

MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

I. Final graduation count

The 2005 graduation ceremony held at Lake Park East's Auditorium on Wednesday, June 1st brought to a formal conclusion the Itasca School District #10 careers of 96 of 101 students in this year's 8th grade class. Of the five that did not participate in the ceremony, three students were ineligible as a result of academic and community service deficiencies (a GPA under 1.70 and less than 6 service hours for the school year), one student as a result of behavior (more than three suspensions during the school year), and one student choosing not to attend the ceremony or any graduation function for which she was officially eligible.

II. Registration

On August 12th from 8:30 am until 2:30 Peacock will once again host a registration day where students will be able to complete several important tasks in preparation for the new school year. Students will be able to:

- a. Pick up class schedules
- b. Complete registration (if necessary)
- c. Have their photo ID taken, and
- d. Have their sports' physical completed by doctors and staff from Lutheran General Hospital. This is a service we provide to parents in the event they decide to not use their family physician/pediatrician.

III. Student issues

The tables below reflect monthly student interventions that include counselor contacts.

2004-05 Discipline

Month	30-minute detentions	One-hour detentions	Two-hour detentions	Bus suspensions	In-school suspensions	Suspensions	Expulsions
Aug./Sep.	4	3	0	0	2	0	0
Oct.	19	16	0	2	1	0	0
Nov.	36	25	3	0	2	5	0
Dec.	41	8	2	5	1	4	0
Jan.	16	8	2	0	0	5	0
Feb.	33	24	1	0	2	3	0
March	28	10	3	0	3	4	0
April	26	21	20	0	3	2	0
May/June	41	17	18	0	0	3	0

2004-05 Counselor Student Contacts

Month	Academic	Attendance	Discipl.	Peer issues	Emotional concerns	Family issues	Health issues	Sexual harass.	Teasing
Aug./Sep.	6	1	9	48	16	4	12	2	11
Oct.	14	0	23	27	1	0	3	14	12
Nov.	17	0	20	41	2	2	0	20	16
Dec.	18	0	16	44	3	3	2	0	7
Jan.	15	0	5	28	1	3	0	37	6
Feb.	21	0	23	42	3	1	3	8	17
March	12	0	9	25	8	1	1	3	13
April	13	0	8	64	1	5	0	5	11
May/June	29	1	12	81	1	8	2	2	8

2004-05 Counselor Parent Contacts

Month	Academic	Attendance	Discipl.	Peer issues	Emotional concerns	Family issues	Health issues	Sexual harass.	Teasing
Aug./Sep.	19	0	2	7	3	0	4	0	1
Oct.	12	0	1		1	0	6	9	2
Nov.	18	0	6	6	2	2	0	1	1
Dec.	11	0	1	4	4	0	3	0	2
Jan.	6	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	0
Feb.	21	0	1	6	2	0	1	1	0
March	10	0	6	3	4	3	3	0	0
April	11	0	1	20	2	7	0	0	2
May/June	13	0	9	6	0	1	2	0	0

IV. 2005 Peacock Parent Survey results

A survey of soliciting parent feedback was distributed on April 15, 2005 inside the 3rd quarter report card envelope each student received. A total of 278 families received this instrument with 104 completed surveys returned. The percentage of returned surveys is the highest total in the past five years.

School year	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Percentage of returned surveys	23	28	23	N/A	37

Survey responses in parenthesis are actual numbers based upon a return of 104 completed surveys.

