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## BOXHOLDER December 2018 Newsletter

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### A NOTE FROM

#### SHARON FRIEDERICK, SCHOOL NURSE

Meningitis is a serious infection of the covering of the brain and the spinal cord. This infection can be treated with antibiotics, however, many people who get this disease die and many are affected for life. This vaccine is highly recommended for adolescents 11-18 years of age. This vaccine is important for people at highest risk, mainly college freshmen living in dormitories. Many colleges and vocational schools require or strongly encourage this vaccine.

Two doses are recommended: the first dose at age 11 or 12 and then a booster dose at age 16. If the first dose is given after the 16th birthday, a booster is not needed.

This vaccine is available at your doctor's office for those with medical insurance. It is available at the Iowa County Health Department for those who are uninsured or who have Badger-Care. To make an appointment to get the vaccine there, please call 930-9870. It is also available at the Grant County Health Department, Lancaster, 8:00-4:30, Monday-Friday, no appointment needed.

### FRIENDLY REMINDER!

The Iowa-Grant School District offers a healthy breakfast at each school daily for our students and staff!

Cost:

\$1.50 for Early Childhood and 4K - Grade 4;

\$1.60 for Grades 5-12;

\$.30 for students who qualify for reduced meals;

Free to students who qualify for free meals;

\$2.30 for Adults



### BLOOD DRIVE DATES

Please mark your calendar for upcoming blood drives: Wednesday, March 7, 2019 and Wednesday, May 8, 2019. The drives run from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM.



Dear Residents:

It is hard to believe winter is in the air and the holidays are approaching quickly. This time of year always causes me to pause and reflect on: my many blessings, my accomplishments, and my goals for the coming year. Since I started as the Superintendent for Iowa-Grant School District on July 1st, I have come to really appreciate this district. I knew that I would like to live in Southwest Wisconsin, and I knew that the people of the district communities were passionate about our schools. The wonderful surprise has been how amazing those people would turn out to be. I give a lot of credit to the Iowa-Grant staff, parents, volunteers, foundations, boosters, and students. I have never been in a district that supports the students and schools so wholeheartedly. It is really appreciated. Thank you for making my family and I welcome here. Also, thank you for partnering with the district to help us to empower all students to reach their full potential.

I believe strongly in the power of relationships, so developing those with all stakeholders has been a priority. Please know that if I haven't had the privilege of meeting you yet, I would still like to. I try to keep my door open as much as possible. Please reach out and connect via phone 608-943-6311 ext 3018 or 608-341-7247, email at shubbard@igs.k12.wi.us, stop by, or set up a meeting.

One area in particular I would appreciate people connecting with me is in regards to this newsletter. Our administrative team is considering changing up this quarterly newsletter to a monthly production which would primarily be sent out via email. Individuals with children in our schools will automatically receive this emailed newsletter, but we will need the emails of anybody else who enjoys reading about the great things the students and staff of Iowa-Grant School District are doing. It may be possible to print some copies of this newsletter as well for those individuals who don't have access to email. We

will need to explore options and your thoughts/feedback would be appreciated in this process. We would be happy to email this newsletter to anybody who requests it. Please reach out to me using the contact information above if you would like to receive our newsletter.

I joined the District at a time that a lot of great projects and initiatives had been started. Contractors had been hired and scheduled to reroof IGEMS. That has since been completed. The first round of Department of Justice Safety Grant Funds had been applied for and plans were underway to use those funds to ensure that our buildings are locked, have surveillance, and have systems to buzz visitors into the buildings. We have continued this good work by carrying out these plans, applying for the second round of grant funds, receiving those funds, and starting those projects.

Meanwhile, the school year started. Our students and teachers came back to school pushing themselves to be lifelong learners who are prepared to compete in an ever-changing global society. This is a part of our mission statement and we witness the fruit of that labor when our students are successful. Some of the evidence of that success this year include: our girls volleyball team was the Division 4 Regional Champs, a member of our cross country team, Nick Connolly, represented Iowa-Grant at state for the second year in a row, and the recent production of the musical, "Secrets Every Traveler Should Know." Jamie Nutter, CESA 3 Agency Administrator, has started the school board and I on a journey reconsidering the goals and priorities. The board narrowed the priorities down to the following items: Close the Achievement Gap, Resources for teachers students staff, Commitment to excellence in everything you do, Positive working environment, Make learning fun with the use of the four R's (Rigor, Relevance, Relationships, and Resilience.) This is still a work in progress. We will eventually have goals which are SMART

goals. SMART stands for: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time Sensitive. This will be a collaborative process which will involve the school board, teaching staff, and possibly other interested district partners.

