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Calendar

Monday	7	COSI for Grades K-2
Tuesday	8	COSI for Grades 3-5 3:30pm PTO Meeting in the Library
Thursday	17	2nd Grading Period Ends 6-8 pm Skate Night Ashtabula Family Roller Den
Friday	18	No School, Teacher Records Day
Monday	21	No School, MLK Jr. Day
Friday	25	Report Cards Sent Home
Monday	28	6pm District Spelling Bee at GMS

School Closings

- ◆ When school is closed or has a delayed start, you will be notified by radio, television and our automated telephone calling system. Please keep your telephone number current with our office so you will be contacted. Announcements will generally be made by 5:30 AM. **Follow Mr. Kujala on Twitter @GenevaPride; where he will make the delay or closing announcement first.**
- ◆ If weather conditions continue to deteriorate, a decision to close schools will be made no later than 7:30am.
- ◆ **If delayed, AM Kindergarten will be cancelled and there will be no breakfast program.**
- ◆ Morning bus transportation will be delayed approximately two hours.
- ◆ Buses arrive at GPS at 10:30 AM.
- ◆ Parents may drop off students at GPS starting at 10:30 AM.



Communicable Disease

When your child is ill and presumed to be contagious, we must be able to contact you. If you are unable to take a call during the day, an alternate contact must be provided. If these arrangements are not made, it becomes a matter of neglect.

Spreading of communicable disease is difficult to control in school if your child is kept waiting here because there is no way to contact you.

When is my child sick enough to miss school?

Below are guidelines nurses use when determining when to send students home. These same guidelines may be useful to parents in deciding when to keep a child home in the morning.

- * Fever – Must be fever free for 24 hours without medication.
- * Vomiting or Diarrhea
- * Contagious-looking disease. See Ohio Department of Health Guidelines “Communicable Disease Chart”
- * Injury that requires prompt medical evaluation (i.e., fracture)
- * Bad cough or cold symptoms. Talk with pediatrician right way with any difficulty breathing.
- * Best judgment

If your student is going to miss school:

Be sure to call the office attendance line at 440-466-3821 extension 3007 to report your student’s absence.

When your student does return to school, please send a note or medical excuse.

BUNDLE UP!

During the cold and snowy season, students need to come to school in heavier clothing and boots. Please do not send students to school in shorts when we are having winter weather. It is important that children protect themselves from the cold during a 15-20 minute outside recess. Children in primary grades can benefit from having a change of pants and underwear in the event they fall into slushy snow.



Thank You!

We would like to extend a special thank you for the donations received during our We Care, We Share Food Drive in November and Toys for Tots in December. Thanks to the fourth and fifth grade students and teachers for coordinating this community service activity.



School Hours

Drop Off: 8:25 AM Gr. 3-5
Breakfast- Office Entrance Only
 8:30AM- All Students- Both Entrances
School Starts: 8:45 AM
 Tardy Bell: 8:48 AM
Car Pickup: 3:00-3:15PM
Bus Dismissal: 3:15 PM
****Two-Hour Delay****
 Drop Off: 10:30 AM
 AM Kindergarten will be cancelled.

*THANKS TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S SANTA SHOP A SUCCESS!
 A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES OUT TO OUR PTO, WHO SHOPPED UNTIL THEY DROPPED, PRICED ITEMS, SET UP AND TORE DOWN THE SHOP.
 LOTS OF WORK GOES INTO THIS FUN EXPERIENCE FOR OUR STUDENTS. THE TIME, HARD WORK AND EFFORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!*



About the Third Grade Reading Guarantee

In kindergarten through grade three, schools will evaluate all children to determine if they are reading on or off track. If a child appears to be off track in reading, the school will immediately start a reading improvement plan.

A reading improvement plan (RIMP) will address each student's unique reading problems. Schools will monitor the plan to make sure the student's reading is improving. Schools will work closely with parents to help create a remedy and for parents to be able to support the plan. Advancing to Fourth Grade Except for those with special circumstances, students must meet a minimum score on the state reading test of 677 (scaled score) or 45(subscore) to move on to the fourth grade. This score must be attained either in the fall or spring administration of the state third grade reading test. The students will also be given an alternate measure called the Terra Nova where the student would need to earn 18 points out of 30 possible points.

A notice was sent home since returning to school in January notifying parents if their student scored below the state promotion scores along with a written consent form that needs signed and returned to school for your student to take the Terra Nova assessment. **The Terra Nova assessment will be administered on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 for those students that scored below the state promotion score.** Additional reminders will be sent home with students. Family reports from the fall administration will be sent home with all third grade students once they arrive here at GPS in the coming weeks.

If the student remains in the third grade, the school must provide a high performing reading teacher and 90 minutes of reading instruction daily.

Students will have additional opportunities to test in March, April, and May. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Lost and Found

As we enter the season of hats, mittens, scarves and gloves, items get dropped or left behind daily! At times, coats and boots are among these items. If your child is missing items of clothing, please remind them to check the lost and found located on the stage in the cafeteria.