

Germantown Hills School District #69



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Celebrate



Tuesday, December 5:

Progress Band Concert
(JDS Gym 7:00 p.m.)



Tuesday, December 12:

Concert Band & Chorus
(JDS Gym 7:00 p.m.)



Thursday, December 14:

2nd Grade Musical
(MTHS Auditorium 7:00 pm)

The District #69 newsletter is sent out monthly. Any inquiries about the newsletter may be made to any school office or directly to the newsletter coordinator Jean Wilmarth (wilmarth@ghills69.com). Non-Profit Community Events will be included as space allows. All articles for the newsletter must be submitted by noon on the deadline date.

A Message from Mr. Mair...

Dear Germantown Hills School District Family and Friends,

The holidays are a special time for us to celebrate the season with the good news of hope, love and joy. While enjoying this holiday season, it is my wish that the students, staff, parents and community members of Germantown Hills School District 69 receive and return the blessings that make these days truly special. It is also during this time that I am reminded of my own good fortune to serve as the superintendent of Germantown Hills School District. We are privileged to have students who are motivated and enthusiastic as well as teachers and staff who are experts in their profession and who have a well-earned reputation of being caring and empathetic.

Especially during the holiday season, our efforts and thoughts turn to giving. The season affords all of us a great opportunity to reflect on our blessings and realize the true meaning of the season. The staff and students of District 69 are very busy at this time of the year with schoolwork, performances and events. Even with all of this, our students, both as individuals and as members of clubs, generously give of their time, talent and money to help ensure the holidays are enjoyed by all. I am amazed and humbled at the abundance and wide variety of giving that takes place amongst our students. It is truly a blessing to be a part of a school community so grounded in the spirit of the holidays.

As the new year approaches let us focus on renewal and raising expectations for more learning and personal success for all who are affiliated with our school district. We will also keep in mind those of us we know and don't know who will be spending the holidays under less fortunate circumstances. It is my hope that you enjoy the time with much laughter, love and good health during the holiday season and throughout 2018!

Happy Holidays!

Dan Mair, Superintendent
Germantown Hills School District #69



News from the District #69 Office

Emergency School Closing Information

In the event that school cannot be held because of weather or emergency conditions, all families with **CORRECT** phone information in Skyward will be notified via an automated phone call as soon as the decision is made. **School closings will also appear on the district website as soon as a decision is made.** Additionally, WHOI, WEEK, and WMBD local television stations will be contacted in time for the 10:00 p.m. and/or 7:00 a.m. news.

Also, please note that our district will not always close just because the high school and/or other area school districts do.



<http://ghills.metamora.k12.il.us>

If no announcement is made, school will be held!

Baby, it's Cold Outside!



Parents, please remember to check what outerwear your children are wearing to school during the winter months. Most of our students must wait outside for the bus, and, unless it is raining or the wind chill is below zero, all students go outdoors daily for noon recess. Children in the lower grades have an additional recess period as well.

Students should always have a winter coat, gloves or mittens, and some type of hat to wear for recess. If there is snow on the ground, only students with snow boots will be permitted off the blacktop during recess. Snow pants are recommended for the younger students in addition to boots. Part of the joy of an Illinois winter is getting to play in the snow, but it's no fun sitting the rest of the day with cold, soggy pants or socks!



Tis the Season...



We are so proud of the students in our district during this season of giving! During the annual November Metamora-Germantown Hills area food pantry drive, which was held at both schools, our students and their families raised over \$2100!

In addition, our Kdg-8th grade students raised over \$4300 for the Greater Peoria Honor Flight's "Nets for Vets" program, then enjoyed a day in PE shooting hoops with some area veterans.

In this season of celebration, the best gift we can give our children is to teach them to give and share with others in the community. In giving, we truly receive the best gift of all. Thank you, everyone who generously gave in order to make the lives of others a little better.



Christmas Vacation December 21-January 3

Classroom Parties December 20
Classes resume Thursday, Jan. 4



Kindergarten Registration



Mark your calendars for Kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year, to be held on the following dates:

- ◆ Tuesday, February 6 (5:00-8:00 p.m.)
- ◆ Thursday, February 8 (5:00-8:00 p.m.)
- ◆ Saturday, February 10 (9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

Registration information, including detailed directions & forms to print, may be found on the district website. If you know of a family with pre-school aged children who may not see the school newsletter, please share this important information with them.

Germantown Hills PTO



Thank you to everyone who helped with the 39th Annual PTO Craft & Vendor Fair on November 4. We had a sold-out crowd! All vendor and crafter booths were filled, and the parking lots were overflowing with shoppers all day!

Thank you to this year's coordinator Kristina Herrick, and to the district's custodial staff for all their work setting up for this enormous event. Thank you to all our crafters and vendors who make this annual event so successful every year.

If you are interested in being a crafter or vendor at next year's show, please visit our PTO page for information.

Need a break from the drudgery of cooking dinner every night, especially during the hectic holidays? Are you all about helping the PTO raise money to support our schools and our children's education? Here's your opportunity to do both:

Thursday, December 14

District #69 PTO Night

Kouri's ~ Germantown Hills

5-9 pm

10% profits to benefit PTO!

Hope to see you there!



45th ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



The GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club would like to invite you to our 45th Annual Breakfast with Santa, to be held on Saturday, December 9, 2017, from 9-11a.m. at the Metamora Grade School, 815 East Chatham Street, Metamora.

We hope that you will join us this year for all the fun. Doors will open at 8:45 a.m., with Santa arriving at 9 a.m. The morning will include a visit from Santa, be sure to bring your camera if you would like a photo. Children may visit Elf Stations where they can participate in several craft projects. There will an exciting raffle with something for everyone. Door prizes will be given away every 15 minutes. In the kitchen we will be serving donuts, bagels, milk, juice, and coffee until 10:30 a.m.

Tickets are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. Tickets may also be purchased at Metamora Pharmacy or through club members. All proceeds will benefit local charities and community needs. We look forward to seeing you there!