

Germantown Hills School District #69



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(Lunch menus are posted on the district website)

Happy



Thanksgiving

...a note from the editor

Due to the holidays, the next newsletter is December & January combined. The deadline for articles to be submitted is November 11th.



Dear Germantown Hills School District Families:

As you know, our nation celebrates the contributions of past and present members of our nation's military on November 11th. When planning the school calendar for this year, our teachers and administrators felt it would be best to conduct school on Veterans Day in order to take the opportunity to truly honor those men and women who have served in our military. Again this year, we will be in session for Veterans Day. We have also once again planned a district-wide assembly for grades 1-8 to honor our nation's veterans. We are also inviting all relatives of students who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces as well as other local veterans. The assembly will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the JDS Gymnasium at the middle school. We anticipate the assembly taking about an hour. At 11:00 a.m., we are inviting all of our veteran guests to a luncheon sponsored by Michael's Italian Feast at the Monte Cristo Room in Germantown Hills. In order to accommodate as many veterans as possible, we have to limit the luncheon to veterans and a guest. If your child has a relative who is a veteran and would like to attend the assembly and luncheon, please RSVP by November 4th to Michele Russell at 383-2121 (opt. 3) or by email at russellm@ghills69.com. During the week of Veterans Day, additional activities will take place in the classrooms in order to educate our students of the sacrifices made by those who have served.



In closing, on behalf of the staff and students of Germantown Hills School district, I would like to thank all of those who have served in the armed forces.

Sincerely,
Dan Mair, Superintendent

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 (19), WEEK (25), and WMBD (31) 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!



Is your “tweenager” forgetting to keep you ‘in the loop’ with what’s going on?

The Junior High [Daily Announcements](#) are posted online every day! [Junior High homework assignments](#) are posted daily as well. Just check the district website’s main page for links.

Next School Board meeting is Monday, November 14th



November Holidays:

Please note the following “**NO SCHOOL**” days for November:

- Wednesday, November 23—Thanksgiving
- Thursday, November 24—Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 25—Thanksgiving



The District #69 2016-2017 Budget is available for viewing on the district website. Click on “About the District” then “District 69 Annual Budget”. The Illinois State Board of Education School District 2015-2016 “Report Card” will be available on the school website beginning **November 2**. Click on “About the District”, then “District #69 Report Card” to view. For questions, please contact Maureen Braskich, Secretary to the Superintendent, at 383-2121, option 5.

School Bus Stop Arm Regulations



Now that school is back in full swing, the district would like to remind everyone that it is illegal for vehicles to pass a school bus from either direction while the bus is stopped to pick up or discharge students. As long as the red overhead bus warning lights are flashing or while the stop arm is extended and the stop arm lights are flashing, passing a bus is a violation of the law. Vehicles are required to stop until the bus stop arm is retracted. This law applies to the area in front of the Middle School as well as to all roadways. Our bus drivers depend on you to obey the bus stop arm law in order to insure safe transportation of our children to and from school. Any violation of the stop arm law will be reported by our bus drivers to the state police.

8th Grade Fannie May Fundraiser

The Class of 2017 would like to thank everyone who purchased Fannie May candy during our annual class trip fundraiser. Nearly 100 students were out selling candy in and around Germantown Hills. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to meet our fundraising goal again this year. If you ordered candy, your delivery is on its way just in time for the holidays. Make checks out to "GHMS". Thank you, and enjoy that Fannie May! Yum!

GHMS Student Council

GHMS Student Council nominations and peer elections took place in September in all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade homerooms. Fifteen students will represent and recruit students from their homerooms to participate in events and service activities at school as well as the community at large.

The purpose of Student Council is to encourage good citizenship, positive attitudes, and school spirit. Student Council helps to develop leadership skills and promotes active engagement in school and community among our young people. The council has already been helpful with the PTO chicken dinner fundraiser, and will be involved with the upcoming holiday food drive. Student Council members have teamed up with the Anti-bullying Task Force in planning daily events for Red Ribbon Week which is a nation-wide anti-drug event during the last week of October. Student Council members will be called on throughout the school year to serve others and to encourage their classmates to become involved in school and community events.

"Rock n' Roll Forever" 4th Grade Musical

"A-Wop-Bop-a-Loo-Bop-a-Wop-Bam-BOOM"!