Wisconsin District Report Cards for the 2017-2018 school year went out on November 13. Individuals can view report cards at [dpi.wi.gov](http://dpi.wi.gov). The Iowa-Grant School District saw a respectable increase in our overall score from the previous year. For the 2017-2018 school year, the district meets expectations with a score of 72.1. This score was up from 66.4 for the 2016-2017 school year. My sense is that the momentum is there and we are anxious to continue this upward trend. Exceeds expectations was just 0.9 out of our reach this year (we would have needed a score of 73 to exceed expectations.) With the hard work and commitment toward excellence that I see everyday in our buildings, I suspect that we will have even better news to report a year from now!

I am passionate about connecting resources with needs. It is wonderful to see all of the ways that people have found to be a resource to the students and staff of Iowa-Grant School District. These connections make this community partnership work. If you have a passion for helping kids or would like to offer your talents or resources, please reach out to me. I value this partnership. I hope that I can be helpful and collaborative to anybody who reaches out to me.

Stephanie Hubbard, Superintendent

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Another year is already almost half over and we have had a great start of the year. The first quarter is already behind us and Christmas is fast approaching. We have many things going on at school so please make sure to check the school's calendar, website and Facebook page and become involved with the many things that the district has to offer.

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Parents/guardians, please make sure you are continually checking your child's attendance, grades and schedule on PowerSchool. If you forgot how to access this important information, please contact Mrs. Brennum in the high school office. It is the district's goal for each student to reach their full potential and with everyone working together that goal will be reached. Requiring good student attendance, insisting on punctuality, supporting teacher expectations and monitoring class work are significant ways parents help to ensure student success. Great communication is a necessity, so please contact your child's teachers or myself if you have any questions.

Mr. Zwick and Mr. Larsen led our students in this year's musical, *Secrets Every Smart Traveler Should Know*. The cast included: Sydney Lundell, Samantha McLeer, Isabelle Harwick, Lauren Harmening, Allyson Cullen, Lucas Oyen, Hannah Maughan, Carissa Varholik, Nathan Daniels, Teris Baker, Emma Cullen, Mariah Blum, Elly Lindner, Lillian Drew and Sawyer Dobson. The crew included: Stage Manager - Faylea Cartwright; Lights-Hannah Cammack and Sara Buckhaus; Set Painters - Mariah Blum, Faylea Cartwright, Sawyer Dobson, Abby Fowell, Marijah Kammes, Kora Kite, Elly Lindner, Ivy Lindner, Hannah Maughan and Treven Trace. Stage Crew - Hannah McCracken, Abby Fowell, Montanna Freymiller, Hailey Howell, Marissa Hahn, Marijah Kammes, Kora Kite, Jay Schaefer, Sage Soman, Courtney Spease and Brena Straka. Please congratulate Mr. Zwick, Mr. Larsen and the entire cast and crew for their hard work and performance.

This year the high school building is excited to provide juniors access to Method Test Prep, an online course that helps students build their math, reading, writing, and ACT test prep skills. Juniors can access this through their Career Cruising accounts. Students can listen to math, verbal and writing tutorials and each tutorial is accompanied by a quiz to test student mastery. The

program is highly adaptive and keeps track of a student's strengths and weaknesses. Students have access to a large pool of practice questions and receive instant feedback upon completion of each question. This feedback includes easy-to-understand explanations. We are planning on having Juniors work on the program in school during Encore time as we get closer to the February ACT date. I also recommend that juniors spend time at home working on this program to better prepare themselves for the ACT. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Benish or myself.

