

GURRIE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT BULLETIN
Monday, March 5, 2018

HOT LUNCH: National Breakfast Week
 French Toast Sticks with Sausage
 Crispy Chicken Tenders
 Salad Bar Selections
 Milk

BIRTHDAYS: None Today

1. ATTENTION ALL 8TH GRADERS! Did you know that there are less than 2000 giant pandas left on this Earth? They are in vulnerable status and face numerous threats including habitat loss and hunting. Forest destruction limits pandas' access to bamboo and they need to eat 26-84 pounds of bamboo a day to survive. Poaching the animals for their fur is also a constant threat to these gentle giants. Come support these animals at a 3-on-3 basketball game on Friday, March 9th. There will be a sign-up sheet available at lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Teams will consist of 3-5 people and will cost \$12 per team. Contact Posey Graber or Ella Bylsma for any questions.
2. Congrats to the GMS Jazz Ensemble on a fantastic performance this Saturday! The band took home top ratings, including a perfect score from one of the judges. Way to go band! Mr. Schwartz
3. Starting today, 8th grade Quiet Lunch will be held in room 122D, Mrs. Yena and Mr. Alvarez's Spanish room. Please remember, Quiet Lunch is where you can relax and do your homework, work on your Chromebook, read a book, or just eat lunch in a quiet environment. Mrs. McGovern
4. This past Saturday, 15 student from Gurrie competed in the West 40 Regional Speech and Drama Festival at Elmwood Park High School. After months of practice, the Gurrie performers represented District 105 exceptionally well and impressed judges and audiences alike.

With the Dramatic Presentation, the group consisting of Conor Deneen, Natalia Gonzalez, Aidan Nill, Peter Sanchez, and Grace Sneed put on a great show with a lively and humorous take on "the Wizard of Oz."

In the Serious Monologue category, Thania Silverio put powerful emotion behind her words in a piece about living in someone else's shadow for a Second Place finish.

Fatima Martinez and Jimena Martinez performed the lyrics of three songs for a great ensemble about friendship, and received a Second Place finish.

In the Humorous Presentation category, the audience and judges got a taste of “Steamed Hams” thanks to Cano Rogers’ animated and hilarious adaptation of a scene from The Simpsons. Cano took home a Second Place finish.

With the Serious Poetry category, Katie Young poured her heart into her own written words, performing a powerful original piece that also earned her a Second Place finish.

The dynamic trio of Jade Babb, Karla Hernandez, and Gaby Quintana had the whole auditorium laughing with their perfect rendition of “Bubbles Goes to School” and they earned an excellent First Place finish.

Shannon Miller’s Humorous Monologue “The Salt and Pepper Diner” proved that too much Tom Jones music can be a test of sanity for some, and Shannon’s performance earned a near-perfect First Place finish.

And with a Humorous Poetry performance of Dr. Susess’ “Mulberry Street”, Jeanne Mardegan turned in a perfect performance – earning the rare perfect score and a well-deserved First Place finish.

Congratulations to all of this year’s Speech Team participants and thanks to all of the coaches that helped get them there! Mr. Ingwersen

3. Reminder to all underwater robotics STEM Club teams we will meet after school today until 5. This could be your last time to make changes in the classroom before our pool practice Thursday and the intermural next Tuesday! See Mrs. Halper if you have any questions.
5. The wrestling season has concluded and we would like to congratulate Luka Tomich for his efforts this weekend at sectionals. All of the wrestlers had an amazing year and will be looking forward to next season. Wrestlers are invited to join the coaches for a pizza party tomorrow, Tuesday March 6th in the cafeteria where you can turn in your gear. Hope to see you there! Mr. Varela
6. Calling all chefs! 8th Grade Culinary Club will meet tomorrow in room 108 until 4:00pm. If you have any questions please see Mrs. Vogg.