



**Dear GES Families,**

### **Welcome to December!**

We only have a few short weeks left until we will be welcoming the new year. This year, our holiday break will begin on Tuesday, December 20 and will extend through Monday, January 2. We will welcome students back to school on Tuesday, January 3. The end of the second semester will be Friday, January 13, and grade cards will come home with students the following week.

### **Spelling Bee - November 17**

Eight fourth grade students represented GES at the annual spelling bee held at Greenville Middle School on November 17<sup>th</sup>. A total of fifty students participated in the spelling bee, which lasted seven rounds. Sofia Beutler, Mason Fader, Austin Livesay, Emmett Miller, Morning Murphy, Jonathon Paris, and Simon Pratt were our proud fourth grade participants. Morning Murphy was the last fourth grader standing; however, the older spellers outlasted her efforts. Congratulations to ALL of our spelling bee participants! We are very proud of you!!

### **Holiday Activities at GES K-2**

**Kindergarten** will be celebrating the season with *Holidays Around the World*, from Dec 5 - Dec 13. They will be rotating to a different classroom during the last 30 minutes of each day to present customs from other countries around the globe. They are also talking with their students about holiday traditions they have in their own homes and collecting information from parents to share during their discussions.

The **First Grade** team presented an amazing walk through *Storyland* last Friday afternoon, December 2<sup>nd</sup>! Each class created an over-sized display based on a different holiday story they have been studying. They positioned these displays throughout the first-grade pod, dimmed the lights, and had each student enter after receiving a ticket from the conductor of the *Polar Express*. This was a great way to experience holiday literature in 4D!

**Second Grade** will be celebrating the holidays with a seasonal holiday rotation on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Each classroom will have something unique in store for the students who visit that day. Some will share books and stories, some will play games, and some will introduce STEM activities -- all with a different holiday theme!

### **Holiday Food Drive**

Next week, GES and the PTA will be hosting a food drive for the holiday season. Each classroom will receive cardboard boxes to collect non-perishable food items throughout the week. We will collect items from the classrooms on Wednesday and Friday with the help of our teen friends from **We Are the Majority**. These items will be organized and delivered to the **FISH Choice Pantry** in Greenville on Friday afternoon, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for any donations that can be made. It is important to teach our children to care for others every day, and especially during the holiday season. 😊

### **Holiday Spirit Week**

In honor of the holiday season, we will be having special dress-up days next week for our staff and students. A separate flyer will be coming home with the details for this fun series of events.

## **Attendance Reminder**

Attendance in the classroom is so very important for student learning. Please make it a priority to send your child to school each day, providing they are healthy. ☺ There is a strong correlation between missing school and struggling readers. Attending school regularly is the best remedy for struggling students!

Habitual truancy is one of the greatest factors facing our schools today; and truancy has started to become an issue for some students who have missed more than 65 hours since the onset of the school year. Once a student reaches 35 hours of truancy, parents are notified by mail. After 65 hours, parents are required to attend a meeting with the Attendance Intervention Team at the elementary school. Continued truancy can lead to intervention by the juvenile court system. Please do your best to see that your child is coming to school on time, each day. We appreciate your help with this!

## **School Cancellation Information**

In the event of inclement weather (SNOW, FOG, ICE) the Greenville City Schools will be using the **One Call Now Parent Broadcast System** to inform parents of delays, closing, or early releases. Information may also be obtained on TV stations 2, 7, 8, and 22 or at the school website listed below. Local radio station WTGR 97.5 (TIGER) will also broadcast all closing or delay information.

School Times for a 2-hour delay are 11:00am-3:55pm. Any meetings with school personnel that are scheduled the morning of a delay will be rescheduled for a later time.

**Parents can now add or update contact information to be used on the One Call Now Parent Broadcast at the Greenville City Schools website at [www.greenville.k12.oh.us](http://www.greenville.k12.oh.us) (click on District / Administration / One Call Now).**

Breakfast will **NOT** be served if there is a 2-hour delay.  
Lunch **WILL** be served to the students shortly after arrival.

**Please Note:** Unless the temperature, with wind chill, falls below twenty degrees, children will continue to play outside. Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather on a daily basis with coats, hats, and gloves. Should help be needed here, please contact our school counselors by calling 937-548-3185 (Katy Copas, grades K-2; Kailey Guillozet, grades 3-4).

**Our entire staff wishes your family a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season!**

Susan Dankworth, K-2 Principal  
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Jessica Gorman, K-4 Assistant Principal

