



## BOXHOLDER Aug-Sept 2017 Newsletter

# Panther Press

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### Honors Freshmen

Allison Bickford	Kylie Cutts
Jason Sedbrook	Maci Stevens
Abigail Udelhoven	Gabriel Vivian
Tristan Stanton-Johnson	Michael Winders

### Sophomores

Allyson Cullen	Herolyn Klosterman
Thomas Maughan	Hunter Silvers
Trinity Spurley	

### Juniors

Clint Havlik	Matthew Hill
Clayton Kite	Kaleb Liddicoat
Timothy Stoney	

### Seniors

Travis Arndt	Charles Christianson
Jordan Cox	Morgan Eisele
Alyssa Miura	Thomas Reuter
Jaynie Rule	Sawyer Sarbacker
Max Stivarius	Lauren Winkler

### 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 the upcoming blood drives: Monday, November 20, 2017; Wednesday, March 14, 2018 and Wednesday, May 9, 2018. The drives run from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM.



Dear District Residents:

We have again had a busy summer with two remodeling projects at the high school. By the time you read this, we will have had the high school flat roof sloped and resurfaced. The steel girding will have been installed below the roof in the interior on the south side. The girding was necessary to bring the structure up to snow bearing code. With the slope, puddling of water will be reduced and the melting snow will have somewhere to go. We should be free of interior leaking. The four bathrooms will have been remodeled and are expected to be completed before the end of August. All of these restrooms will now be handicapped accessible. We have two football events in August, and spectators may have to use the restrooms at the IGEMS building instead of at the high school. After that, our next home game is September 8th with Homecoming on the 22nd of September.

Asbestos removal is completed and the new epoxy floors have been installed. The asbestos remediation project has been going on for several years. We are nearing the end of the remediation with the office area being the last asbestos project needing to be done.

The IGEMS building saw only minimal work with some carpet replacement. The next big project is the resurfacing of the IGEMS roof which is scheduled for the summer of 2018. Following that project, we will see parking lot drainage issues and asphalt resurfacing addressed at the high school. We have a series of big ticket issues to address over the next several years and are thankful to our citizens for approving the last referendum which focused on operating expenses including facility maintenance costs.

State aid estimates were received on July 1st. By statute, the DPI must use the best available information to give districts a preliminary figure for their budgeting purposes. Final amounts

will not be known until October. State aid is figured on a number of indicators including equalized property value, student population, and previous year's expenditures. Iowa-Grant received an estimate of state aid that is about \$116,000 more than last year. The estimate did not include any increase that may ultimately be decided when the legislature completes it work on the 2017-19 biennial budget. The mill rate at this juncture is projected to be 12.42, down from last year's 12.6.

Transportation costs will be increasing by about 1.3%, and health insurance costs will increase by about 4%. Our property insurance premium increased again but not as much as last year. We switched to Chubb Insurance for our property coverage since the longevity of the Local Government Property Insurance Fund continues to be in doubt.

Other improvements and opportunities in the school district are the result of investments from our community members and groups. The Booster Club and Music Parents continue to support the school through trips, instruments, uniforms and equipment. These groups have been invaluable partners in providing opportunities for our students. Local businesses have supported the school through donations for needed items. Our Parent/Teacher Club worked hard to raise enough money to replace some of our outdated playground equipment at IGEMS and to provide other needed items at the IGEMS building. The PTC, the Iowa-Grant Education Foundation, the HS Student Council, and individual donors have made many IGEMS and IGHS interior and exterior improvements possible. Not all districts can claim this kind of broad and important community support. We continue to be very grateful to all of you.

Linda Erickson, Superintendent

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As the summer winds down and a new school year approaches, I hope you have found time to relax and enjoy the summer season. The summer seems to have flown by and the high school building has been busy with different activities all summer. I am looking forward to another successful school year and seeing the students and staff getting back into the swing of things. We have many things going on at school so please make sure to check the school's calendar/Facebook page and be involved with the many great things that the district has to offer. The fall season is already upon us with football officially starting August 1st and cross country and volleyball starting soon after on August 14th. Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to the start of school on September 5th.

