

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT**

### **I. Graduation update**

With the deadline of May 25<sup>th</sup> to complete all community service hours and academic requirements fast approaching, several of Peacock's 8<sup>th</sup> graders are scrambling to meet the deadline. As of this writing there are four students on Academic Probation with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of under 1.70 and ten students with a community service deficiency of less than six hours for this school year (three have failed to meet both requirements).

The 2005 Peacock Graduation Ceremony has been scheduled for 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at Lake Park East's newly constructed Auditorium. With ample parking and new theater-style seating to accommodate approximately 500 people, our graduates and their families are sure to have an enjoyable experience in honor of their time in Itasca School District #10.

Following the graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 2, 2005 8<sup>th</sup> grade students having met all graduation requirements including specific behavior standards will participate in an extra curricular field trip to Great America. The trip is chaperoned by 8<sup>th</sup> grade staff.

This year's graduating class will have their after graduation dinner/dance scheduled for Friday, June 3, 2005 from 6-9:00 pm, held at the Belvedere Events and Banquet facility located on Rowhling Rd. and Devon Ave. The dinner/dance is open to all eligible graduates who have successfully met academic, behavior, and community service requirements.

### **II. I-TOWN bracelets a big hit**

Students in Mrs. Karen Engel's advisory class have undertaken a community-based project to help support needy families in and around Itasca. Through the sale of the popular themed plastic bracelets, students have collected nearly 300 orders to date with each bracelet selling for \$3. Numerous individuals have added donations to their purchase thus increasing the total donation to the St. Luke Benevolent Fund. The bracelets will be inscribed with the I-TOWN marking representing Itasca Town. All proceeds collected will be directed to the St. Luke fund. Bracelet sale profits are based upon a per unit cost of \$1.15 plus a \$75 inscription fee.

### **III. Parent surveys**

Each year Peacock surveys parents on their opinions regarding a variety of school based issues. The average return from our families is

generally around 25-30% with a low of 2% from last year's return. For the first time, this year's parent survey was sent home inside students' 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report card envelopes. Upon completion, parents were asked to return the instrument via the same envelope. The change in distribution methods seems to have paid off as our return of completed forms has reached 32%. A complete profile of parent opinions will be presented to the Board at their July meeting.

#### IV. 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

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

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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