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Volleyball Team Building Toward Postseason

The Volleyball team has battled hard against every opponent this season. With only five seniors on the roster, the team is an extremely young group. While that youth has brought some growing pains and valuable learning experiences, it has also given the team an opportunity to develop and build chemistry throughout the season.

As the postseason approaches, the lessons learned throughout the year could prove valuable. With a young roster that continues to gain experience, the team has the potential to make some noise in the playoffs.

Opponents should not take this team lightly. The team's competitiveness, growing confidence, and potential could make them a challenging matchup when the postseason begins!



Girls Golf Builds Experience and Confidence

The Girls' Golf team has continued to make steady progress throughout the season. The team has finished in the middle of the pack while showing improvement at each competition.

Several golfers have recorded personal-best scores, while increased participation has brought more students into the program. The team continues to gain experience, build confidence, and enjoy the sport as the season progresses.

Cross Country Teams Make Strides This Season

The Cross Country teams continue to build momentum as runners improve their times and compete hard throughout the season.

The boys' team has won multiple meets, including the team's home meet, while both the boys and girls teams have had top 10 finishers at every meet. With regionals and sectionals approaching, the teams are continuing to gain experience and prepare for the postseason.

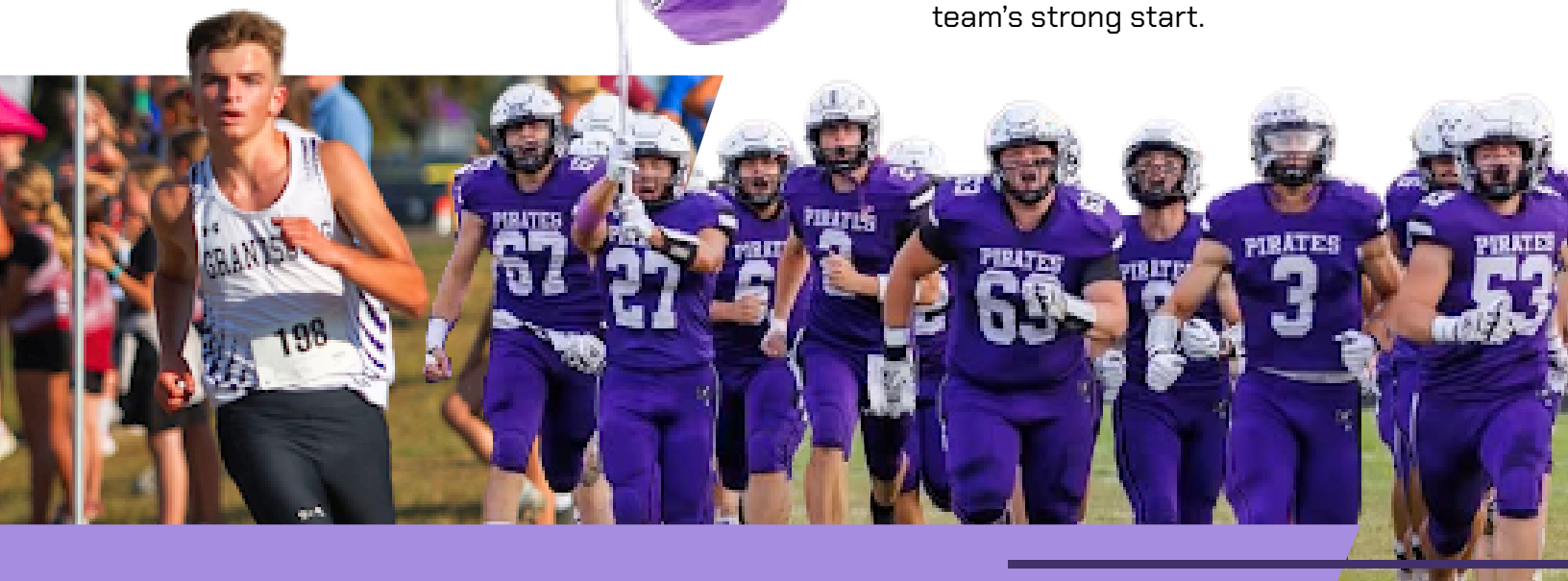


Football Team Off to Hot Start

The Football team is off to a hot start this season, entering the heart of the schedule with a 4-1 record and a No. 8 ranking in the state.

With the help of some senior standouts who have helped lead the way, there are multiple players currently among the top five in the state in their respective statistical categories.

While the individual performances have drawn attention, the team's success has been built on a strong team effort. The offense and defense have been anchored by tough, physical play along the offensive and defensive lines. This foundation has allowed the players behind them to make plays and has been a key part of the team's strong start.



Freshmen Kick Off High School with Respect Retreat

Freshmen and new students kicked off the school year by learning their routines around the school and participating in a Respect Retreat led by Youth Frontiers.

The freshman class includes 61 students who were joined by 12 student mentors throughout the day. The experience helped new students get comfortable in their new surroundings while building connections and learning about respect and community.



GHS Students Explore College and Career Opportunities

GHS juniors and seniors kicked off the year with a visit to a College and Education Fair at Mora High School.

Students explored more than 60 college, university, technical college, and trade booths while learning about programs ranging from welding certificates and associate degrees to graphic design and other areas of interest.



Pep Band Off to a Great Start

The GHS Pep Band brought plenty of energy to the gym while supporting the girls' Volleyball team. The GHS Band is also preparing for Homecoming, with practices underway for the Marching Band and field show under the direction of Katelyn Dummer.



Engineering Students Take on Rube Goldberg Challenge

Students in Mr. Chelberg's 9th-12th grade Tech Ed class are putting their engineering skills to work by designing a Rube Goldberg device that launches a piece of paper from behind a three-point arc.