Like last year, I want to stress some key areas going into this school year:

I believe that all students can be successful in the school setting and it is my expectation that everyone involved in the education of a student (student, parent, staff, administration, etc.) will do whatever it takes for the student to be successful. Student success is our main priority and focus. I hope you will take part in your child's education by inquiring about his or her time spent at school. Being involved in making sure homework and projects are completed and encouraging your child to read are key components to student success. My goal is for each student to reach their full potential. 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.

Furthermore, please take the time to check on your son's/daughter's grades through the PowerSchool portal. This is a great way to keep up to date with what is going on in each class.

For this school year, the high school will have their pictures taken on the first day of school which is September 5th starting at 8:30 AM. A picture packet will come home with the district mailing in August. Please have the student bring the money packet with them on the first day of school and deliver it to the photographer. The retake day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3rd at 8:30 AM.

The high school Back to School Night is set for August 24th. It starts at 3:30 PM and runs to 7:00 PM.

As young adults, our students need to understand the importance of being accountable for their actions. In my experience, it is better to learn this concept earlier in life rather than later. I will work with both you and your child to make school a positive experience, but I expect your child will make it as positive of an experience for himself/herself as well. All situations can be handled with respect and in an appropriate manner. I promise that I will listen to any concern you or your child have and I ask that you extend me the same courtesy. The more we work together, the better the overall school experience will be for your child.

Attendance is a priority to ensure student success. The more class time a student misses the more difficult it is for him/her 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. Lunch. We have a closed campus at Iowa-Grant. This means that a student will not be excused to leave school to get something to eat somewhere else. A student must bring his/her lunch with them or eat the school provided lunch.

Dress Code: Dress code always seems to become an issue periodically throughout the year. Please make sure you are aware of what your son/daughter is wearing to school. The school building is not the place for clothing or artifacts that: contain inappropriate messages; are low cut or too revealing or display alcohol, drugs, innuendo or negative messages. This is not the entirety of the dress code but a reminder that your son/daughter will be asked to change if found in violation of the dress code.

The Iowa-Grant School District seeks to provide a learning environment free of any form of bullying, harassment or intimidation toward and between students. Such behaviors are prohibited in all school buildings, property, and education environments, including any property or vehicle owned, leased, or used by the school district.

Students need to have their cars registered in the office and need to purchase a parking sticker (\$2) to display on the back window of the vehicle. Students must park their cars in the designated student parking areas. Vehicles that are not parked in designated areas and not registered with the office may result in penalties ranging from detention, a fine and possibly towing of the vehicle.

The Iowa-Grant School District holds high expectations for student behavior,

academic integrity and responsible use of existing and emerging technologies. Students who possess devices at school or school sponsored events shall demonstrate the greatest respect for the educational environment and the rights and privacy of all individuals within the school community. In high school only, cellular phones and other devices may be used appropriately and respectfully before and after classes and during lunch, in common areas-such as near lockers or the cafeteria-or outside on school grounds. As a reminder to our tutors and other high school students that go the IGEMS building, students are not allowed to take out or use their cell phones. Students must keep their cell phones put away in academic settings. Students shall not use cellular phones or other electronic devices in any way that may cause a teacher or staff member to question whether the student may be cheating on tests or academic work or violating copyright policy

Students must respect the privacy rights of others: 1) Students shall not photograph or videotape other individuals at school or at school activities without their knowledge and consent, except for activities considered to be in the public arena such as sporting events or public performances. 2) No students shall take photos/videos of elementary and middle school students at all unless it is at a public event held on school property. 3) Students shall not e-mail, post to the internet, or otherwise electronically transmit images of other individuals taken at school without the student's consent. For elementary or middle school students, parental consent for such transmittal or posting is required. 4) State law strictly prohibits the use of cellular phones or other personal electronic devices in locker rooms and restrooms. This is not the entirety of the Acceptable Use Policy but a reminder of the responsibility a student has in regards to his/her cell phone.

