



Grant Community High School

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Student of the Month

Lucy Lee



The Grant Community High School May Student of the Month is senior Lucy Lee, daughter of Jolene Lee and the late Nathan Lee of Lake Villa.

Lucy's academic achievements include earning her place on Honor Roll each semester, AP Scholar with Distinction Award, being named Illinois State Scholar, Scholar Athlete, and the IHSA Achievement Award. She holds an incredible 5.07 GPA.

Her extracurricular activities include Varsity Tennis as a junior and senior, earning Best Sportsmanship, and JV Tennis during freshman and sophomore years earning Most Improved. She participated in Table Tennis Club, Student Council, Guitar Club, Snow Dogs, Girls' Badminton, and is a member of National Art Honor Society. Outside of Grant, Lucy has been involved in club gymnastics placing at the state level, and she takes piano lessons.

Lucy has volunteered as a face painter for NAHS, she helps out at Feed My Starving Children, donates blood at the Red Cross, sets up art displays for Avon Center School, and is a French tutor.

In addition to all of her activities, Lucy has worked at Dunkin' Donuts as a barista and at Burger King as a cashier. She has also been a pet sitter and babysitter. She is very passionate about encouraging her peers to be involved in government issues and participating in community involvement.

Her plans for the future include earning her degree in neuroscience and minor in psychology. She will be attending Loyola University in Chicago on a \$25,000 annual Damen Scholarship, beginning in the fall.



Board of Education

Steve Hill, *President*
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Commencement Ceremony

Class of 2023

The graduation ceremony for the Class of 2023 will take place on Sunday, May 21, in the Grant Community High School Field House beginning at 2:00 PM. With graduation rapidly approaching, we would like to provide you with important dates and information surrounding this momentous occasion.

IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION PRIOR TO GRADUATION DAY

- Due to limited seating in the Field House, each graduate is permitted six (6) graduation ceremony tickets. Tickets are required for entry to the ceremony. **TICKETS WILL NOT BE REISSUED IN THE EVENT OF LOSS.**
- Graduates may pick up their tickets, cap, gown and tassel during lunch hours in the Senior Café on Monday, May 1 and Tuesday, May 2. We ask that financial obligations are met prior to graduation materials pickup, and students are required to sign a confirmation of pickup for their graduation items.
- Final Exams for seniors will take place on Tuesday, May 16, and Wednesday, May 17. As we approach exams, a schedule will be posted on the school website.
- All graduation requirements must be met by Wednesday, May 17 in order for your student to participate in the ceremony. Contact individual teachers or Student Services with questions about your student's academic status.
- Graduation rehearsal will be held on Friday, May 19 at 1:00 PM in the East Gym. Students must be present at practice if participating in the graduation ceremony.
- We ask that financial obligations be paid in order for graduates to receive diplomas. Fees may be paid with cash or check in the main office during normal business hours, or with a credit card online via the school website www.grantbulldogs.org. *You can check your fees on Skyward Family Access or contact the main office at 847-587-2561.*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADUATION DAY

- Graduates participating in the ceremony must arrive with their cap, tassel and gown and meet in the East Gym promptly at 1:00 PM.
- Graduation is a formal ceremony. In order to participate, appropriate attire is required. Appropriate attire includes: dresses, collared shirts, collared shirts with a tie, long pants or dress slacks (no jeans or shorts), dress shoes.
- Students will not be allowed to wear a decorated cap at graduation and only school-provided regalia is permitted.
- General parking will be available on a first come, first serve basis on the north and south school parking lots.
- Handicap parking will be accessible on the west side of Devlin Road in the Field House parking lot.
- Handicap seating will be available for the ceremony.
- Live streaming of the graduation ceremony will be available on Grant's homepage via YouTube Live. Please check www.grantbulldogs.org the week of May 15 for details.

Financial obligations may be paid with cash or check in the main office during normal business hours, or with a credit card online via the school website www.grantbulldogs.org. *You can check your fees on Skyward Family Access or contact the main office at 847-587-2561.*

If you have any questions regarding the activities and events for our graduates during the last week of school, please feel free to call Ms. Martin, at 847-973-3417.

On behalf of our faculty and staff, please accept our congratulations for helping your student reach this milestone in their life.

Excellence in Education Award Winners

Alex Sullivan is undoubtedly a deserving candidate for the Excellence in Education Award. Alex has proven to be an outstanding team player, whose unwavering dedication to helping others and our school community is truly commendable, and therefore she is a wonderful example of how to exhibit the pillars of “The House that Grant Built.”

Despite having an extremely busy work schedule, Alex has consistently demonstrated a remarkable commitment to our students, her colleagues, and her work. Throughout the day, Alex can be found engaging in a variety of tasks, including visiting classrooms to showcase student’s lives, exciting class projects, writing school and district communications, creating monthly newsletter content, and interviewing students for various articles, leading student-interns, curating social media content, among countless other responsibilities.



Ms. Sullivan & Principal Schmidt

Even after her official daily communications work ends, Alex's contributions do not cease. She can be seen working tirelessly in various extracurricular activities, such as coaching volleyball, running open gyms, taking pictures for various activities and sporting events, filming videos, or announcing basketball games. Her presence at events outside of the school day is a testament to her enthusiasm and dedication to the students. Furthermore, Alex has consistently exhibited dependability and reliability in her work. When she makes a commitment, she follows through with it, and her work is always of the highest quality.

Because of her commitment, communication skills, and her ability to collaborate, Alex Sullivan is a valuable asset to the Grant Community and a shining example of Excellence in Education.



Principal Schmidt, Mr. Schmitt, & Ms. Lukemeyer

Bob Schmitt is incredibly deserving of the Excellence in Education Award because he is consistent in efforts, authentic in his response to ideas, and positive as can be about reality.

Bob is constantly presenting and providing ideas for the curriculum in the best interest of our students. He is thoughtful in designing activities and lessons for students that are engaging, relevant, and meaningful, and works tirelessly to find new novels and readings that our students can benefit from. He teaches a wide variety of courses, from AP

Literature, to Honors English 10, to Mythology, and his passion is evident in all realms. There is no doubt that Mr. Schmitt is the teacher that all students hope to have on their schedule and the teacher that many, many students remember as the teacher who truly understands them. Furthermore, he is a leader in writing curriculum with other PLTs, brings unique perspectives into the teams’ work, and knows how to incorporate diverse ideas to build consensus.