The spring season wrapped up at the end of October. The football team, under the direction of Coach Gary Allen, worked hard all year and just missed the playoffs. Coach Marla Simon and the volleyball team made it to the Sectional semi-finals of the WIAA tournament before being defeated by River Ridge. The team worked very hard and accomplished a lot including a Regional Championship! Great job girls! Coach Winkler and the cross-country team did an awesome job this year and worked very hard all year. Please congratulate Nicholas Connolly for making to state in Cross Country for the second year in a row. He finished 35th at State. Awesome job Nicholas! I would also like to congratulate the Iowa-Grant cheerleaders and Coach Harwick for the wonderful job this year. The girls did a great job in cheering on our teams, preparing signs and posters and being good role models for the crowd. Please take the time to approach the coaching staff and our young men and women who participated this year in football, volleyball, cross country and cheerleading and congratulate them on their seasons. I would also like to thank Mrs. Gile and the high school band for playing pep band for the home games. The band's performance was outstanding and I always enjoy listening to them during home events. Finally, I would like to thank the student section, parents and fans that attended our events this year. We had wonderful support for our stu-

dent athletes during the fall and I hope that this continues. Thank you to everyone. It is my hope that we continue this great behavior and atmosphere into the winter and spring seasons.

Winter sports have already started so please check the school website and the school's Facebook page for events. A special thank you goes out to the Iowa-Grant Booster Clubs who are always supporting our school district. I would also like to thank all the businesses and community members who constantly support the district. Without great people and organizations like we have in our district, many of the things we offer and do would not be possible.

As hunting season is upon us, it is crucial that parents remind their student hunters to remove all ammunition and weapons from vehicles that will be on school grounds. School district policy 443.6 states, "No one shall possess a weapon on school property, on a school bus or at any school-sponsored activity." For policy purposes, a weapon is defined as "any object that by its design and/or use can cause bodily injury or property damage." It further states, "students and employees violating this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with established procedures and shall be referred to law enforcement officials for prosecution." Please make sure that your student has cleared vehicles, bags and pockets of any prohibited items.

I would like to briefly talk about attendance. Attendance is a priority to ensure student success. The more class time a student misses the more difficult it is for the student to keep up with the content in class. Not only is attendance a must for success, it is state law that students must be in school. State law allows parents/guardians to excuse their children from school in writing and in advance for a total of ten days during the entire school year. Please attempt to schedule appointments during times school is not in session. I do

understand it is impossible to schedule everything outside of the school day, but the fewer days missed the less likely that your child will fall behind academically. After a parent/student has used up the ten allowed days, only doctor excuses will be accepted. School sponsored events do not count towards the ten days allowed.

It has been a great start of the year. Please continue to be part of your child's education and stress the importance of respect, communication, integrity, attendance, and working beyond capabilities and expectations. Every day we have Encore built into the schedule. This time was created to give students the ability to access teachers 27 minutes five days a week. I hope everyone has a great holiday break and a wonderful year. My office door is always open and please feel free to contact me at any time. Go Panthers!

Chris Gotto, High School Principal

## IGSD WELCOMES OREGON MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Iowa-Grant School District is excited about our new partnership with Oregon Mental Health Services as they begin offering counseling services for our IG students and families. OMHS has been serving multiple school districts in southwest Wisconsin for a number of years and we are appreciative of this wonderful therapeutic opportunity. Psychotherapists will be seeing clients in the IGEMS or High School Building on Thursdays. Referrals can be made by contacting Jackie Benish – High School Counselor (608) 943-6312 Ext: 2012 or Jennifer Leaser – Elementary/Middle School Counselor (608) 943-6312 Ext: 1015. Parents/Guardians may also contact OMHS directly at (608) 835-5050.

Information about OMHS and their providers: Oregon Mental Health Services (OMHS), LLC, is a counseling resource for people in the Madison, Oregon, and Dodgeville, Wisconsin areas that are desiring a more mean-

ingful way of living-within themselves and with each other. We have recently branched out to support southwest Wisconsin area school districts in providing additional mental health services to students and families. We seek to help individuals reach their highest potential through safe, compassionate interventions, and support. Our staff work with a variety of life's challenges including, but not limited to: depression and anxiety, trauma, behavioral issues, grief, LGBTQ issues, relationship concerns, family transitions, bi-polar disorder, and other biologically based illness.