Resource will continue this year with all students having 20 minutes of teacher access. Resource time will still start at the fourth week of quarter one and quarter 3 and run through the respective semester. Resource will run Wednesday through Friday with Encore on Monday and Tuesday. Prior to this, students will be assigned home rooms to report to. Resource will be just before lunch for quarters 1, 2 and 3 and is moved to the end of the day during quarter 4 because of all the travel spring sports run into. The home room time will be used to stress reading, studying, working on homework and writing. The resource time has provided a valuable opportunity for all of our students to get extra help and to further their comprehension of curricular material. Like last year, any students with a grade of a C- or below starting at the third week of each quarter will be required to report to the class they are having trouble in. Each week a new grade report is created and students have the ability to work their way off the report at any time.

We will again have the use of an athletic trainer through Upland Hills Health. Our trainer for this year is again Mike Skrzypek. He is here on an every other day basis. If you need to contact him, please call the high school office.

Some important dates in August for Sports: Football: August 1st, equipment hand-out and first day of practice. Contact Mr. Allen for start time. Volleyball: August 14th, first day of practice. Contact Mrs. Simon for start time. Cross-Country: August 14th, first day of practice. Contact Mr. Winkler for start time.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone as the 2017-2018 school year begins. My door is always open and I welcome any questions or concerns you may have. Feel free to contact

me at school (608-943-6312). You can also email me at cgotto@igs.k12.wi.us with any questions as well.

Chris Gotto  
Principal/Athletic Director

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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 BadgerCare. To make an appointment to 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.

**FOURTH QUARTER  
HONOR ROLL**

Congratulations to our 2017 Fourth Quarter Honor Roll students for all your hard work!

**Distinguished Honors**

**Freshmen**

Carter Christianson	Olivia Liddicoat
Sydney Lundell	Matthew Phillips
Joanna Spurley	Colin Steffl
Samantha McLeer	

**Sophomores**

Sarah Buckhaus	Alexis Busse
Haylee Casper	Carter Grim
Madelyn Hunt	Alexis Miura
Samantha Richards	Parker Velte
Grayson Stivarius	

**Juniors**

Paul Connolly	Easton Dobson
Max Eisele	Brady Peat
Rebecca Gorsline	Bailey Lindner
Andrew Johnson	William Spurley

**Seniors**

Ronald Allen	Angel Flynn
Madison Harmening	Caleb Hill
Gerrit Hunt	Trae Kuenster
Montana Kirkpatrick	Emma Liddicoat
Maranda McCarthy	William McLeer
Malery Peat	Jessica Pluemer
Erik Raimer	Kassidy Schroeder
Payton Simon	

**High Honors**

**Freshmen**

Isaac Albaugh	Faylea Cartwright
Sawyer Dobson	Kenzie Oakes
Angela Reilly	Gracie Rockwell
Jay Schaefer	Lane Shemak
Matthew Winders	

**Sophomores**

Elizabeth Biddick	Alec Zimmer
Dakota Kohlenberg	
Theresa Windischbauer	

**Juniors**

Kaleb Barr	Hannah Lindner
Callie Rickard	Carley Rider

**Seniors**

Tanner Casper	Ellie Fillback
Taylor Liddicoat	Hunter Minter
Jennifer Moore	Chad Thomas
Elana Winders	