In his Teacher Leader role he strives to hear all voices and provide support and professional dialogue with the members of his department. It is clear that he has created positive, meaningful relationships with his peers, and they undoubtedly turn to him for feedback and input. When providing feedback he is thoughtful and intentional, and all who work with him feel heard.

Moreover, as a lifelong learner and someone who is always looking to make Grant a better place for our students, Bob has sat on countless committees including: curriculum teams, TEAM committees, grading committees, instructional teams, equity teams, and professional development committees. His fingerprints have been left on many of the initiatives and projects that we are most proud of as a professional learning community.

Bob is a student-favorite teacher, a fantastic teammate, and a thoughtful and insightful leader. It is because of all of these reasons and many more that we are so grateful to have him as our English Department Teacher Leader, as well as why he is deserving of the Excellence in Education Award.



BULLDOGS

Eleanor Escobedo Places First at Journalism State



The Bark & Principal Schmidt celebrate Eleanor after her win.

Journalism sent three Bulldogs to Bloomington last month for the IHSA State Competition. Eleanor Escobedo competed in Photo Story Telling, Elyanna Torries competed in Editorial Cartooning, and Adil Siraj competed in Review Writing. It was a tough battle for the top three, but Eleanor broke through and took first overall!

Eleanor's category, Photo Story Telling, required a submission of three photos with a common theme to collectively tell a story. For this year's subject, student photographers had to center their series around "A Day In The Life at Heartland Community College." Eleanor's

submission was top-notch and earned her First Place and the title of State Champion. She is the first student in Grant history to take first place at State for this category. Congratulations, Eleanor!

Three Bulldogs Place at Skills USA

We had 11 Tech Campus students compete at Skills USA during the final weekend of April. Skills USA competitions and championships are competitive events showcasing the best career and technical education students in the nation. Our competitors included Wyatt Atlee for Criminal Justice, Alondra Carranza and Stacy Maldonado for Medical Assisting, Austin Danesi for Video Gaming, Lorelai Jensen for First Aid/CPR, Bryan Larrota and Jake Siong for Carpentry, Sydney Rinkenberger for EMT, Kenneth Rybicki for Firefighting, Drew Schmidt for Welding Sculpture, and Winter Wasilewski for Culinary Arts. After their weekend competition, 3 Bulldogs secured a place in the Top 3! Congratulations to our Gold Medalist Sydney Rinkenberger, Silver Medalist Wyatt Atlee, and Bronze Medalist Austin Danesi! These individuals have proven they are the top in the nation and we could not be more proud of their accomplishment.



Skills USA Competitors

IHSA State Organizational Music Contest



Grant Choir Members

Our Choir members took a trip to Harvard, IL, this April for the IHSA State Organizational Music Contest. It was an exciting and fun weekend as our Concert, Advanced Treble, and Chamber Singers all earned Division I ratings! Congratulations to all our performers and Ms. Koske! We are so proud of your performance and how well you represented Grant.

Our Choir members will be holding their final concert performance of the school year on May 10. Make sure to check Choir's Twitter page for more information about their upcoming performance.

AT STATE

20 Business Bulldogs Place in Top 10 at State

It's no surprise that our Business Bulldogs are the best in the biz, but did you know we had 20 students place in the Top 10 at State? That's right, 20 students in the Top 10! Any competitor who finishes in the Top 4 at State qualifies for the National Competition in Atlanta this summer, and we have 12 qualifying students. Congratulations to our Business Bulldogs on an amazing run at State and good luck at Nationals!

Jacob Tyree - 1st Place in Entrepreneurship - **STATE CHAMPION**

Ava Delgadillo & Chloe Nicole Labuca 1st Place in Publication Design - **STATE CHAMPIONS**

Anthony Astorino - 2nd Place in Database Design & Application

Emily Hawkins - 2nd Place in Organizational Leadership

Piper Parkman - 2nd Place in Advertising

Ethan Ehrenhofer - 2nd Place in Social Media Strategies

Diana Ngo, Julia Podgorski, & Khushi Viramgami - 2nd Place in Website Design

Isabella Little - 3rd Place in Human Resource Management

Navid Navidzadeh - 3rd Place in Business Law

Catherine Fabian - 5th Place in Insurance & Risk Management

Lionel Carapia - 5th Place in Hospitality & Event Management

Jack Polark - 6th Place in Business Calculations

Joeseeph Proa - 6th Place in Help Desk

Furquan Farooqui - 7th Place in Spreadsheet Applications

Tabitha Chanhmourack - 7th Place in Digital Animations

Jacki Bendfeldt - 8th Place in Public Speaking

Eleanor Escobedo - 9th Place in Client Service



FBLA State Competitors



FCCLA Wows at State



FCCLA State Competitors

This season, we had four Bulldogs qualify for the State FCCLA completion including Reeko Khi, Rosalynn Torres, Savannah Eagon, and Katie Pratt. Reeko and Rosalynn both competed in Cookie Decorating Level 3, Savannah competed in the Pre-School Lesson category, and Katie competed in the Children's Literature category. There were a lot of tough competitors this year, but our Bulldogs impressed the judges. Savannah Eagon received Most Outstanding with her circus-themed preschool lesson. Reeko Khi, Katie Pratt, and Rosalynn Torres all placed Silver in their respective categories. Congratulations on your State placements, FCCLA!

