

Dear GES Families,



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL and the 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!

It's that time of year again...time for school supplies and adjusted bedtime schedules. We are very excited to get back to our classrooms, gymnasiums, playgrounds, and activities. We have been working hard all summer to clean and update our building and plan for the coming year. It is our hope that your children are ready to return and make this their best year yet!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Class lists will be posted on the front doors of the building on Monday, August 21.

There will be a special **Kindergarten Parent Meeting on Tuesday, August 22, at 5:30pm** in the K-8 commons area. This will serve to answer all of your questions and allow K parents to tour the building prior to our open house. Please enter through the BACK of the building (door #11) and sign in prior to taking your seat. Please DO NOT bring school supplies to this meeting as classrooms will be closed. We look forward to meeting you!

OPEN HOUSE will be Thursday, August 24th from 4:30 – 6:00pm. Hope to see you there! Feel free to bring your school supplies at this time. Please enter at the front of the building.

School begins on Monday, August 28, at 9:00am. We will have a staggered start just for Kindergarten, with girls attending on Monday/Wednesday and boys attending on Tuesday/Thursday. All Kindergarten students begin attending together on Friday, September 1.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Attendance



Attendance is EXTREMELY important to your child's success at school! If your child must be absent please report by 9:20am each day by calling 937-548-3185 (x3001).

Transportation via Bus



All students who are new to the district or are new to busing will need to fill out a transportation form. Students who will bus from an address other than their home will need to fill out a new transportation form each year. If your child has ridden the bus in the past or you turned in your transportation form during the summer, the Transportation Department will be sending a postcard which contains your bus number, pick-up spot, and pick-up/drop-off times.

Transportation via Car

Student drop-offs will take place in the front of the building each morning.

PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF YOUR STUDENT PRIOR TO 8:35 A.M.

Pick-ups each afternoon will take place in the front of the school, according to the following schedule:

Kindergarten: Release at 3:45pm @ Door #2 (north side of parking lot)

1st Grade: Release at 3:50pm @ Main Doors

2nd Grade: Release at 3:52pm @ Main Doors

3rd Grade: Release at 3:46pm @ Door #21 (south side of parking lot)

4th Grade: Release at 3:48pm @ Door #21 (south side of parking lot)

At the end of the day, parents are asked to park their vehicles and walk up to sidewalk to meet their children. Parents will not be permitted to drive up to the front of the building at the end of the day, and **students will not be permitted to walk through the parking lot alone.**

(Please be aware as you are leaving the lot after school. Please drive slowly and cautiously)

If your child has a change of plans for transportation, a note, phone call, or email must be communicated to the building secretaries each day by NOON. We will not allow students to make changes without a parent's consent. If you need to make permanent changes to their bus schedule, please fill out a transportation form (located online and in the elementary office). Finally, should you need to pick your child up prior to the end of the school day, a picture ID will be required upon signing them out of the building. Morning notes or phone calls for early releases/appointments are appreciated.



Breakfast & Lunch – Free/Reduced Lunch Information

Breakfast is optional for students and is available each school day from 8:45 - 9:00am. The cost for breakfast is \$2.00 per day.

Lunch cost this school year is \$2.90 per day. Students may also pack a lunch (no soft drinks or an abundance of candy, please).

If your child is on a free or reduced lunch plan, the appropriate paperwork must be filled out each school year. These forms will be distributed at Open House on August 24. They can also be found on the district website.



Medical Information

If your child will need prescription medication during the school day, a *Medication Administration Form* must be completed by a physician and signed by the parent or guardian before any medications can be given. This form is available in the school clinic. Over-the-counter medications do not require a doctor's signature but do require a medical form to be filled out by the parent. **Medications must be delivered by the parent in the original packaging** and may NOT be brought in with students in a book bag.

Student Accident Insurance

See the Greenville City Schools website for details and forms for this program.

Student Technology Insurance

Greenville City Schools has a 1-to-1 technology approach, which means that each student will be provided with an iPad for educational use. This equipment may travel between school and home. Parents have the option of purchasing technology insurance for \$20/year. A form for this optional insurance plan will come home with forms at the beginning of the school year. It is also available on the district website. We highly recommend the purchase of iPad insurance.

Accidents happen! 😊

We are anticipating a **GREAT** year, and we look forward to meeting you!
Should you have any questions, please reach out by calling 937-548-3185 (option 3).



Go Wave!