## IOWA-GRANT MIDDLE SCHOOL 4TH QUARTER HONOR ROLL

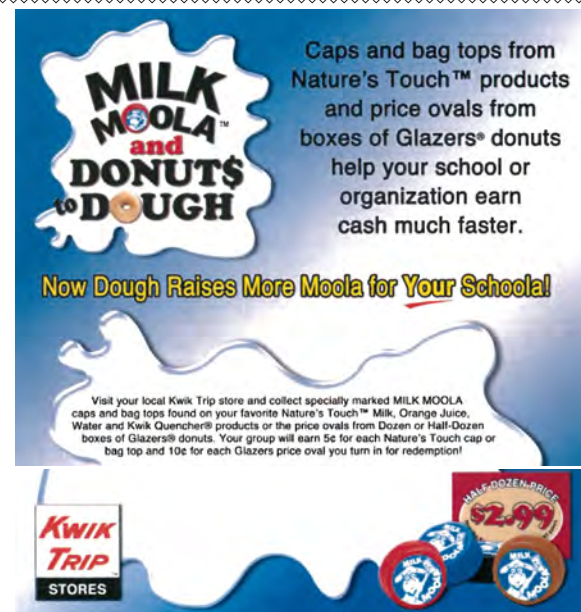
### High Honors

BARRETT, AVERY 8  
CONNOLLY, NICHOLAS 8  
FILLBACK, LUKE 8  
HILL, ISAAC 8  
KITE, TATUM 8  
LINDNER, ELLY 8  
LINSCHIED, LAUREN 8  
OYEN, LUCAS 8  
RUNDE, TAYLOR 8  
SOMAN, SAGE 8  
STRAKA, BRENA 8  
TRACE, TRIANNA 8  
BARR, ARIANNA 7  
DAILEY, BRYCE 7  
FIEDLER-FOSBINDER, CORTNEY 7  
FOWELL, ABIGAIL 7  
HAWES, JACQUELINE 7  
HOGAN, CONNER 7  
KOHLENBERG, ZACHARY 7  
KUHL, CADE 7  
LUNDELL, REID 7  
PILLING, MAKAYLA 7  
RUNDELL, OWEN 7  
SCHMITZ, PAYTON 7  
STARKEY, TREYTON 7

### Honors

ESSER, RYAN 8  
KITE, GRACE 8  
LEHMAN, JALEN 8  
MAUGHAN, HANNAH 8  
MCCARTHY, MYA 8  
MERWIN, COLIN 8  
SHORES, JORDAN 8  
STRAKA, BRIE 8  
THOMA, AUSTIN 8  
WINDERS, ANDREW 8  
BINGHAM, DYLAN 7  
BLUM, MARIAH 7  
CULLEN, EMMA 7  
LEITZINGER, MACKENZIE 7  
LENZ, GRACE 7  
O'MEARA, LAYNA 7  
PHILLIPS, TERIS 7  
RUNDELL, COLE 7  
VIVIAN, SAVANNAH 7  
WOLFF, ELLA 7

## PLEASE SAVE THESE ITEMS FOR IGEMS



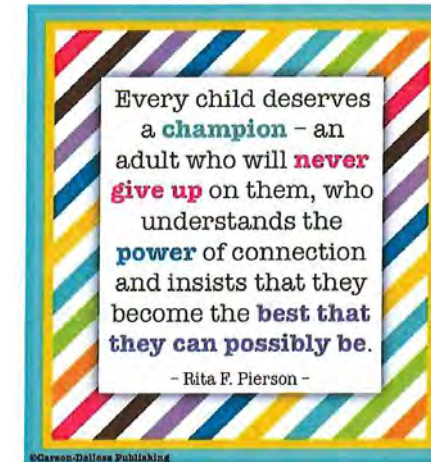
**WE WILL NO LONGER BE TAKING CAMPBELL'S  
LABELS FOR EDUCATION LABELS.  
CAMPBELL'S HAS DISCONTINUED THAT PROGRAM.**



**THANKS MUCH FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED  
SUPPORT OF THESE PROGRAMS!**

## EVERY CHILD DESERVES A CHAMPION

If you haven't had the opportunity to hear Rita Pierson speak, make it one of your summer goals. Educators and parents are teachers. We want the best for our children. There are several video clips on YouTube, but one of my favorites is an excerpt from Rita Pierson at a TED Conference called "Every kid needs a champion" and she calls for adults to connect with kids on many levels.