It is our mission to provide therapy services to all populations in settings that best fit one's needs. By providing therapy services in schools, we hope to make resources more accessible while raising awareness of mental health. We focus on a collaborative approach--staying connected with school staff, other professionals, and outside supports are important in our process to facilitate change and help navigate life's challenges.

We are excited to be a part of your community!

## FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to our 2018 First Quarter Honor Roll students for all your hard work!

### Distinguished Honors Freshmen

Teris Baker	Dylan Bingham
Mariah Blum	Grace Clark
Jacqueline Hawes	Grace Lenz
Zachary Kohlenberg	Reid Lundell
MaKayla Pilling	Payton Schmitz
Treyton Starkey	Ella Wolff

### Sophomores

Nicholas Connolly	Luke Fillback
David Heene	Isaac Hill
Logan Hubbard	Elly Lindner
Hazel Klosterman	Taylor Runde
Lauren Linscheid	Sage Soman
Brena Straka	Brie Straka

### Juniors

Faylea Cartwright	Jay Schaefer
Carter Christianson	Colin Steffl
Samantha McLeer	

### Seniors

Sarah Buckhaus	Alexis Busse
Haylee Casper	Carter Grim
Lauren Harmening	Cobb Hubbard
Alec Zimmer	Parker Velte
Samantha Richards	Hunter Silvers
Grayson Stivarius	
Herolyn Klosterman	

### High Honors

#### Freshmen

Emma Cullen	Abigail Fowell
Montanna Freymiller	Cade Kuhls
Mackenzie Leitzinger	
Alexa Zoha	
Cortney Fiedler-Fosbinder	

#### Sophomores

Lillian Drew	Ryan Esser
Hannah Maughan	Mya McCarthy
Eduardo Lacerda	
Andrew Winders	

#### Juniors

Isaac Albaugh	Sawyer Dobson
Olivia Liddicoat	Sydney Lundell
Matthew Phillips	Keagan Pilling
Joanna Spurley	Carissa Varholik
Gabriel Vivian	Matthew Winders

#### Seniors

Allyson Cullen	Madelyn Hunt
Ashton Miura	Alexis Miura
Parker Roth	Kylie Washburn
Dakota Kohlenberg	Thomas Maughan

#### Honors

##### Freshmen

Arianna Barr	James Johnson
Kora Kite	Cole Rundell
Owen Rundell	Savannah Vivian
Ava Wendhausen	

##### Sophomores

Tatum Kite	Lucas Oyen
Austin Thoma	

##### Juniors

Allison Bickford	Ross Havlik
Kenzie Oakes	Michael Winders
Maci Stevens	
Tristan Stanton-Johnson	

##### Seniors

Ethan Rundell	
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# IGEMS News

## WHAT'S NEW AT IGEMS THIS YEAR?

Dear Panther Communities and Families,

As always, IGEMS is a very busy place. We have several new programs and opportunities for our young Panthers this year.

As you may have noticed, we have incorporated a new **IGEMS Monthly Newsletter** to connect our school, families, and communities. We are able to post our newsletter on Facebook, the district website, and send via email link. We hope you are enjoying the news about the many happenings at IGEMS.

**WIN Time** is time in each student's day for **What I Need**. Rather than focusing on just re-teaching and practicing skills that students do not know, we are focusing on expanding their skills with new topics and challenges to promote higher thinking skills, greater student interest, and expanding our instruction to meet the needs of our middle and high achieving students too. WIN Time at IGEMS means homework help, practicing skills, exploring learning apps, and new educational opportunities.

Our new **Backpack Food Program** will begin in December. In the past, parents have inquired about starting a program that would send a few meals home with some students on Fridays. Parents are busy, some working two jobs and long hours. Unfortunately, some children are home without meals on weekends. Ms. Delaney Orr is organizing our program at IGEMS and we hope to kick off the program in December. If you would like to donate or be part of the program, please send me an email or call my office. We are fortunate to have such kind and generous people helping our students. We are looking for start-up donations of food or money. One-serving food items, such as cereal bowls/boxes, soup, ravioli, applesauce cups, fruit cups, juice boxes, easy mac, popcorn, and small bags of crackers are needed.

