

## Illini Central Grade School Administrative Report

Enrollment as of 5.15.26

Year	Pre-K	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Total
May 25/26	63	43	46	51	42	41	45	331
May 24/25	80	45	49	40	44	44	47	349
Sept. 24/25	67	43	49	41	46	42	44	332
23/24	73	48	41	42	41	47	40	332
22/23	80	37	38	44	42	38	50	329
21/22	62	270						332

### Celebrations & Thanks

- Congratulations to our April Students of the Month! They were recognized for being great models for showing perseverance in the face of adversity. In May, we'll be looking for students that demonstrate positive Citizenship.

## *April's Perseverant Students of the Month*

### Kindergarten

Kyle Bradshaw  
Oliver Grim  
Clara List  
Amelia Sherman

### Second Grade

Caven Buchanan  
Giovanni Liebig  
Madi Jones  
Maddox Steel

### Fourth Grade

Rage Hickle  
Aubrey Jeckel  
Lillian Pomrenke  
Nick Walker

### First Grade

Ryan Davis  
Beau Kennett  
Daisy Smith  
Fossen Williams

### Third Grade

Aria Garrison  
Sawyer Green  
Penelope Jimenez  
Dayla Mason

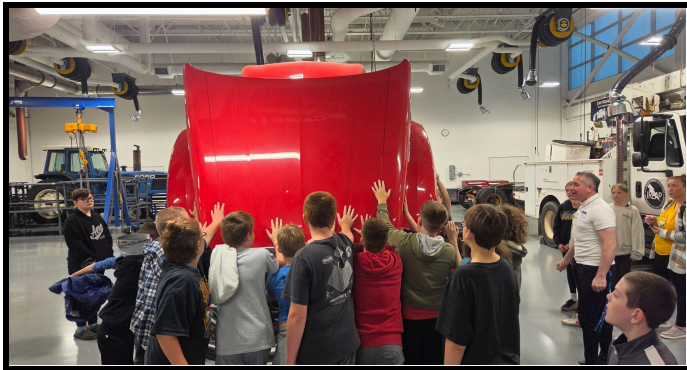
### Fifth Grade

Hunter Bellville  
Rosalie Frakes  
Courtney Jeckel  
Lydia Tucker



## Kicking Off Our Students' College Visit Experiences at 5th Grade

On Monday, April 27, 2026, 5th grade students took a field trip to Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield to learn what community college is and also to learn about the variety of programs LLCC offers. Students toured the buildings that house the following programs: HVAC, Semi Truck Driving and Repair, Small Engines, Culinary, Construction, and Welding. They had the opportunity to ask questions and interact with various instructors and recruiters, and in some departments, they were allowed to touch items with the guidance of instructors. Students ate lunch in the Bistro and were able to speak with college ambassadors who joined them. The Career and World Readiness Committee wants 5th grade students to get their feet on college soil prior to leaving the Grade School, and Valerie Henning coordinates this field trip for our students annually. Despite the rain, 5th graders had a wonderful time and reported that they learned many new things! When students returned, I spoke with many students who were really invigorated by the things they saw there, and every student I asked said that we should continue this trip. One student said the only drawback was that they “only” had such a short time there.



The instructor taught students about the air brakes on semis.



Students learned how to use the equipment to raise and lower the hood of a semi.



A college representative gave a really relatable presentation about continuing education options that might fit their needs.



Students learned about the 1 and 2 year degree options available in Construction.

## Getting Ready for Next Year

We expanded our transition programs this year even further based on our district's strategic goals and building goals. We implemented the following transition activities:

- **Kindergarten Welcome Party (April 22nd):** Kindergarten and PreK teachers & paras collaborated to combine two events (Kindergarten Night and Parent Academy) that were previously hosted for our incoming Kindergarten students. Students were able to have big-kid lunch (pizza!) in the cafeteria, practicing getting their trays and going through the line. Parents had a [presentation](#) from Mrs. Carey, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Harris, and Mr. List in the Cougar Center. There were light refreshments for parents, and Ms. Myers and Mrs. Belcher also came in to help parents get all registered for the upcoming year. Following the large-group presentation, parents went through three sessions led by Kindergarten teachers, PreK teachers, and a parent group for Q & A, while students played outside with other staff and student volunteers. The PTO was also on-hand to make connections and support as parents transition as well.

- **5th to 6th Transition Day (April 29th):** Each 5th grade student was paired up with a 6th grade student, and then they shadowed that student through a shortened Middle School schedule, including brief classroom lessons, locker trips, and passing periods. This day allows 5th grade students to meet ICMS teachers, see what a day looks like, and get a better understanding of ICMS procedures. We want 5th grade students to leave the Grade School feeling prepared for their transition to Middle School, and we have received positive feedback from students that this experience helps them feel less nervous about starting in a new building and reducing stress of the upcoming changes in routine.
- **Meet the Team Visits (May 5th & May 12th):** All other students, K-4th had the opportunity to meet the grade level team for the upcoming year! Teachers explained what the typical day would look like, how things would be the same and different, and more!

### **Upcoming Events**

- May 15, 2026: 4th Grade Field Trip to Peoria Riverfront Museum & Caterpillar Visitor's Center; Spring Benchmark Window Closes
- May 19, 2026: 2nd Grade Field Trip to Peoria Chiefs; Kindergarten to Dari Belle
- May 20, 2026: PreK Trip to Dari Belle
- May 21, 2026: 3rd Grade Field Trip to Sommer Farm; PreK Picnic
- May 22, 2026: No School
- May 25, 2026: No School
- May 26, 2026: 2pm Dismissal
- May 27, 2026: Field Day; 2pm Dismissal
- May 28, 2026: Teacher's Institute

### **One More Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who helped to make Teacher Appreciation Week special for our teachers and staff! Our staff loved Moe's and the other treats that came throughout the week.