

The Galesburg-Augusta Intermediate Schools accommodates fourth and fifth graders, and builds on the skills they attained during their K-3 education at the Primary.

The Intermediate offers extensive opportunities for students needing more of a challenge in their academic curriculum, including: Battle of the Books, Reading Counts, and a variety of other opportunities that suit the students' needs. Students have access to extra-curricular activities including: Fifth Grade Camp, 4H, Scouts, Lymphoma Walk-A-Thon, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra performances, swimming instruction and The Washingtons' assembly. For students who need extra help there are the following services available: At-Risk programming, Title 1 and additional interventions for Math as well as Special Education services.

The Michigan Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative, MiBLSi, is a state grant that has provided the Intermediate School with financial support and professional development. This grant comes from Michigan Department of Education. Additional information is available at the web site: <http://www.cenmi.org/miblisi>. The MiBLSi grant provided the opportunity for the staff to catapult into the newest of innovations in the area of positive behavior support and academic excellence. The staff is highly trained in providing interventions in order to meet needs of the students. The training was focused in the areas of classroom management and developmentally appropriate strategies in academic and behavior instruction. The Intermediate School is a proud member of the MiBLSi consortium.

The Intermediate takes a team-based approach to student learning.. This team-based approach brings together classroom teachers and other school professionals. This team works collaboratively in a problem-solving process to address the challenges faced by students who struggle in school. Our goal at the Intermediate School is to improve student achievement and ensure that ALL children learn.

Some accomplishments of the Intermediate School include:

- *The District continues to support this building with many enhancements centering on technology.*
- *Students participate in several opportunities to give back to the local community in a variety of volunteer activities.*
- *Adults for Galesburg-Augusta Kids, AFGAK, are actively involved.*
- *Departmentalized instruction to focus, target, and provide in-depth instruction*
- *Consistent and upward MEAP scores*
- *A strong sense of a school family environment.*

Visitors are always welcome at G-A Intermediate, and we encourage you to call (269) 484-2030 to talk with our school principal, Ms. Martha Hymer, mhymer@gacsnet.org or arrange a time to meet and visit the school.