Our IGEMS staff is exceptional. Every day I see teachers, assistants, secretaries, custodians, lunch staff, and bus drivers smile and welcome our kids to school. They make sure our kids learn and grow, but they also make sure they are safe, respectful, warm, clean, full, kind, challenged, and loved.

I'd like to welcome our students and families to Back to School Night on August 24th from 3:30-7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars:

- **Meet Your Teacher** - Students (and families) are invited to come to Back to School Night to discover which teacher and classroom is waiting for you. :) You may bring your school supplies and tour your classrooms as well. **(Class lists will not be available prior to Back to School Night.)**
- **5th & 6th Grade Orientation - 5:00 p.m.** - We would like to invite 5th and 6th grade students and families to meet in Room 100 for a brief update on this year's changes and expectations. 5th & 6th grade teachers will be available for a quick Q&A session too.
- **7th & 8th Grade Orientation - 6:00 p.m.** - We would like

to invite 7th and 8th grade students and families to meet in Room 100 for a brief update on this year's changes and expectations. 7th & 8th grade teachers will be available for a quick Q&A session too.

Here are a few reminders for parents and families:

- **Pick up/Drop off** - Please remember that parents may drop off students in the front of our IGEMS building before school and pick up students in the back after school. Please keep your family contact information up-to-date in the office, including daily transportation changes.
- **Parents - Drop off** - As we start a new school year with little ones, we expect all students to meet in the cafeteria/gym between 7:45-8:00 a.m. Our 4K and K students may need a little extra TLC during this transition time, so parents may choose to sign in as a visitor in the office and escort them to classrooms for a while. We do ask that parents depart by 8:00 a.m. so students can start each day in their classrooms with peers.
- **Visitors in classrooms** - individual classrooms may request guest readers, classroom

helpers, or other parent helpers based on needs and events. However, classroom visits should be arranged ahead of time and visitors must sign in at the office as usual.

- **Lunch Dates** with your children are always encouraged and can be a special time. Please let your teacher know when you are coming to have a Lunch Date with your child and check in at the office. You can meet your child in the classroom just before lunch or a surprise in the cafeteria. You are welcome to stay for recess too, however, we ask that teachers have all students' attention during instructional time. You may purchase an adult lunch in the office. You may bring lunch for you and your child. However, you may not bring lunch for other children due to health concerns and food service guidelines.

### BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT IGEMS SCHOOL PICTURES

Aug. 24, 2017  
3:30-7:00 p.m.

Students will find out their homeroom teachers on Back To School Night.

### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL K-8

Early Childhood  
& 4KS T  
Sept. 5, 2017

4KS M & 4KB M  
Sept. 7, 2017

### PICTURE RETAKES Oct. 3, 2017

I hope that everyone has enjoyed some summer fun. We have hit the Halfway Point of summer break. Make the most of every day. I started the summer with a wedding and a name change. It's been a terrific adventure so far. :)

Happy Summer Adventures,  
Mrs. Robyn Oberfoell  
IGEMS Principal, Grades 2-8

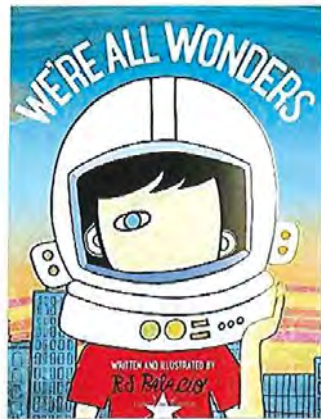


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## DEAR IOWA-GRANT FAMILIES,