Students were given one standard rat trap to help complete the challenge, but they had to design and build everything else themselves while incorporating all six simple machines into their devices.



Secondary Students Explore AI

Students in grades 7-12 recently attended an artificial intelligence (AI) assembly with Gruvy Education and speaker Luke Cumbee, where they explored the benefits, challenges, and concerns surrounding artificial intelligence.

Cumbee focused his presentation on the importance of "staying human" and embracing the necessary struggle that comes with learning new things. Mr. Cumbee previously led different in-service sessions on AI for district staff also.



5th Graders Build Teamwork Through Saving Sam Challenge

Fifth Grade students are strengthening their teamwork and collaboration skills through engaging classroom activities. Students took on the "Saving Sam" challenge, working together to solve a problem while earning sweet treats along the way. Activities like these give students opportunities to build collaboration skills while having fun.



4th Graders Explore Strong and Weak Beats

Fourth Grade students are building their understanding of strong and weak beats through an interactive music activity. Using bouncy balls, they practiced identifying and keeping track of different beats while bringing their music learning to life through movement and hands-on practice.

6th Graders Practice Vocabulary With Connect 4

Sixth Graders are making vocabulary practice interactive by using the new Promethean board to review words with the "-ly" suffix. They put their vocabulary knowledge to the test in a friendly game of Connect 4, combining technology, competition, and learning in the classroom.

Students Learn Cyber Safety Lessons

Grantsburg Middle School students learned about responsible online behavior during the annual Cyber Safety presentations with Detective Carlson. He shared valuable insights and words of caution to help students make safe and responsible choices online.

Grantsburg Elementary Plants Seeds for Success

Grantsburg Elementary kicked off the school year with a first-day assembly centered around this year's theme, "Planting Seeds for Success."

The monthly assemblies will celebrate the great things happening at GES, with classes competing for trophies based on reading minutes and attendance. Staff will also participate in a short competition, adding to the fun and schoolwide spirit.



2nd Graders Celebrate Fairy Tale Unit With Flapjacks & Flannel Day

Second Grade students celebrated the end of their Fairy Tale and Tall Tale unit with a Flapjacks & Flannel Day, inspired by the larger-than-life adventures of Paul Bunyan.

Students came to school in flannel and enjoyed a pancake feast while bringing their learning to life. The celebration gave them a fun way to wrap up the unit and connect their classroom learning to one of its memorable tall tale heroes.



1st Graders Take Part in Fables Olympics

First Grade students celebrated the completion of their first Knowledge Unit, "Fables and Stories," with stick puppets and a Fables Olympics competition.

They participated in four fable-themed games inspired by the stories they studied. They reached for grapes like the fox in "The Fox and the Grapes," balanced a milk pail like the maid in "The Maid and the Milkpail," carried a golden egg like the goose in "The Goose and the Golden Egg," and hopped like Peter from "The Tale of Peter Rabbit."





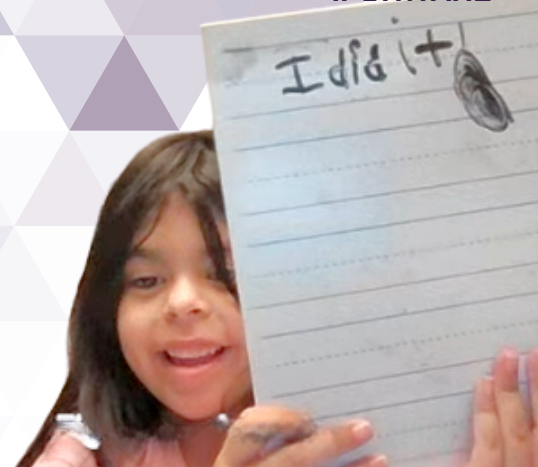
K-5 Students Grow Literacy Skills Through Summer Reading Skills Camp

Kindergarten through 5th Grade students spent 20 days building literacy skills, strengthening critical thinking, and exploring creative themes through the Summer Reading Skills Camp.

They explored topics ranging from storytelling and imagination to STEM, real-world skills, history, and poetry. K-2 students focused on foundational reading skills through interactive activities, while students in Grades 3-5 practiced strategies such as inferencing, summarizing, analyzing author's purpose, and citing text evidence.

The summer concluded with a Celebration & Showcase, where students shared their projects, writing, and progress.

Thank you to our hardworking students, supportive families, and dedicated educators who made this summer literacy adventure such a success!



K-3 Students Build Reading Skills Through Summer Literacy Leap

Students in grades Kindergarten through 3 strengthened their reading skills and built confidence through the Summer Literacy LEAP program, combining learning, creativity, and fun throughout the summer.

Students started each day with a morning meeting, explored digital libraries through Epic, completed creative "Would You Rather?" writing activities, and received targeted small-group reading instruction from Ms. Nightengale and Mrs. Washa.

What a way to make summer reading a fun adventure!

iForward Annual Back-to-School Outing

iForward students, staff, and families came together at Mt. Olympus for the annual Back-to-School Outing, giving the virtual school community an opportunity to connect in person before the new school year.

Attendees met classmates, teachers, and staff, enjoyed water slides and roller coasters, and captured memories together. The outing provides a fun way for the virtual community to strengthen connections and kick off the new school year together.



Kindergarten Students Build Their Classroom Family

Kindergarten students are settling into the school year with plenty of smiles as they begin building their classroom family! Students are learning, growing, and getting to know one another each day as they create a welcoming classroom community and start their journey together.



4th Grade Begins a Safari-Themed Virtual Adventure

Fourth Grade students kicked off the new school year from home, logging in for their first day in a safari-themed virtual classroom.

Students met their teacher, explored their online learning setup, and began getting comfortable in their virtual classroom. With their adventure officially underway, 4th Graders are ready for a year of learning and discovery!