

GREENVILLE SCHOOLS

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K-4 FEBRUARY & MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear GES Families,

The second semester is off to a great start and spring is just around the corner! We have a lot to look forward to and so many plans to make. Please read ahead for information about February and March.

Family Bingo Nights & Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who attended our family bingo nights and Scholastic book fair last week! We hosted over 1,000 students and family members over 3 nights for our bingo event, and our book fair raised \$5,200 to support our library offerings for students. We could not have done it without you! We hope you enjoyed your time with us. This is OUR school, and we want you to feel welcome here. We truly appreciate your support, and we thoroughly enjoyed seeing everyone last week. We hope to see you again next year!

School Day Begins at 9:00am

Please remember that the school day does not begin until 9:00am. Many students are being dropped at the front doors prior to 8:30am, and there is no one to supervise these students.

Please do not drop your students at the front doors prior to 8:40am. This is for their safety. Thank you so much for your help with this!

Calamity Days:

Each year, Ohio schools are afforded 5 calamity days for bad weather. "Delay days" are not included in this count. After our 5th calamity day, students will be expected to complete work on their iPads through either the Canvas Learning Management System (grades 3 & 4) or Seesaw (grades K-2). If you have any questions about how to maneuver these applications, please speak with your child or his/her teacher.

Student Absences: As you know, we take attendance very seriously at every grade level throughout the Greenville City Schools district. Missing even one day denies children of very important routines and instruction that are vital to academic achievement, especially in the area of reading in the early grades. While we do not want children to come to school when they are sick, many absences occur outside of illness. All absences, including late arrivals and early pick-ups, are tracked in hours and minutes by our internal attendance system. As administrators, we are charged with following up when absence hours reach thresholds established by district policy.

Once absences reach 35 hours, a letter is sent home informing parents that the first threshold has been met. These letters are sent again once the 65-hour threshold has been met. It is normally after 65 hours that you will be asked to attend a meeting with your child's principal. The purpose of these meetings is to look closely at the pattern of attendance to investigate the causes of the absences and determine how it can be remedied by working together. It is only when our requests for meetings are not met or attendance does not improve that we refer to the juvenile court system. Please know that we will do everything on our end to help with these issues, but setting expectations for solid attendance and achievement starts at home. It is expected that students be at school every day possible. We appreciate your help with this very important matter.

Upcoming Events

February 16

BOE Meeting @ 6:30
(Memorial Hall)

February 19

Father/Daughter Dance
6:00-8:00 @ Romers

February 20

NO SCHOOL
President's Day

February 27-March 3

Read Across America Week

March 7

PTA Meeting @ 6:00
(Elementary Office)

March 16

Mother/Son Fun Night @ 5-7
(Elementary School)

BOE Meeting @ 6:30
(Memorial Hall)

March 21

Parent/Teacher Conferences
@ 4:15-7:15

March 24

End of Quarter # 3

March 30

Waves of Pride @ 6:30-8
(GHS)



More Important News

Winter MAP Results:

Students in grades K-4 finished the second round of MAP testing in January. If you did not receive an update on your child's progress, please feel free to reach out to your child's homeroom teacher. We will be doing our third and final round of testing in May.

Father/Daughter Dance:

The annual father/daughter dance is this Sunday evening from 6:00 – 8:00pm at Romer's in downtown Greenville. This event is free to families this year, compliments of the PTA; however, your RSVP must have been received last week in order to attend. Reservations are now closed. We anticipate that parking will be an issue, so carpooling and drop-off/pick-up is highly recommended. It should be noted that this is a dress-up event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mother/Son Night:

The mother/son event is currently being planned for the evening of March 16th from 5:00 – 7:00pm. We have decided to do something a bit different from the traditional dance setting for our young gentlemen and their mothers. We will be offering games, activities, and refreshments at the elementary school. More information will be sent home in the next few weeks. This evening will also be free to families, compliments of the GES PTA.

Read Across America Week – February 27 – March 3

Classrooms across the building will be celebrating Read Across America Week and Dr. Seuss's Birthday the week of February 27. You can expect spirit days and lots of celebration around the art of **READING!** More information will be coming your way through take-home flyers and teacher communications. Stay tuned!

Parent / Teacher Conferences:

Our last round of parent/teacher conferences will take place in March. Teachers will be organizing these meetings in the coming weeks. Should you feel a conference is necessary and an invitation has not been received by mid-March, please contact your child's teacher.

Waves of Pride – Coming March 30th!

The annual Waves of Pride student fine arts exhibition will take place on Thursday, March 30th, from 6:30 – 8:00pm at Greenville High School. This exhibit showcases the artistic talents of every student in the district from grades K-12 through art, music, and song. It is a lively evening that is highly anticipated by students and staff. We welcome you to join us!

THANK YOU for all you are doing to support your child and our school.

Our very best,

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