Germantown Hills 4th graders are headed back to the 50's and 60's for this year's fall musical, "Rock n' Roll Forever". With music from Elvis, the Beatles, Beach Boys, Chordettes, and more, the class will show us how rock n' roll began. It's sure to be a toe-tapping show the whole family will enjoy! So, mark your calendars for the annual 4th grade musical Thursday, November 3rd, 7 pm at MTHS—you won't want to miss this fun night! Hope to see you there!



Honor Roll & Arrow Awards

The junior high Honor Roll & Arrow Awards are now posted on the district website. To view, click on the "Honor Roll & Arrow Award" button on the main page. Additionally, parents are reminded of several other important links to help communicate information to you:

- Junior High Assignment Notebook
- Eighth Grade Information
- Character Education dates
- WEEK School Closings
- Classroom Websites (not all teachers maintain a website)
- School Counselor
- Lunch Menus



Germantown Hills PTO

39th Annual P.T.O. Craft & Vendor Show Saturday, November 5!

9 a.m.-3 p.m.



Crafts of all kinds will fill the Middle School at the 39th annual P.T.O. Craft & Vendor Show Saturday, November 5th. This annual holiday kick-off event is not to be missed! In addition to crafts, we'll feature products from Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, and Scentsy just to name a few.

Doors open at 9 a.m. We've got over 125 crafters & vendors signed up again this year, so you're sure to find something for your home or to give as a gift. Concessions will be available for lunch or snacks. Get a head start on your holiday decorating and gift giving, and join us for this fabulous event! See you there!



Come early ~ stay late!

Lunch/Concessions will be available

Want to get involved?

Sign up to help with PTO Fundraisers!
Check our website for details.

Save the Date!

PTO Warrior Gala



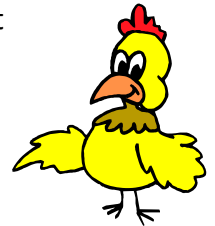
The 4th Annual Warrior Gala will be held Saturday, February 25, 2017 at Metamora Fields. Last year, this event raised well over \$10,000 for the school! Donations are needed for the Silent Auction.

Watch for upcoming information
as the date approaches!

Winner Winner Chicken Dinner!

Thank you to everyone who ordered Nelson's chicken dinners again this year, and thanks as well to everyone who helped distribute dinners at this annual DELICIOUS fundraiser! We couldn't do it without your help!!

Sincerely,
Your PTO Board



Missing Anything?

Lunch boxes, Gym suits, and shoes! OH MY!



All kinds of student items are **lost** at school and waiting to be **found** and returned to their homes! **Lost & Found bins** are located in each school office or lobby. Items not claimed are donated to charity at the end of each semester.

GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club to Meet November 28

The GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club will meet on Monday, November 28, at the Germantown Hills Fire Department. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The business meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Conservation Program will be hosting the meeting.

The Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club is an organization for all women 18 years of age or older. The club is a non-profit, volunteer organization whose purpose is to improve social, moral, and educational conditions in our community and state, to encourage personal growth, and to foster lasting friendships. They achieve these goals in collaboration with the General Federation of Women's Club, one of the world's largest and oldest women's volunteer community service organizations. They were founded in 1890 and are headquartered in Washington, DC. GFWC has more than 100,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state and over a dozen countries. The GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills has been a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs since 1971.

For more information about the club, please contact Rebecca Johnson, membership chairman, at [618-401-8380](tel:618-401-8380), Donna Cross, co-president at 383-4843, or Kathleen Tyralla, co-president at 383-4090 or check out their Facebook page.



44th ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The GFWC Illinois Metamora-Germantown Hills Junior Woman's Club would like to invite you to our 44th Annual Breakfast with Santa, to be held on Saturday, December 10, 2016, from 9-11 a.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 beginning November 1, or through club members. To order your tickets, please complete the form below and send, along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and a check payable to MGH JWC by November 28, 2016 to: M-GH JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB; P O BOX 954; METAMORA, IL 61548-0954

All proceeds will benefit local charities and community needs. We look forward to seeing you there!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA RESERVATION FORM	
NAME _____	PHONE # _____
# OF TICKETS _____	(x \$4.00) = TOTAL \$ _____