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K-4 JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back for a fresh start in 2024! We are hopeful that this new year will be happy and HEALTHY! 😊 We have so much to look forward to!

Attendance

With holiday travel and a stubborn flu season upon us, attendance issues can become a concern. **Should your child be absent from school, please remember to call the school office by 9:30 A.M. to report your child's absence.** Even if a parent/guardian has sent a note to the teacher, the office needs to be contacted. Our voicemails are always on for you to leave a message.

For any absences other than an illness or a doctor appointment, a vacation form must be approved at least one day in advance. Please call if you would like a form sent home with your child, or you may find this form located on our website. Each child is granted up to 5 days throughout the school year.

Attendance is recorded in hours, not days. If your child reaches a threshold of 65 hours of absence, you will be required to attend a meeting with your child's principal. Repeated late arrivals impact this number heavily.

Please do your best to keep these hours to a minimum. Thank you!

MAP Testing – Measures of Academic Progress

January marks the next round of MAP testing for all students, K-4. Students will be testing in their classrooms at various times throughout the month. Please ensure that your child is at school every day possible as attendance is extremely important and make-up testing is difficult. You should be receiving information from your child's teacher about achievement results.

Mobile Dentists are back!

December marked the beginning of the Mobile Dentist program at GES. If you signed your child up for this program, you can expect your child to receive an exam in the coming weeks. These check-ups and procedures are held during the school day and are free of charge. If you have questions about the program, please contact the school office.

Rest and Routines

We cannot express enough the importance of rest and healthy routines at home. Young bodies and brains are developing at a fast pace, and their proper development depends on proper nutrition and rest. Turning off TVs, iPads, and video games at an appropriate hour will help your child get the sleep necessary to manage the busy school day.

Upcoming Events:

January 12

End of 2nd Quarter

January 15

NO SCHOOL

Martin Luther King Day

January 16

NO SCHOOL

Teacher Work Day

January 19

Grade Cards Go Home





[Parent Contact / Legal Information - We appreciate your help in keeping these items current.](#)

- **If your address or phone number have changed**, please contact our school office, as well as the transportation department should your child ride a bus.
- **It is also important that emergency contacts be updated in our system.** This list determines who can be called in an emergency and who may be permitted to pick-up the child for appointments or illness.
- **Copies of updated custodial paperwork are also required** as we must abide by these documents at all times.

[Notes from the Nurse](#)

Please remind your children not to share hats with their friends. This will help prevent the spread of head lice. Please be diligent in checking your child for lice on a regular basis at home. Checking your child's hair is the best preventative measure you can do.

[End of First Semester & School Fees](#)

The end of our first semester for the 2023-2024 school year will be Friday, January 12th. Report cards will go home with the students on Friday, January 19th. Report cards are NOT held for school fees owed or lunch charges during the school year, but they are held at the end of the school year. Students with unpaid fees will not be able to participate in field day or any other extra activities.

Reminder: If you are having trouble paying your child's flat fee, you may make partial payments until it is paid in full. Fees accumulate from year-to-year and school-to-school. All past due amounts must be paid in full before your child will be permitted to participate in high school graduation, and high school diplomas will be withheld until your child's account has been paid in full.

[Winter Weather](#)

Winter is here! **Please dress your child for the cold weather. Recess will be outdoors unless the temperature (with wind chill) falls below 20°.** Remind your child to wear coats, hats, and gloves. Children who do not have appropriate dress will not be permitted outdoors. Children in need of warm items can be helped by contacting our school counselors.

Please feel free to contact our office with any updates or questions you may have. We're off to a great new year, and we appreciate your support in offering the very best for your child.

Sincerely,

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