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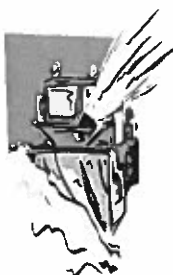


Calendar

Friday	1	100th Day Celebration
Tuesday	5	PTO Meeting, 3:30pm Library
Wed.	6	K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:00 PM
Friday	8	Me and My Guy Dance 5:30-8:00pm
Tuesday	12	K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:00 PM
Thursday	14	Valentine's Day Parties at 1:45pm AM Kindergarten Party at 10:15am Parents may help with consent from the homeroom teacher and report 15 minutes before the party starts. Siblings are not permitted district wide at any of the elementary school holiday parties.
Monday	18	SCHOOL CLOSED, President's Day

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.



Ohio's State Testing Dates for Students in Grades 3-5

Please try to avoid scheduling any appointments at the times below. Thank you for your cooperation.

- April 15 - Grade 4 ELA Part 1
- April 16 - Grade 4 ELA Part 2
- April 17 - Grades 3 and 5 ELA Part 1
- April 18 - Grades 3 and 5 ELA Part 2
- April 23 - Grade 5 Science Part 1
- April 24 - Grade 5 Science Part 2
- April 25 - Grade 5 Math Part 1
- April 26 - Grade 5 Math Part 2
- April 29 - Grades 3 and 4 Math Part 1
- April 30 - Grades 3 and 4 Math Part 2

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.

All third grade students that did not hit the promotion score on the Fall AIR test took the Terra Nova Assessment on **Tuesday, January 29, 2019**. Notifications were sent home with students that did reach the fall promotion score of 18 points out of a possible 30 points. If students did not pass the Terra Nova this past week, you will receive a phone call if you have not already received one to explain next steps. 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.

Title One Reading and Math

Please be aware that GPS offers schoolwide Title One services to students who are at risk in the areas of reading and math at each grade level. If you have concerns about your student's academic progress, please contact your student's teacher and schedule an upcoming parent teacher conference on February 6th or 12th. Remember to read at home.

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.
 No Breakfast will be served.

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.