We are guiding our students to handle adversity in a variety of ways. Ms. Leeser, our new School Counselor, has been creating lessons for our K-6 students on the **Zones of Regulation**, a framework of colors and feelings and skills to foster self-regulation and emotional control. Students identify their emotional state with a color chart and practice taking control of their emotions and resolving issues. Ms. Leeser has also started a **Growth Mindset** revolution at IGEMS in which we challenge students to believe that they are in control of their own abilities and every student can learn and improve. Hard work, effort, and persistence are important, but believing that you can grow and learn something every day is

the key to success. Lastly, we are empowering our students to **Stand Up to Bullying** through programs like **Duct Tape's Be Kind: Stick Together Against Bullying**, **Project Love**, and the **Children's Hospital's Act Now! Program**. We encourage students to be kind, caring individuals every day. When others are mean or rude, we encourage our students to say STOP, tell the student(s) that you don't like it, and if it doesn't stop, tell an adult.

Finally, we are trying to better connect the community with our school and its educational adventures. We often hear, "What do you need?" or "How can we help?" We have an energized staff that believe in making IGEMS the best it can be. We are always looking for ways to spark creativity and ingenuity. You will notice many creative building items on our new online **IGEMS Wish List**. You can view our Wish List items at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4BAAAD2FA5F85-igems2> or call me and I will mail or email a list. We are always grateful for your support!

Best wishes for a very happy, healthy holiday season,

Robyn Oberfoell, Principal Grades 2-8



## USBORNE BOOKS & SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Book Fair at IGEMS is not possible without remarkable volunteers. Whether it is the first fair or the 100th fair they have worked, they make the experience a great one for our students, staff and families. Each book purchased benefits our teachers and students. New books for classroom libraries, subscriptions to classroom newspapers and teaching resources are just a few of the things the students and staff enjoy after a successful bookfair. Usborne books also gives back 50% of the profit from the sales. Meagan Johnson left us will over \$500 worth of the finest entertaining and educational children's books in the marketplace today. Keep on reading, and we'll see you at our Buy One Get One Free Fair in April!



## MONTFORT VFW ESSAY CONTEST

Audrey Rowe, an 8th grader, was recently chosen as the winner of the Montfort VFW's essay contest. Audrey wrote a 300-400 word essay on *Why I Honor the American Flag*. Her essay will now advance to the district competition. The VFW representatives presented Audrey a \$50 check at the Veterans' Day program held at IGEMS on Monday. Congratulations to Audrey!



## 1ST READING MILLIONAIRE

Hope Connolly, an 8th grader, has been busy reading over the summer and since school started. Hope became our first reading millionaire after the third week of school. She became a two millionaire by the nine week period! The reading teachers at IGEMS challenge students to read one million words. Studies have shown that students who read a million words or more in a school year are stronger academically and score better on tests. Let's keep reading, Panthers!

## WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR OUR LION/LIONESS/LEO CLUBS

The Iowa-Grant Lions Club, Cobb Lions Club, and the Cobb Lioness Club are all affiliated with Lions Clubs International. The main objectives of LCI are: 1) Vision, 2) Hearing, 3) Diabetes Awareness, and 4) Childhood Cancer, as well as providing other services to the community. The local clubs collect old eyeglasses and hearing aids and have them properly recycled and reused. We also provide vision screening at IGEMS and can help with any families in need of glasses for their children who are not covered by insurance. We also provide money to help send kids to Lions Camp in the summer for students who are visually impaired, hearing impaired, diabetic, and cognitively disabled. We provide opportunities for benefits to help local

people or groups in need and scholarships to graduating Iowa-Grant seniors. We also do many projects and fundraisers to benefit our local villages and fill needs in the community. These community organizations are also the sponsors of the Iowa-Grant LEO Club at IGHS. Special thanks to Mr. Bucky Boland who organizes our school efforts and connects our school with these amazing groups.