1. Have you ever used the district's web site?
 - Yes (81)
2. Do you have an e-mail address in your home?
 - Yes (92)
3. From which source do you gain most of your information about Peacock and its programs?
 - Principal's newsletter – (75)
 - Grade level newsletters – (48)

- Other parents – (39)
 - My child’s teachers – (37)
4. During the 2004-05 school year how many times did you have the opportunity to visit Peacock to attend school functions/events?
- 1-3 – (20)
 - 4-6 – (27)
 - 7-10 – (26)
 - More than 10 – (31)
5. Which Peacock sponsored events brought you into our school? Events are listed in order from most to least number of parent responses.
- Parent/teacher conferences
 - Curriculum Night
 - Music/band performances
 - Athletic events
 - Field trips
 - Volunteer
 - PTO and quarterly awards’ ceremonies
 - Principal coffees

Talented and Gifted questions

6. Were you satisfied with the communication process from your child’s grade level team regarding TAG activities and requirements?
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| 6 th grade | 7 th grade | 8 th grade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – 3 | Yes – 4 | Yes - 6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No – 0 | No – 0 | No – 1 |
7. In your opinion, is your child receiving appropriately challenging curricular extensions as a result of being included in the District’s TAG program?
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| 6 th grade | 7 th grade | 8 th grade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – 3 | Yes – 4 | Yes - 6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No – 0 | No – 0 | No – 1 |
8. Do you have any recommendations or suggestions for your child’s grade level team regarding their TAG practices and procedures?
- 6th grade**
-Website could be used to explain, highlight or make parents aware of projects, assignments, deadlines and expectations
- 7th grade**
-More personalized write-ups regarding how child is doing
-Less of a choice on what they do; make things a requirement but don’t give a lesser grade for trying something difficult
- 8th grade**
-Wonderful job in informing parents what kids are doing
9. Please place a check next to the items below you would like to know more about. Items are listed in order from most to least number of parent responses.

- Local gang issues
- Before- and after-school tutoring
- 6th through 8th grade curriculum
- District standardized testing (Stanford Achievement Test)
- State Report Card data (ISAT testing)
- Clubs
- Student newspaper
- Community service projects
- Teen substance abuse (alcohol/drug)

Please rate Peacock on the following items by circling the appropriate number: 1=highest; 4=lowest. If you feel you do not know enough information about an item to rate it, please circle the number 5. Numbers in parenthesis are actual responses.

1. Emphasis on basic skills	1 (47)	2 (38)	3 (10)	4 (7)	5 (2)
2. Student discipline	1 (42)	2 (44)	3 (10)	4 (6)	5 (2)
3. Teacher communication with parents/home	1 (38)	2 (42)	3 (12)	4 (7)	5 (5)
4. Appropriateness of Homework assignments	1 (42)	2 (35)	3 (12)	4 (7)	5 (8)
5. Effectiveness of grade-level newsletters	1 (52)	2 (32)	3 (10)	4 (6)	5 (4)
6. Quality of teaching	1 (67)	2 (22)	3 (8)	4 (2)	5 (5)
7. Principal leadership	1 (69)	2 (13)	3 (10)	4 (6)	5 (6)
8. Assessment and reporting of student progress	1 (69)	2 (15)	3 (10)	4 (6)	5 (4)
9. Parent/teacher conference Format	1 (46)	2 (25)	3 (12)	4 (14)	5 (7)
10. Parent/teacher conference Effectiveness	1 (47)	2 (31)	3 (5)	4 (13)	5 (7)
11. Core subjects (academic)	1 (65)	2 (24)	3 (6)	4 (4)	5 (5)
12. Encore subjects (fine arts)	1 (60)	2 (29)	3 (6)	4 (3)	5 (6)
13. High academic standards	1 (65)	2 (18)	3 (10)	4 (4)	5 (7)
14. A safe school environment	1 (68)	2 (20)	3 (4)	4 (8)	5 (4)
15. School-community information forums	1 (42)	2 (36)	3 (13)	4 (7)	5 (16)
16. Peacock's appearance	1 (65)	2 (24)	3 (5)	4 (6)	5 (4)
17. Before- and after-school programs	1 (40)	2 (32)	3 (9)	4 (8)	5 (15)
18. Counseling and social worker services	1 (44)	2 (18)	3 (10)	4 (8)	5 (24)

Please rate Peacock's effectiveness by checking one of the grades listed below. Numbers in parenthesis are actual responses.

- A – (55)
- B – (36)
- C – (7)
- Failing – (0)
- No Opinion – (6)