BULLDOGS AT STATE



Mathletes Finish Competitive Season 22nd in the State



Math State Competitors

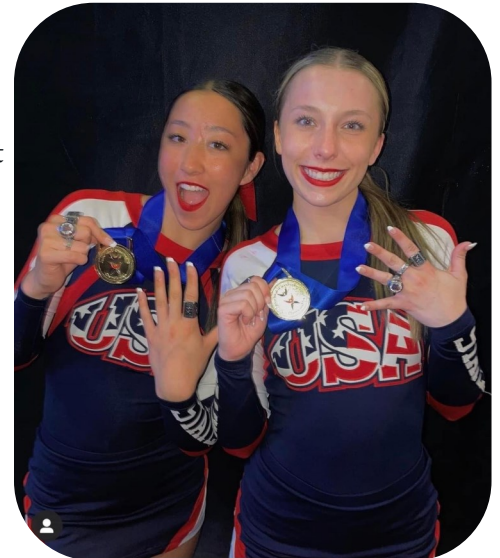
Our Mathletes finished in Second Place at their 9-team Regional and earned an at-large bid as a full team for the State competition. This is the 5th time in school history that they have qualified as a full team. After a trip to Illinois State University, the team earned enough points to take 22nd Place! Congratulations on a solid season, Mathletes!

Two-Time World Champ—Sabrina Smith

There's been non-stop excitement in the Cheer world for Sabrina Smith over the past couple years. After taking Ninth Place at the IHSA State Competition, Sabrina channeled all of her energy into preparing for the ICU World Championships. The 2022 season was the first time that Sabrina would be competing as part of the Junior Coed (JUCO) National Team and the first time she became a World Champion. Although Sabrina's goal was to become a World Champion, achieving this would not stop her from going back and pushing for more. This year, her Grant Cheer team took Tenth Place at IHSA State. With the momentum and positivity she gained from her Bulldog teammates, Sabrina was more confident than ever going into her second Worlds competition.

While training and practices can be tough during the winter school season, you can only imagine how rigorous Worlds preparation can be. Sabrina shared that leading up to this year's championship, practices "consisted of [her] practicing six days each week and the practices ranged anywhere from 3-7 hours. In the last 7 days of the season, [Sabrina] had 14 practices and 6 performances." In addition to their scheduled team practices, Sabrina and her teammates were expected to complete "homework" which included stunting, tumbling, and conditioning work. It was a lot of work to put in, but Sabrina was determined to hit her tricks and put 100% effort into every practice. Last year, Sabrina suffered an unfortunate ankle injury and was unable to compete in the championships, so this year was incredibly important to her. With her entire team by her side and lights highlighting their USA uniforms, the team competed full out and wowed everyone in attendance. After an impressive performance, Sabrina's JUCO team took First Place and held their title as reigning World Champions!

Although Sabrina has accomplished her World Champion goal (twice), she does not plan on stopping her Cheer career. Her new, main goal for Cheer is "to become a Collegiate National Champion." Sabrina has committed to Morehead State University and will be a part of their Coed Cheer team. Morehead has one of the most decorated college Cheer programs and we are incredibly excited to see her shine as a Morehead Eagle - who knows, maybe we'll even see her cheering for the USA in the 2028 Olympics.



Sabrina Smith (right) & teammate (left) celebrate placing first at Worlds.

Illinois Principal Association Student Recognition



The Illinois Principals Association (IPA) holds a yearly student recognition breakfast to celebrate the outstanding work, leadership, and character of our students. This year, Nicole Kaminski and Emily Hawkins were selected to represent Grant. Nicole and Emily have been incredibly involved at Grant, are constantly offering their services for projects, provide valuable input, and truly embody what it means to be a Bulldog.

Nicole Kaminski has been involved in many aspects of Grant Community High School and was our first-ever Student Representative to the Board of Education. Throughout her time at Grant, Nicole has been an active participant in our National Honor Society (NHS) chapter, Student Athletics & Activities Leadership Team, and each Class Council. While Nicole certainly keeps herself busy with activities, she has found time to play volleyball competitively, coach younger levels at our local feeder schools, and volunteer for numerous NHS events. During her Junior year, Nicole served as a Big Dawg and mentored a handful of our new Bulldogs. Nicole's love for Grant and dedication to her extracurriculars have shown many of our freshmen students that there is a club or sport for everyone. During her senior year, she pushed for a more career-driven curriculum, which included enrolling in Introduction to Teaching. Her time in this course has allowed her to explore the world of education and better prepare her for working with students in the future. Nicole's plans for the future include attending either Florida Atlantic University and majoring in Education. After that, she plans on earning her Master's to become an administrator and work up to a superintendent role. No matter the path she chooses to take, we know Nicole will achieve great things. We look forward to seeing her reach new heights after graduation and wish her the best of luck.

Since her Freshman year, Emily Hawkins has made her name known at Grant Community High School. She sets goals and does everything in her power to reach and surpass those goals. During her four years as a Bulldog, Emily has taken several AP classes and earned high marks including a 5 on the AP World History Exam, a 4 on the AP Calculus AB and AP Language and Composition Exam, and a 3 on the AP U.S. History Exam. Outside of her AP courses, she has earned her spot on Honor Roll every year, was chosen as a Golden Globe Award recipient, earned the All-Conference Student-Athlete Award, and was named an AP Scholar with Honor. Although Emily has a busy schedule filled with high-level courses, she has found time to participate in numerous activities and sports. She has been a four-year member of the Future Business Leaders of America and our Girls Bowling program, served as a Section Leader of the Marching Band for three years, was a Big Dawg mentor, Principal's Advisory Council member, and TEAM Live host for two years, worked as a Speech Language Pathologist Intern, represented Grant at the NLCC Leadership Conference, and has been an active PBIS participant. In her limited free time, Emily has volunteered at countless local food pantries, graduation ceremonies, community events, GCHS Booster concessions, roadside cleanups, and more. Emily's plans for the future include attending a four-year college and pursuing an education in Speech Language Pathology. Her top choices are Trinity Christian College or Elmhurst College. While we wish she could stay at Grant a little longer, we know her positive impact and contributions will continue to serve the Grant community beyond her graduation.



Left to Right: Emily Hawkins, Principal Schmidt, & Nicole Kaminski



Reagan Barr	Angelina Guziak	Meghan Klipstein	Ryann Mateja
Samantha Collins	Abigail Hauschild	Jirah Lanzar	Andy Montoya
Allison Dulaney	Samantha Hernandez	Brianne Lopez	Colin Noordyke
Ryne Dzierzynski	Camryn Kempf	Brianna Lund	Nicole Pawlus
Aliyah Evans	Ella Kilmer	Jack Martin	Kamryn Richter
Payton Evans	Kennedy Kilmer	Ariana Martinez-Orlando	Sydney Sampson
Kelsey Franz			Claire Watkin

National Honor Society Inductees

Freshman Honors Breakfast

It's a yearly tradition at Grant to celebrate all our Freshman students who have attained a GPA of 3.75 or above during their first semester, and yesterday, we did just that. With 121 Freshmen and their families attending breakfast, it was a morning full of applause, cheer, and appreciation. Thank you to those who joined us, and congratulations to our honored Bulldogs!



Freshmen and their families celebrate at Freshman Honors Breakfast.



Social Studies Golden Globe Winner

Taylor Louchen is April's recipient of the Golden Globe Award!

While Taylor shows a lot of engagement in class, it was unexpected to see the same level of engagement while she was sick at home. Her desire to not fall behind was not the only thing pushing her to stay on top of her assignments. Taylor has a lot of enthusiasm for history and proved that by starting her research project while at home. Mr. Robinson shared that Taylor was "excited to research her world-changing historical figure," and she "showed up to class after being sick with a considerable amount of her research project already done, and done well!" Outside of her dedication to completing assignments, Taylor is always willing to share her ideas and connections to class discussions. No matter the topic, "Taylor is considerate of other people's ideas and shows interest in having other people's perspectives."



Taylor Louchen receives the Golden Globe award.

The Social Studies Department is proud to award Taylor with this honor. Keep up the excellent work!

Kya Kirksy is May's recipient of the Golden Globe Award!



Kya Kirksy receives the Golden Globe award.

During this school year, Kya has shown immense growth and has exceeded all the established benchmarks within the Social Studies Department. No matter her work load, Kya takes her time to create quality projects. Two projects that her teacher, Mr. Schmadeke, pointed out as a prime example was "her haunting depiction of child labor during the industrial revolution [and] her in-depth analysis of European explorations." It is clear from the work she turns in that Kya is interested in not only learning what is being taught in class, but wants to expand her knowledge outside of the classroom. As Mr. Schmadeke put it, "in a world where proficiency has become proficient, she has strive to excel." With the dedication she has shown in her studies, it's no surprise that Kya is making the jump from her regular level course to an AP level next year.

The Social Studies Department is proud to award Kya with this honor. Keep excelling, Kya!

PERFECT SAT PREP ATTENDANCE

Nana Adubofour
Dylaeni Atlee
Abe Barrera
Mia Beltran
Riley Blair
Sean Buchenberger
Nichola Bush
Vince Carbonara
Comparini
Braden Carlson

Kylie Dabrowski
Kayleigh Davis
Michael Decker
Sarah Dibbern
Savannah Eagon
Reese Fulham
Ellie Gaedtke
Alyssa Gelig
Angelina Guziak

Lizzy Gvozdev
Ryan Herndon
Abby Hobbs
Ella Kilmer
Kennedy Kilmer
Neil Kirschner
Kendall Levy
Jenny Lin
Jack Martin

Ben McKenzie
Yarley Mercado
Garcia
Connor Mirocha
Elaine Molsen
Bella Muir
Elisa Neiweem
Lara Neiweem
Kimberly Nkomo
Alvin Ntege

Shane O'Donnel
Layna Peters
Ava Petrik
Aubrey Ronsman
Madison Routledge
Abbey Schiller
Austin Smith
Nina Yaras
Armaan Yazdani

Family First, Family Last, Family By & By



The Addams Family

After many weeks of preparation, the cast and crew were excited to share all they had been working on and put on a wonderful performance. Those that attended and helped us sell out all three nights of the spring production, can attest to the incredible acting, energizing dance scenes, and intricate design work displayed this year. From a heartwarming story of young love, to the father-daughter relationship shared between Gomez and Wednesday, to the importance of family, there was something for every audience member to relate to. Bravo to all the cast, crew, and directors on a successful production!



Gomez Addams & Ancestors



Alice Beineke & Addams Ancestors



Lucas Beineke & Wednesday Addams



Addams Ancestors

Grant Artists Amaze at NLCC Art Show

The NLCC Art Show celebrates student art across all different mediums including painting, water colors, pottery, music, and much more. This event showcases art from schools within the Northern Lake County Conference. Participating schools submit some of their best student artwork and we have to say, our artists really outdid themselves this year! The amount of talent and creativity they have exhibited is truly amazing.

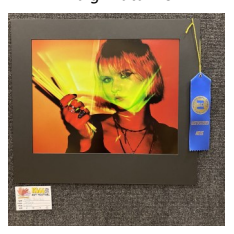
In addition to students submitting their artwork for display and judging, they also have the opportunity to be named as a Distinguished Artist. We had not one, not two...but 10 Bulldogs named Distinguished Artists at this year's show. A huge congratulations goes out to Bella Baldassano, Alyssa Burke, Tabitha Chanhourack, Nikolai Gartner, Malia Henriot, Mary Kucher, Luigi Natalino, Dylan Paganucci, Alex Ross, and Alexa Shirley!



Luigi Natalino



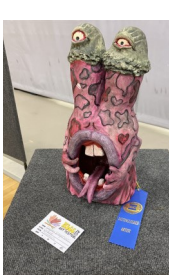
Alyssa Burke



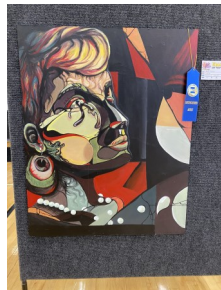
Alexa Shirley



Tabitha Chanhourack



Dylan Paganucci



Alex Ross



Mary Kucher



Bella Baldassano



Malia Henriot



Nikolai Gartner

AP Exams

The 2023 AP Exams will be administered in schools over two weeks in May. For paper-pencil exams, students should bring two #2 pencils. For digital exams, students need to bring their school-issued Chromebook fully charged and a charging cord. Students taking a digital exam should open the Bluebook app and take the practice test prior to their exam date to ensure the app is functioning properly.

Morning AP Test Students

Students will report immediately to their testing rooms at the beginning of the school day. **Please arrive no later than 7:40 AM for instructions and preparing the answer documents.** Morning testing begins at 8 AM. Morning AP tests are typically completed by 11:30 AM. Students who miss lunch while testing will be provided a pass to the cafeteria when testing is finished. After testing, students will return to their regular schedules. *Please note that Wednesday tests **do not** follow the GCHS late start schedule. Wednesday morning exams will begin at 7:40, and students are responsible for their own transportation.*

Afternoon AP Test Students

Students will attend a regular schedule for the morning. **Students should plan on arriving no later than 11:40 PM for instructions and preparing the answer documents.** The exam will begin at 12 PM. Testing will end between 3:10 – 3:45 depending on the exam. Students should expect to take the 4:05 PM late bus or arrange for a ride home since testing time might vary. The library will be open for students who need to wait for the late bus.

Two Tests on the Same Day

Students will be provided with a pass to eat lunch in the cafeteria between the 2 testing times, if time allows. If not, they should bring an easy to consume snack to eat between the tests.

Any additional information will be communicated through email, your AP teacher, and morning announcements. Students should check with their individual teachers to make sure they are current with their class work and homework assignments. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Noisey at snoisey@grantbulldogs.org.

**Digital Exams*

Exams	Date	Entry Time	Est. End Time	Locations
United States Government & Politics	5/1/23	7:40 AM	11:10 AM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B: Last Names A - K; Lecture Hall: Last Names L - Y
Chemistry	5/1/23	11:40 AM	3:25 PM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
Environmental Science	5/2/23	7:40 AM	10:50 AM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
Psychology	5/2/23	11:40 AM	2:10 PM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B: Last Names A - K; Lecture Hall: Last Names L - Y
*English Literature & Composition	5/3/23	7:40 AM	11:10 AM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
AP Macroeconomics	5/4/23	7:40 AM	10:20 AM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
Statistics	5/4/23	11:40 AM	3:10 PM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B: Last Names A - K; Lecture Hall: Last Names L - Y
*United States History	5/5/23	7:40 AM	11:25 AM	Lecture Hall
Microeconomics	5/5/23	11:40 AM	2:20 PM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
Calculus AB/BC	5/8/23	7:40 AM	11:25 AM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B: Calc B/C Lecture Hall: Calc A/B
Computer Science Principles	5/8/23	11:40 AM	2:00 PM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
*English Language & Composition	5/9/23	7:40 AM	11:25 AM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B: Last Names A - L; Lecture Hall: Last Names L - Y
Physics C: Mechanics	5/9/23	11:40 AM	1:30 PM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	5/9/23	1:30 PM	3:35 PM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
Spanish Language & Culture	5/10/23	7:40 AM	11:13 AM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
Biology	5/10/23	11:40 AM	3:10 PM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
*World History: Modern	5/11/23	7:40 AM	11:25 AM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B: Last Names A - H; Lecture Hall: Last Names J - Z
Physics 1	5/11/23	11:40 AM	3:10 PM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B
Music Theory	5/12/23	7:40 AM	10:50 PM	2 nd Floor Conference Room A/B Practice Rooms

**CLASS OF
2023**

SENIOR SHOUT OUTS

CELEBRATING ALL THAT OUR SENIORS HAVE ACHIEVED

Aurora Barth

Dominican University
Presidential Scholarship

Aiden Cabrera

Jacksonville University
Merit Based Scholarship

Alondra Carranza

Scholarship from National Technical Honor Society

Emily Geist

University of Minnesota
National Scholarship

Emily Hawkins

GLCUSBBC Star of Tomorrow Scholarship
Illinois State USBC Star of Tomorrow Scholarship
Earl Anthony Memorial Scholarship
Art Neubauer Scholarship (Palombi Middle School)
Trinity Christian College
President's Honors Scholarship
Distinguished Scholar Award

Joshua Hawkins

Illinois State USBC Star of Tomorrow Scholarship
Frank Grenus Scholarship (Palombi Middle School)
Michigan Technological University
National Platinum Scholar
Michigan Tech Excellence Award
Distinguished Leader Award

Jaziah Hernandez

Bradley University
Presidential Excellence Scholarship

Logan Johnson

National Technical Honor Society

Race Kelly

Louisiana State University
Transformation Merit Scholarship for Nonresidents

Lucy Lee

Loyola University - Chicago
Damen Scholarship

Samantha Lopatowski

Illinois State University
Presidential Scholarship
Family Consumer Science Recruitment Scholarship

Connor Lyons

University of Tennessee - Knoxville
Tennessee Explore Scholarship

Jania Morales

Loyola University - Chicago
Presidential Scholarship

Jack McDonough

Saint Louis University
Direct acceptance into the six-year Doctor of Physical Therapy degree program
SLU Vice President Tuition Scholarship

Madi McRae

Illinois State University
Merit Scholarship

Noah Ontiveros

NROTC Full Tuition Scholarship

Jessica Porten

McHenry County College
Recruited to play volleyball
Full Semester Scholarship

Vinny Potempa

Eagle Rank
Illinois State University
University & Redbird Academic Scholarship
Honors Program

Michael Pouley

CLC Tech Campus
Student of the Quarter (2nd & 3rd)

Annika Rose

Northern Michigan University
Waldo Scholarship
Merit Based Scholarship

Yaxaira Russildi

East-West University
Full Ride Scholarship
Indiana State University
Full Ride Scholarship
Iowa State University
Full Ride Scholarship

Shelby Wasilewski

Montana State University - Billings
Athletic Scholarship for Softball
Explore Montana Scholarship
Academic Excellence Scholarship

Madison Wheeler

University of Kentucky
Bluegrass Spirit Scholarship
William C. Parker Scholarship

Noda Enters the Major Leagues

From the fields of GCHS to first baseman in Oakland, Ryan Noda has been making his Bulldog family as he achieves his dream of playing in the Major League. During his Junior year, Ryan earned All Conference in the North Suburban Conference and was named All Area by the Daily Herald and Chicago Sun Times. On top of area recognition, Ryan was voted Team MVP. In his Senior year, Ryan achieved all of this and was named an All State player by IHSBCA and the Prep Baseball Report. His Senior season included an RBI of 49 and a high school career of 113.

After graduating from Grant in 2014, Ryan attended the University of Cincinnati and played three seasons as a Bearcat. He finished out his Freshman season with a .230 batting average, seven home runs, and a 32 RBI. The summer before his Sophomore year, he played collegiate summer baseball for the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox of the Cape Cod Baseball League and helped lead the Red Sox to the league championship. Once Ryan finished up his collegiate career, he was selected to the Toronto Blue Jays in the 15th round of the 2017 Major League Baseball draft. Ryan made a name for himself as he continued to grow his own skills and the team as a whole. In his last year with the Blue Jays, Ryan made 117 appearances for the High-A Dunedin Blue Jays, with 13 home runs, 74 RBI, and 14 stolen bases.

In February 2021, Ryan was traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers and then assigned to the Tulsa Drillers. With a season filled with 29 home runs and 78 RBI, it's no surprise that Ryan was selected as a post-season Double-A Central all-star and then promoted to the Triple-A Oklahoma City Dodgers to begin the 2022 season. In December 2022, the Oakland Athletics selected Noda with the second pick of the Rule 5 draft.

Throughout Ryan's time at Grant, he pushed himself and others to work harder. It's no surprise to his teammates and coaches that he has made it this far. Ryan's coach, Dave Behm, shared that "it has been so exciting for the [Grant] baseball program to watch one of their own compete at the Major League level. Ryan has worked so hard to get where he is today and we're so proud to have been able to be a part of his journey. Ryan's success has made all of Grant proud to be a Bulldog!" With so much drive and determination, we know Ryan has much farther to go and we cannot wait to see him achieve even more than he already has.



*Ryan Noda joined the Oakland A's.
Source: Oakland Athletics*

Student Representative to the Board of Education



Julia Podgorski

We are pleased to announce that Junior, Julia Podgorski, has been selected to serve as the Student Representative to the Board of Education for the 2023/24 school year. We look forward to Julia being an active member of the Board, sharing the perspective of our student body on matters before the Board, and continuing two-way communication between students and the Board of Education. Julia will join us for the May and June meetings to shadow our current Student Representative, Nicole Kaminski. Welcome Julia!



The Dance Team & their partners perform.



Prom Court



Chris Davis wins the Rock Paper Scissors tournament for the Juniors.

Juniors
win the
Bulldog
Cup!



Andre DeLuna performs winning Grant's Got Talent song.



Seniors show off their Bulldog pride.



Color Guard performs routine.



Girls Track & Field

Bulldog Happenings



Sunscreen Booth

We held our annual **Wellness Fair** last month and our students provided their fellow Bulldogs with tons of health related information. Stations included the beneficial of flavored water, the negative effects of opioids and alcohol, and much more!



Mental Health & Anxiety Booth



Caleb Helbling & Coaches celebrate their Second Place finish.

Our anglers competed in the **NLCC Bass Fishing Tournament** and took Second Place! In addition to their team placement, two Grant records were broken by Caleb Helbling. Caleb broke the record for largest fish caught (4.56lbs) and largest weigh-in (14.45lbs) - way to go, Caleb! Congratulations on a successful weekend and your new hardware!

Mrs. Harker's Spanish 3 students have been connecting with a classroom in Spain throughout the year, holding several Zoom sessions and communicating on an individual level. Their partner class in Spain is working on their English, so this has been a great way for everyone to work on their foreign language skills while building connections across the world. To wrap up their year, our Grant students sent a little Bulldog spirit to Spain thanks to generous donations from various GCHS clubs and sports. We hope Mrs. Harker's students will continue to grow this relationship as they work on their Spanish speaking skills.



Mrs. Harker's students prepare care packages for their partner class in Spain.

Senior Honors Night



Sam Lopatowski shakes Mr. Schoell's hand.



Jake Deacon receives scholarship.



Mr. Loffredo & Mr. Ross present Ivan Hernandez with the 3-Sport Athlete award.

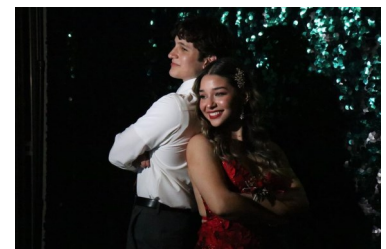


Principal Sefcik presents former Fox, Shelby Wasilewski, with scholarship.

Prom



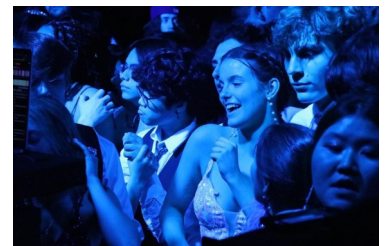
Bulldogs dance the night away at Prom.



Max Soto & Beverly Segoviano have fun at the photo booth.



Sophia Jimdar, Jaelen Courmoyer, Mason Davis, Randy Ayala, Vince Delizo, & Ashlin Driscoll have fun at Prom.



Bulldogs dance the night away at Prom.

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Bulldog Happenings

Decision Day



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Julia Fornero, Mrs. Schroeder, & Maddy Riske



Jennie Woodruff

Spring Band Concert



Band members perform at Spring Concert.



Band members perform at Spring Concert.



Senior, Jacob Tyree, receives PAS medallion.



Emily Hawkins (right) presents one of several Senior gifts to Ms. Skolar (left).

Summer Camp Registration is now available online! When registering online, you can select your desired camp, fill in the appropriate information for your student, and click 'add to cart'. You will use your current RevTrak account, or create an account if you are a new user.

Online registration will close for each camp one business day before the start of camp.
Paper forms with registration and check/cash will be accepted up to the first day of camp.

[Online Registration](#)
[Summer Camp Brochure 2023](#)

Please email our athletic secretary, Cory Bowles, cbowles@grantbulldogs.org, with any questions.



Between preparing healthy food, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies, and offering service with a smile, Grant nutrition professionals have a lot on their plate. To celebrate their hard work and commitment, Grant Community High School will celebrate School Lunch Hero Day on May 5. This day, celebrated annually since 2013, was designated School Lunch Hero Day provides an opportunity for parents, students, school staff and communities to thank those who provide healthy meals to nearly 30 million of America's students each school day.

All across the school district, school nutrition professionals will be honored and recognized from students, school staff, parents, and the community. Federal nutrition standards ensure that school cafeterias always offer low-fat or fat-free milk, fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean protein. School meals also meet limits on calories, sodium and unhealthy fats. The importance and nutritional value of school meals are well documented. For many children, school lunch is the most important and nutrient-rich meal of their day.

Lake County Regional Office Of Education Presents:

COMMUNITY

Resource Night

A FREE event designed to connect you with community resources!

LEAP

BIG BROTHER BIG SISTER

PAPER TUTORING

BILINGUAL PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

YMCA

VARSITY TUTORING

SILVER LINING

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& MORE!

May
23rd,
2023

Stanton Elementary

101 Hawthorne Ln, Fox
Lake, IL 60020

Join us 5-7:00pm

For more information:

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www.lake.k12.il.us



LakeCounty
Regional Office of
Education

Principal's Advisory Council

Every school year, students are nominated to join the Principal's Advisory Council (PAC) and weigh in on school-related issues. These issues have ranged from the food provided during lunch and breakfast to guest speakers and various aspects of student life.

At the start of this school year, with PAC's help, the District brought in a new food service program that not only provided new menu items, but also gave students the ability to learn more about their food. Nicole Kaminski, Class of 2023 and Student Representative to the Board, shared that "all the new additions from the nachos to the pasta, to the salad bar were from PAC." While they helped implement a major change in the Commons and Senior Cafe, they are not done expanding our food options yet. As mentioned last month, the District is working on plans for a coffee shop that will be available to students outside of lunch periods. PAC members took a trip to Huntley High School so they could see first-hand how this coffee shop would work in a school setting. Nicole, along with several other members, attended this field trip and was able to talk to the owners and see how their "employees" ran the shop.

In addition to food expansion, PAC has worked with various community members to get more guest speakers at Grant. Earlier this year, with the help of Principal Sefcik (Stanton), PAC was able to host Jeff Ryan, former CEO of W.W. Grainger. Mr. Ryan spoke to numerous Grant and Stanton students about his experience in the workforce and how he rose to the CEO position. Chloe Malueg, Class of 2025, expressed how inspiring it was to hear Mr. Ryan's story because "he started from the bottom and worked his way up. It was nice to show that you can do whatever you want if you put the work in." PAC is looking to continue providing these types of experiences to their peers and help provide different worldviews for current students.

While there are several ideas on PAC's project list moving into next year, Principal Schmidt welcomes all ideas students may have. Whether you are in PAC or not, share your ideas with him or a PAC representative and help make Grant the best school it can be.

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2023/2024 Fall and Winter Color Guard has some spots available! All levels beginner to advanced are welcome.

There are no try-outs! We are currently looking for prop assistance and members to join the Fall and or Winter season. Students of all levels can learn artistic color guard choreography, and strengthen team and individual core values.

The fall season begins in May for all incoming **Freshmen** and new or returning students. Color Guard members perform with the marching band at all home football games and competitions. The Bulldogs Marching Band Color Guard are members who visually interpret our Bulldog Marching Band Music. We love to help tell the story of the songs on the field!

The Winter Color Guard Season begins in late October.

We compete for the Midwest Color Guard Circuit. The Guard will be competing at five competitions including championship.

For more information please contact: Mrs. Gier- rgier@grantbulldogs.org



2023 State Qualifiers



ENGLISH CLASSES

**DISTRICT 37, 38 114, AND 124 OFFER ENGLISH
CLASSES TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY AND
ARE COMPLETELY FREE**

**TUESDAY & THURSDAY
5:15 P.M.-6:45 P.M.**

**Where: Grant Community High School
285 Grand Ave, Fox Lake, IL 60020
Please enter through door number 2**



**CARMEN CARBAJAL: LEAP TEACHER
(815)-354-3937
PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE**

Preventing Youth Suicide

Tips for Parents

If you or someone you know is suicidal, get help immediately via 911, or via (988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline), or the Crisis Text Line (text "HOME" to 741741).

Suicide is the leading cause of death among school age youth. However, *suicide is preventable*. Youth who are contemplating suicide frequently give warning signs of their distress. Parents, teachers, and friends are in a key position to pick up on these signs and get help. Most important is to never take these warning signs lightly or promise to keep them secret. When all adults and students in the school community are committed to making suicide prevention a priority and are empowered to take the correct actions-we can help youth before they engage in behavior with irreversible consequences.

Suicide Risk Factors

Although far from perfect predictors, certain characteristics are associated with increased odd of having suicidal thoughts. These include:

- Mental illness including depression, conduct disorders, and substance abuse.
- Family stress/dysfunction.
- Environmental risks, including presence of a firearm in the home.
- Situational crises (e.g., traumatic death of a loved one, physical or sexual abuse, family violence).

Suicide Warning Signs

Most suicidal youth demonstrate observable behaviors that signal their suicidal thinking. These include:

- Suicidal threats in the form of direct ("I am going to kill myself") and indirect ("I wish I could fall asleep and never wake up again") statements.
- Suicide notes and plans (including online postings).
- Prior suicidal behavior.
- Making final arrangements (e.g., making funeral arrangements, writing a will, giving away prized possessions).
- Preoccupation with death.
- Changes in behavior, appearance, thoughts and/or feelings.

What to Do

Youth who feel suicidal are not likely to seek help directly; however, parents, school personnel, and peers can recognize the warning signs and take immediate action to keep the youth safe. When a youth gives signs that they may be considering suicide, the following actions should be taken:

- Remain calm.
- Ask the youth directly if he or she is thinking about suicide (e.g., "Are you thinking of suicide?").
- Focus on your concern for their well-being and avoid being accusatory.
- Listen.
- Reassure them that there is help and they will not feel like this forever.
- Do not judge.
- Provide constant supervision. Do not leave the youth alone.
- Remove means for self-harm.
- **Get help:** No one should ever agree to keep a youth's suicidal thoughts a secret and instead should tell an appropriate caregiving adult, such as a parent, teacher, counselor, social worker, or school psychologist. Parents should seek help from school or community mental health resources as soon as possible.

