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Fall Fun-draisers for Scholarships

Gananda Dollars for Scholars (GDFS) is pleased to announce its traditional fall fundraisers for scholarships. Gananda's homecoming week, September 22 through 26, is the time for Jar Wars, a popular coin collection competition between the grades and the Pumpkin Carry.

At Richard Mann Elementary School, students can deposit pennies in their class jars at lunchtime each day of homecoming week. The competition heats up as students at each grade use pennies to out-weight their rival classes.

The middle and high schools' weeklong competition involves some careful strategy. These higher grades use silver and paper as negative points against the other classes; pennies count as positive points. The winner is often not the class who brings in the most money but the one who pays attention to the daily point summary. Thursday and Friday lunch periods are filled with planning and plotting. There is a prize for the winning grade at each building.

Homecoming weekend hosts another fundraiser back by popular demand. Families will be happy to know that the Pumpkin Carry at Long Acre Farms will celebrate the fall harvest that weekend. Please note that the date of the Pumpkin Carry has been changed to Sunday, Sept. 28, 11 – 3 pm. Teams go out into the pumpkin patch to gather the best and biggest pumpkins. One team member carries as many pumpkins as possible 10 feet to the finish table. Whatever makes it to the finish table will become part of that family's fall décor. Bring your camera for some great expressions! Helpful student volunteers will take your treasure to your car.

Gananda Dollars for Scholars (GDFS) is a community-based nonprofit organization that raises scholarship funds for qualified Gananda graduates. These scholarships help to further the education of students who have a strong work ethic and make contributions to the community. GDFS is supported by local individuals, organizations and businesses and is a part of Scholarship America.

Seniors complete one online application to enter the pool of applicants for the many GDFS awards. There is a small community service requirement to be considered for an award. All recipients must be continuing their education beyond Gananda. Applications are scored anonymously and recipients are chosen according to donor criteria and point allocation.

For more information on meetings, how you can help this outstanding organization or to sponsor a scholarship, call Lisa Fox at 315-986-3980. The website is www.gananda.org/GDFS.