## WANTED: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Do you have a 2-year or 4-year degree and want to help students learn? We would like you to consider joining our IG team and attend the CESA 3 Substitute Teacher Training on Tuesday, January 29, 2019. The cost is \$90.00 and register soon. This training is designed to provide critical information for potential substitute teachers. Participants must currently possess an Associate and/or Bachelor's Degree to be eligible for a substitute teaching permit issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Topics to be covered will include: Applicable state laws for classroom teachers, classroom management techniques, lesson planning, techniques for delivery of instruction, "Survival" techniques, tips for communication within the district, and opportunities for interaction between workshop participants.

## LOTS OF LOST & FOUND AT IGEMS

If you're missing any of your child's clothing, please make sure to stop out to look through our lost and found rack to see if it's there. We have many items of clothing collected already early in the school year. Reminder to put initials on clothing so we can return it to its owner when found.

## IOWA-GRANT MIDDLE SCHOOL 1ST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

### Honors

AIDE, MASON 8  
BARTOLO-RIVERA, LESLIE 8  
CORDTS, JALYSSA 8  
GARCIA, YESSICA 8  
GRINDEY, MATTHEW 8  
KEMPF, SAMUEL 8  
LOEFFELHOLZ, BLAKE 8  
MILESTONE, SKYE 8  
PARADIS, JENNA 8  
PITTMAN, GARY 8  
SEARLS, JULIA 8  
SHEMAK, BEKKA 8  
STASKAL, GRACIE 8  
CULLEN, MEAGAN 7  
CUTTS, BENTLEY 7  
DOWELL, CONNOR 7  
FISHER, AMIAH 7  
FREYMILLER, NIKOLEI 7  
HOLMAN, BRACH 7  
LINDNER, KADEN 7  
LINSCHIED, ELYSE 7  
PETTIT, LILLIAN 7  
ROCKWELL, MATTHEW 7  
STEFFL, CYLE 7

### High Honors

ALBAUGH, GRIFFIN 8  
CONNOLLY, HOPE 8  
HOEPER, JONAH 8  
KABAT, KENNEDY 8  
KEMNITZER, INDIGO 8  
LINDNER, CADEN 8  
LINDNER, IVY 8  
MUNSON, KENADIE 8  
RAMOS, FERNANDO 8  
ROGSTAD, MADELYN 8  
ROWE, AUDREY 8  
RUNDE, ASHLEY 8  
SCHAFER, LAIGHTON 8  
SHORES, CAMERON 8  
THOMA-BLANKENBERG, ALEXIS 8  
VOLENEC, ELIZABETH 8  
WETTER, CAITLYN 8  
WHITAKER, EVIE 8  
ZIMMER, ELLA 8  
JELLE, ADRIANA 7  
MCCARTHY, MAKAYA 7  
MOEN, EMMERSON 7  
RICKARD, RACHEL 7  
SCHMITZ, ASHTON 7  
STECKLEIN, RYLEE 7  
VIVIAN, LILLIANA 7  
VOLENEC, SOPHIE 7  
WARNE, LILLIAN 7  
WETZEL, LANDON 7

## Join 4-H Today!!!



4-H provides opportunities for youth to acquire life skills to become responsible adults by learning how to make good choices, leadership skills, public speaking, goal setting, working as a team with adults and other youth, communication, and time management skills.

Adult 4-H volunteers help youth plan, organize, and conduct meetings, projects, and activities while guiding youth members in a positive direction.

Iowa County 4-H re-enrollment is taking place right now through the end of the year! New enrollments can take place any time throughout the year.

**How do you join?** There are three 4-H clubs in the Iowa-Grant School area. Contact one of these 4-H general leaders for more 4-H information. Join today!

Cobb Busy Badgers	Paula Daentl	623-2731
Rewey Lucky Stars	Shelly Osterndorff	943-6492
Kountry Kousins	Karen Parish	623-2110

## School Bus Driver Needed

### Apply Now

-  You'll never forget the students you drove for.
-  You won't just be their driver, you'll be their role model. "Shaping the future."
-  Support IG sports! Drive our teams to victory!
-  No CDL? We can help you get started with this adventure of a lifetime!
-  Training provided

Contact the Iowa Grant Bus Garage for more details or to receive an application!  
(608) 943-6781