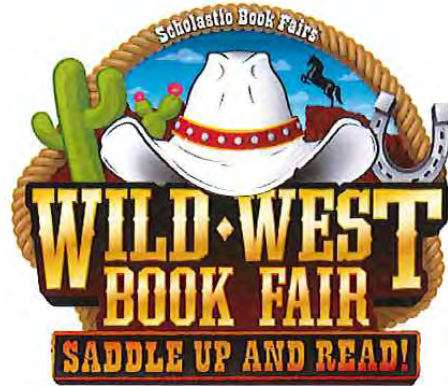
One of my favorite books to read aloud when I taught fourth grade was the book *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. It's been a few years since it hit the shelf, but it's still one of our library's most frequently checked-out titles. With over 5 million copies sold, *Wonder* is a modern classic, and a life-changing read for many. I was thrilled to pick up the picture book, *We're All Wonders* by the same author at the Scholastic Book Fair last spring. I knew it would be one of those books, which would be great to use with students in the beginning of the school year as we build a sense of community at IGEMS. The story of August Pullman, the main character of *Wonder*- an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face, is told in picture book format and shows readers how it feels to be in his world, one where he feels like any other kid, but

isn't always seen that way. To quote Auggie himself, "I know I can't change the way I look. But maybe, just maybe, people can change the way they see . . ." *We're All Wonders* taps into every child's longing to belong and to be seen for who they truly are. It's the perfect book to encourage conversations about empathy, differences, and kindness with children, and I can't wait to share it with your child in the library this fall.

In addition to helping students find the right book at the right time as readers, I'm dedicated to making our school a better place by working with our youngest learners as their principal. Helping them to see, "The world is big enough for all kinds of people," and if you "Look with kindness, you always find wonder," is an important part of my job. Along with your child's teacher, bus driver, and other school personnel my goal is to create a school environment where all children can be successful.

Please don't hesitate to visit me in our school library or contact me by email or phone to talk about your child and his or her needs. Whether using the library's resources or seeing me as a school principal, I'm here to help your child grow and learn, and working together we can accomplish so much more. I'm looking forward to a fabulous year!

Proud to be a Panther,  
Jodi Bast  
Library/Media Specialist &  
4K-1st Grade Principal



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Saddle up and READ at the**  
**Scholastic Book Fair**  
**November 9-10, 2017.**  
**More details to come.**



**THANK YOU**  
**TO RIF DONATORS!**

Our local *Reading Is Fundamental* organization is very appreciative for all the local donations that help continue the tradition of giving great books to our students. We had three book giveaways last year: IGEMS annual Reading Fest, an official RIF distribution in November, and a kickoff summer reading event at the end of May.

Without the support of generous donators, we could not continue the Iowa-Grant RIF Program. Please thank and/or patronize the following individuals, businesses, and organizations that help build a love for reading in our students.

If you would like to know more about RIF, please contact the IGEMS office (943-6313) or Shirley Buss, IGEMS RIF Program Coordinator, (943-6313, extension 1018).

## 2016-17 RIF DONATORS






- Cobb Lioness
- Cobb United Methodist Church Women
- Phyllis Zemlicka
- Montfort Veterinary Service
- IGEMS Parent/Teacher Club
- Insight FS
- The Friendly Place
- Community First Bank
- Jim's Building Center
- Burnham Lumber Company
- Marsha Wyatt
- Soman-Larson Funeral Home
- Veterans of Foreign Wars – Montfort
- Esser Electric
- Rewey Fire Department
- Collision Specialists
- Iowa-Grant Red Hatters
- Christianson Law Office
- Linden United Methodist Women
- Iowa-Grant Lions Club
- New Image Salon-Peg Holman
- Mills Market
- Rewey United Methodist Church
- Larry's Service Station
- Reddy Ag & Ross Soil Service
- Linden American Legion
- United Fund of Iowa County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Wax Museum



IGEMS seventh and eighth grade students were encouraged to read a million words during this school year. When students finished a book, they were entered in a drawing for prizes. The students who reached the million word status were in a grand prize drawing. This photo shows some of the cash prize winners made possible by the generosity of Clare Bank, Farmers Savings Bank, Royal Bank and Community First Bank.

## 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

