Good morning all:

Just wanted to send a quick update to let you know that we facilitated a "lock down drill" today. In doing this, I get on the PA and explain the "what" and "why" we practice this. Then, I get off the PA, let the teachers talk to their students for a moment about safety in their classroom and then activate the drill by getting back on the PA and stating, "We are in a full building lockdown".

To the staff at GMS, this means that our teachers lock their doors, look outside their classrooms in the hallway for students walking by, turn off their lights, cover their windows and ask the students to move to a place in the classroom where they cannot be seen from someone inside our building.

Although we know that this could be a bit scary, our students were given the necessary knowledge to know what to do if this situation were to be real in the future. We need to teach our students how to stay safe and what to do during this time.

As another FYI...tomorrow we will facilitate the annual bus evacuation drill as students are arriving. All students, including walkers and car riders will practice.

If you have any questions on our follow through, please email Marcus so we can discuss further. We facilitate multiple drills (evacuation, shelter-in-place, lockdown and bus evacuation) throughout the year to ensure the safety of your child while attending school.

Have a great day.
GMS Parents,

Thank you for your feedback on our **S.O.S: Save our Sound** fundraiser! Many have reached out since our Back to School nights sharing your support for our fundraising approach and asking how best to donate. Here are the two easiest ways:

- Write a check to GMS PTO and drop it off or send it to school with your child
- Donate online at our GoFundMe page: [https://www.gofundme.com/GMS-PTO-S-O-S](https://www.gofundme.com/GMS-PTO-S-O-S)

If every family can donate $25, or what they can, then we will reach our goal to update the sound system in time for the Winter Musical!

Thank you to those that signed up to volunteer your time this school year. We will be reaching out to you directly with more information soon. If you would like to volunteer for the Book Fairs, Teacher Appreciation, Box Tops or more, please send an email to Marcus Smith at smith.marcus@d46.org. He will forward all inquiries.

Thank you to all who have already supported our efforts with your donation. Your support means so much to our students and our school!

Thanks for your support!

The GMS PTO
Join us Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6:30PM at Grayslake Middle School for a public forum.

How does a tax levy affect your property taxes?

The purpose of this public forum is to have an open question and answer dialogue regarding the tax levy and its effects on property taxes. The forum will be held at the Grayslake Middle School beginning at 6:30PM on Wednesday, September 14, 2016.

Join Assistant Superintendent Chris Bobek for this important discussion about property taxes.
Join us for a DI Family Info Night where you will have the opportunity to learn more about the district program and PARTICIPATE in DI instant challenges!

**Who:** All D46 Families

**When:** Thursday, September 15th @ 6:30-7:30pm

**Where:** Frederick School

**What in the world IS Destination Imagination?**

DI is a non-profit, volunteer-led, cause-driven organization that inspires and equips students to become the next generation of innovators and leaders. Each year they offer seven new standards-based Challenges in STEM, Improv, Visual Arts, Service Learning, and Early Learning. In working to solve the challenges, teams learn 21st century skills (creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, communication, citizenship, and courage), step outside of their comfort zones to pursue ideas and make presentations, and build on their unique strengths.

Questions? Contact Krista Miller at miller.krista@d46.org
What is Foundation46? We are a nonprofit organization that provides financial and community support to all 7 District 46 schools. We support district-wide events to promote the sense of community that is so important to us all. Since the fall of 2012, we have provided $67,066 in grants to District 46 schools. Grants support a wide variety of projects in the areas of robotics, general academics, physical wellness, special education, and cross-curricular projects that integrate art and science!

We’d love to have you join us in our efforts!

Directors
The Board of Directors provides oversight of the organization to ensure that Foundation46 consistently makes progress toward its mission and vision, and to ensure financial responsibility. All community members are welcome, but we particularly need representation from the Meadowview and Park School communities.

Webmaster
Do you know how to use WordPress or are you eager to learn a new skill? We’d love to have a new Director who can keep our website consistently up to date.

Marketing
The addition of a board member with expertise in marketing and public relations would be incredibly beneficial to the foundation. Help us increase awareness of the organization, the great things that are being accomplished, and the amazing things that can happen with enthusiastic support.

Donor Fundraising
We can’t support our teachers and students without active fundraising! We are looking for volunteers to promote donations from the community, encourage use of programs such as employer match donations, and build relationships between the Foundation, local businesses, and corporations as a means of bringing in additional financial support for education in District 46.

Event Fundraising
Help plan fun events that bring the community together in support of the Foundation46 mission.

Administrative Taskmaster
Work from behind the scenes and never ask anyone for a dime! Perform administrative and clerical duties that keep our programs well organized.

Contact d46foundation@gmail.com to learn about volunteer opportunities.

Support Foundation46 with $46 FOR 46
Imagine what we could do for our students if every able family gave $46 each year. Make a one time gift or a recurring monthly gift of $3.83. Donations of any size are welcome. Thank you for your support!

Donate at www.foundation46.org
2016 Barn Fest

September 17

Lake County Fairgrounds
6:00 PM

Live music from Transformation
BBQ dinner by Big Ed’s BBQ

$30 tickets

Come out and support District 46 kids!
Get your tickets at

BarnFest46.com