

GMG Newsletter



GMG PRESCHOOL CLASS OF 2034

LEADING THE WAY TO A
BRIGHT FUTURE



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Community School District
not to discriminate on the
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GMG SENIOR CLASS

2020

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From the desk of Mrs. Samek

My Students and I are adjusting to the 8 period day schedule; the day flies by! Seniors in English 4 are studying Anglo-Saxon and Medieval periods in literature. Juniors in English 3 are reading early American Literature. Freshman in English 1 are studying grammar and usage and will be reading pieces from new literature books. Advanced Writing students are working on different types of compositions, from personal observations to research papers. Social psychology students have been delving into human behavior in groups and applying concepts to their own lives. All of the students are developing reading, writing, listening and speaking skills that will benefit them in their futures.

From the desk of Mrs. Boerm

Special Education Highlights

All special education students are being served by Mr. Dieken, Mrs. Boerm and special education paraprofessionals in the general education classrooms and during Wolverine Time this year. This change allows them to spend more time in their classrooms where they will thrive and learn the most. Students are adapting to this change well, especially the incoming seventh graders because the elementary follows the same educational model. GMG is proud of the high percentage of our special education students who are fully integrated into the general education setting.

GMG Christian Fellowship

GMG CF is rolling full steam ahead already this year. We watched the movie "I Can Only Imagine" during Wolverine Time. It took a bit longer to watch than in the past with the new schedule but we adapted. Our first meeting is on September 16th, and we will brainstorm service projects and fun events for the year. The annual 'See You at the Pole' prayer event and breakfast is September 25th at 7:45 am.

Christian Fellowship Community Clean-up

We are always looking for local projects to help serve our community. If you have a need please contact Mrs. Boerm (jboerm@gmgschools.org) or Mr. Dieken at (jdieken@gmgschools.org). We would love to help!

Thank You for the Memorial Gift

By

Darlene Koster

The GMG Kindergarten class would like to thank the family of Bryan Frahm for the memorial gift to the kindergarten class. We have purchased magnetic tiles. We use these to build our math, engineering, and social skills. Bryan was a member of the Garwin class of 1987.





From the desk of Mrs. Barnes

There are many great things happening in Young Adult Literature and Reading class. The seventh grade and eighth grade have been working on short stories and independent reading. We try to start new readings each week and discuss new reading techniques. The seventh and eighth grade students will complete creative book projects at the end of October!

Young Adult students are reading *Wonder* and *Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes*. They have been focusing on discussing, paragraph writing, and the theme of bullying. As the kids continue to read, they are enjoying their books more and more.

It's been a great start to the year for these English classes!

THINGS TO REMEMBER

October 2

GMGPA 6:00

October 21

PIE MEETING 5:30

NOVEMBER 8

HS PLAY HILLBILLY HANKERIN

NOVEMBER 13-14

PK-12 PARENT TEACHER
CONFERENCES

ACT DEADLINES

NOVEMBER 8, FEBRUARY 8

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From the desk of Mr. Beichley & Mr. Logemann

Hello from the 6th grade,

I will fill you in with some of what we have been working on in reading. We are teaching reading in a way that we learn about specific genres in each unit. A genre is a type of book. For example: fiction, mystery, fantasy, and historical fiction. 6th grade started out the year by having a unit in historical fiction. We read a book that took place in 1910, which exposes the students to life in that time period. Each day both 6th grade teachers teach a “mini-lesson” and the students work to master the “I-can” statement of the day. An example of an “I-can” statement would be, “I can make a logical prediction and back it up with evidence from the text.” We ended the unit with a post-assessment that focused on assessing the students’ abilities to demonstrate their knowledge of the “I-can” statements from the unit. Now we have moved on to our science fiction unit and look forward to keep improving our reading abilities.



Dear GMG Elementary Families,

Time flies when you are having fun. That seems to be an appropriate saying. As I write this, I am having trouble believing that we are entering the month of October. Time is truly flying by. It just seems like yesterday when we started seeing the faces of our students for the first time this school year. I was excited to see the faces I haven't seen since the end of the last school year, and the new faces I saw for the first time.

One thing that I firmly believe in is school improvement. We can never be satisfied with our current status. We always need to continually look at what we can improve on. We are continuing to enhance our literacy block this year. We are continuing to look at the development of our reading and writing workshop model. We are also working at enhancing our math block. We are also beginning year three of our journey for "The Leader in Me".

As parents, you can also help us in the area of school improvement. Listed below are a few things you can do.

- Communicate regularly with your child's teachers about overall goals for the year and your child's progress toward those goals.
- Make sure your child attends school regularly. