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To: beth.shook@mcusd709.org Shook, Beth

Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 3:02:47 PM Central Daylight Time

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Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 6:19:56 PM Central Daylight Time

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To: michael.saunders@mcusd709.org Saunders, Michael

Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 11:56:09AM Central Daylight Time

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Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 4:37:21 PM Central Daylight Time

No problem! Thanks for everything you are doing!

On Sun, Aug 20, 2023 at 11:56AM Shook, Beth <beth.shook@mcusd709.org> wrote:

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## **[EXTERNAL EMAIL] Moms In Prayer flyer 2023 :)**

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To: michael.saunders@mcusd709.org Grundy Elementary School, dkralimd@yahoo.com Diane Krall, loudlaugher7@yahoo.com Lisa Countryman  
Friday, August 18, 2023 at 10:31:06AM Central Daylight Time

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To: loudlaugher7@yahoo.com Lisa Countryman  
Cc: dkralimd@yahoo.com Diane Krall, jennifer.sadler@mcusd709.org Jennifer Sadler  
Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 5:39:47 PM Central Daylight Time

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**jennifer.sadler@mcusd709.org Sadler, Jennifer**

To: michael.saunders@mcusd709.org Saunders, Michael  
Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 5:06:29 PM Central Daylight Time

Cc: dkrallmd@yahoo.com Diane Krall, loudlaugher7@yahoo.com Lisa Countryman

Hi Lisa! We cleared the counter off before summer. We will need to print new, sorry about that!

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Hello everyone,

Thank you so much for your love, support, and kindness this week. We have truly been blessed by our Grundy family. My dad had been struggling with health issues all summer. He got a pacemaker in June and had heart valve replacement surgery in July. He almost died when we were on vacation in Texas, but he pulled through and seemed to be improving. Despite all of that, his unexpected passing on Thursday afternoon was a shock to all of us. The last couple of days have been rough, but today was a better day. I got to watch Joshua run cross country and Caleb play soccer. :) God has been so good to us! We are having a private family funeral service for my dad next Saturday in Fort Madison, IA. I am taking Thursday and Friday off to help make the final preparations, but I am still planning to attend "Meet the Teacher" on Thursday night.

Please review the attached Grundy Staff Bulletin which includes our calendar for the entire first semester. Let me know if you have any questions about anything. Enjoy the rest of your weekend! Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning.

Michael

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**Grundy Staff Bulletin.docx 28k**



## [STAFF] Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Possibly passing out invites?

michael.saunders@mcusd709.org Saunders, Michael  
To: craig.smock@mcusd709.org Craig Smock

Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 11:33:24 PM Central Daylight Time

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craig.smock@mcusd709.org Smock, Craig  
To: michael.saunders@mcusd709.org Saunders, Michael

Monday, August 21, 2023 at 9:24:49 AM Central Daylight Time

Have they ever done that in the past?

Also, I know you are probably busy with arrangements and things, but if you want to call me some time, we can ghat about the email that you received.

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Craig

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To: michael.saunders@mcusd709.org Saunders, Michael

Monday, August 21, 2023 at 10:05:17AM Central Daylight Time

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j1hd76@gmail.com Jami Sheridan

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You may share this information in a #/7 format for those questions where this applies and I would also like to know the names of the schools and which groups were represented.

I anxiously await your reply and public statement condemning the grown adults who displayed in a public setting the behavior that children in your district have to deal with on a regular basis. And yes, as a parent of a bi-sexual child who was harassed and had death threats made against her in the junior high, I know it happens and nothing is done about it. Please be the change.

Respectfully,  
Jami DeChaney Sheridan

Dr. Craig Smock  
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**Attachments:**

**Distribution Procedures.pdf 217k**



## No subject

craig.smock@mcusd709.org Smock, Craig

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 1:57:34 PM Central Daylight Time

Hello, Ms. DeCheney Sheridan,

Thank you for your patience as we researched answers to your questions.

Clearly, the school district can not divulge details about a former employee's situation or departure in order to respect and protect that person's confidentiality.

Below are the groups that asked to set up tables and were also allowed to do so at our Meet the Teacher Nights this year:

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Grundy: Morton Public Library, Mom's Prayer Group  
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Morton Academy: None  
Morton JH: Morton Public Library  
Morton HS: Morton Public Library

These groups were only allowed to make information available to those who chose to pick it up from their tables. No other groups made a request. We would allow other non-commercial, non-political parent groups to do the same thing, such as the potential groups that you mentioned. However, no other groups requested to attend that evening at Grundy, nor at any other school building. In the past, some scout groups have had tables set up in some elementary buildings as well. Grundy was the only building in which a flyer went home with students regarding the prayer group. The target audience was adults, and not students. Attached are our procedures relative to distribution of materials and providing information for both school and non-school groups. These represent our own internal guidelines. Diane Krall is the only school board member who is also involved in a parent prayer group at this time. She is in an assistant leadership role for the Grundy group.

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## Principal's Report

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Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 3:28:00 PM Central Daylight Time

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Thanks!

On Aug 29, 2023, at 3:28 PM, Saunders, Michael <michael.saunders@mcusd709.org> wrote:

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Hello everyone,

Thank you for another FANTASTIC week of teaching and learning at Grundy! :) In addition to all of the incredible things happening in our classrooms, I could not have been more impressed with our first round of MTSS Collaborative Intervention Meetings. It is beautiful to watch educational professionals working so hard at such a high level. And our students will be the beneficiaries of that greatness! Have a WONDERFUL weekend with family and friends! Enjoy this beautiful summer-like weather! :) See you on Monday.

Michael

### Attachments:

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All Staff: Our first Pillar of Character is **Responsibility**. Please incorporate the topic of Responsibility into your discussions with students. We will announce our Students of Character for Responsibility on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

All Staff: Please complete your **Public School Works** mandated training by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

All Staff: Please try to give out at least one **Character Counts slip** each day.

Homeroom Teachers: Please remind your students to come to the office on their birthday to receive their **birthday book** from the PTO! 🎉

All Staff: Staff and students are encouraged to wear **Grundy Gear** every Friday. Please help yourself to the free Grundy Gear in the staff lunchroom.



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## [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Minutes and Agenda

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Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 1:31:07 PM Central Daylight Time

Hi everyone,

Could I ask you all to have a quick look at the minutes and agenda and let me know if there are any errors or omissions you see?

Thanks so much!

Toni

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### Attachments:

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Besa Babria – Not Present

We are looking at moving the date of the carnival to the 19<sup>th</sup> of January. We had agreed to move it to January the 26<sup>th</sup> to perhaps facilitate a little more time between it and the Book Fair, thus hopefully encouraging more volunteers for the book fair. The 26<sup>th</sup>, however, clashes with a kickball tournament the middle school is holding, so Mr. Saunders will check if moving the carnival to the 19<sup>th</sup> will work for Besa.

We still need carnival chairs for the Cake Walk and Décor.

It was agreed that we will have some 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to help, and a suggestion was made to send out a form to all 6<sup>th</sup> grade families, stating that all students are expected to volunteer at least one hour of their time in exchange for their field trip costs being covered.