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Resiliency Factors

The presence of resiliency factors can lessen the potential of risk factors to lead to suicidal ideation and behaviors. Once a child or adolescent is considered at risk, schools, families, and friends should work to build these factors in and around the youth. These include:

- Family support and cohesion, including good communication.
- Peer support and close social networks.
- School and community connectedness.
- Cultural or religious beliefs that discourage suicide and promote healthy living.
- Adaptive coping and problem-solving skills, including conflict-resolution.
- General life satisfaction, good self-esteem, sense of purpose.
- Easy access to effective medical and mental health resources.

Adapted from Preventing Youth Suicide: Tips for Parents & Educators. 2015, National Association of School Psychologists, www.nasponline.org



KEEP IT RED



3rd Quarter Bulldog Buck Winners



April Bulldog Buck Winners



April Bulldog Buck Winners

Counselor's Corner

Summer School

Summer School registration is currently open on the Grant website for Credit Recovery. If your student needs to recover a credit from a class they previously did not pass, that is a graduation requirement, Summer School Credit Recovery is a great option to make up credits. More information can be found in our [Credit Recovery brochure](#).

Transcript Requests for Seniors

Grant has partnered with Parchment to make ordering transcripts a breeze! Seniors needing their final transcripts should submit their requests in Parchment. An email will be sent to the students' school email with a link to register their account (pro tip: after registering, students should update their account information with their personal email address in order to maintain access after graduation). There is a [playlist](#) of helpful videos to guide students through every step, including the process of creating an account and placing your first order. If you have any questions about transcript requests, please contact our Registrar, Ms. Katie Kauth, at kkauth1@grantbulldogs.org, or at (847) 973-3425.

Note for IEP/504 Students: A student's transcript does not include any accommodations or other information found in their IEP/504 Plan, and the IEP/504 Plan does **not automatically get sent to a student's college. To request a copy of your IEP/504 Plan records, students must fill out a separate Records Request Form. Copies of this form are available in the Main Office or via PDF on our school website under "[Transcript Requests](#)."*

College & Career Center News

- [Newsletter](#)
- Looking for a summer job? Scan below!



Financial Aid Information:

It is required for the graduating Class of 2023 to complete the 2022-2023 [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) OR complete a waiver that states your student will not be filing a FAFSA.

- This waiver is referred to as the FAFSA Non-Participation Form and is available in both English and Spanish. If you student will be completing this form, they need to turn it in to their School Counselor upon completion. Below are the links to the FAFSA and both versions of the Non-Participation Form. Reach out to your student's School Counselor with any questions.
 - [English Non-Participation Form](#)
 - [Spanish Non-Participation Form](#)





Grant Community High School

District 124



CALENDAR

2023

2024

Aug. 9 Freshmen Orientation
 Aug. 10, 11 Institute Days, No Student Attendance
 Aug. 14 1st Day of Student Attendance
 Aug. 16, 23, 30 School Improvement Meetings, 9:25am Flex Time Start
 Aug. 31 Back to School Night, 1:35 Early Release
 Sept. 4 Labor Day, Legal School Holiday
 Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 School Improvement Mtgs, 9:25am Flex Time Start
 Sept. 13 Progress Report
 Sept. 22 Homecoming
 Oct. 4, 18, 25 School Improvement Meetings, 9:25am Flex Time Start
 Oct. 6 Institute Day, No Student Attendance
 Oct. 9 Columbus Day, Legal School Holiday
 Oct. 17 Progress Report
 Oct. TBD PSAT Testing
 Oct. 26 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:00 to 8:00 pm
 Oct. 27 Parent/Teacher Conf., 8:00am-Noon, No Student Attendance
 Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29 School Improvement Meetings, 9:25am Flex Time Start
 Nov. 16 Progress Report
 Nov. 22, 23, 24 Thanksgiving Recess, No School
 Dec. 6, 13 School Improvement Meetings, 9:25am Flex Time Start
 Dec. 20, 21, 22 Semester Exams
 Dec. 25 - Jan 5 Winter Break

Jan. 8 School Resumes, 2nd Semester Begins
 Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31 School Improvement Meetings, 9:25am Flex Time Start
 Jan. 15 Martin Luther King's Birthday, Legal School Holiday
 Feb. 7 Progress Report
 Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 School Improvement Meetings, 9:25am Flex Time Start
 Feb. 16 Institute Day, No Student Attendance
 Feb. 19 Presidents' Day Observed, No School
 Mar. 6, 13, 20 School Improvement Meetings, 9:25am Flex Time Start
 Mar. 13 Progress Report
 Mar. 25-29 Spring Break
 Apr. 3, 17, 24 School Improvement Meetings, 9:25am Flex Time Start
 Apr. TBD PSAT/SAT Testing
 Apr. 19 Progress Report
 May 1 & 8 School Improvement Meetings, 9:25am Flex Time Start
 May 3 Prom, 1:35 Early Release
 May 14, 15 Senior Final Exams
 May 17, 20, 21 Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior Final Exams
 May 19 Graduation
 May 22, 23, 24, 28, 29 - Emergency Days, if necessary
 May 27 Memorial Day

◆ Freshmen Orientation

★ First Day of School ○ Parent/Teacher Conf. ✕ No Student Attendance △ Flex Time Start-9:25am □ End of Semester ☀ Graduation

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Calendar is subject to revision
Updated: 1/17/2023



C A L E N D A R

May

May 1	AP Exams Begin
May 2	LEAP English Class
May 3	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25am Flex Time Start
May 4	LEAP English Class
May 5	Early Release, 1:35pm
	Prom
May 9	LEAP English Class
May 10	School Improvement Meeting, 9:25am Flex Time Start
	Choir Concert
May 11	LEAP English Class
May 12	Final AP Exam
May 16	LEAP English Class
May 16-17	Final Exams (Seniors)
May 18	LEAP English Class
May 18-19	Final Exams (Freshmen/Sophomores/Juniors)
May 21	Graduation
May 22	Final Exams (Freshmen/Sophomores/Juniors)
May 23	LEAP English Class
May 25	LEAP English Class
May 30	LEAP English Class