey Strain
 Zack Urness

Honorable Mention (3.25-3.49)

Brett DeWitt
 Cody Lay
 Devin Oesau
 Alexis Severson

Did you know that
91% of
Americans eat
turkey on
Thanksgiving Day?

School Closings and Delays

School closings and delays will be called in to the following television and radio stations: WKBT (Ch 8), WEAU (Ch 13), WQOW (Ch 18), WEUX (Ch 25), WAXX (104.5), B95 (95.1), Z100 (100.7), I-94 (94.1), WAYY (790am), WECL (92.9), WMEQ (92.1), WATQ (106.7), WMEQ (880 am), WBIZ (1400 am), WISM (98.1) and WHTL (102.3).

This year NEWS 18 is offering free school closing text messages for all school districts. Parents can sign up at WQOW.com. Click on the Mobile tab.

Information

It is a law that men who turn 18 must register with Selective Service within 30 days of turning 18. You can complete this registration at the following link: <https://www.sss.gov/RegVer/wfRegistration.aspx>

Riverland Energy Cooperative is seeking Youth Ambassadors. Interested juniors can apply by January 20, 2012. Students will serve as youth ambassadors from January 25, 2012 through December 5, 2012. There are five meetings per year held at the Riverland Energy office in Arcadia. Either stop in the office for an application and list of the yearly meetings or visit www.riverlandenergy.com.

NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS

As a parent in the School District of Gilmanton, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers that instruct your child. The federal No Child Left Behind law allows you to request specific information about your child's classroom teachers and requires that your school respond to your request in a timely manner. You have the right to ask for the following information in regard to your child's teachers:

- Whether the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subject he or she teaches.
- Whether the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations, because of special circumstances.
- The teachers' college major; whether the teacher has advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any teacher's assistants or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please call Glen Denk at 946-3158.

Pep Band Schedule

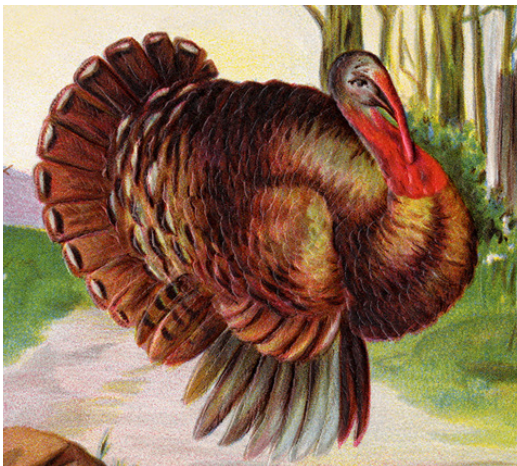
Friday, Dec. 9	Boys	Alma
Tuesday, Dec. 20	Girls	Elmwood
Friday, Jan. 6	Girls	Independence
Friday, Jan. 13	Boys	Eleva-Strum
Monday, Jan. 16	Boys	Immanuel
Tuesday, Jan. 17	Girls	Lincoln
Thursday, Jan. 26	Girls	Blair-Taylor
Friday, Jan. 27	Boys	Whitehall
Monday, Jan. 30	Boys	Mondovi
Tuesday, Jan. 31	Girls	Mel-Min
Thursday, Feb. 9	Girls	Alma
Friday, Feb. 10	Boys	Independence

Students should plan on being at the gym by 6:50 PM. It is important that they let Mr. Seitz know if they cannot attend.

*Did you know that in the
United States about **280 million**
turkeys are sold each year for
Thanksgiving?*

*Find the newsletter
and sports schedules
online at
WWW.GHS.K12.WI.US.*

The School District of Gilmanton does not discriminate against pupils on the basis of sex, race, national origin, religion, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap in its education programs or activities.



-Did you know that it takes **75-80 pounds of feed** to raise a 30 pound turkey?

-Did you know that a turkey's field of vision is about **270°**?

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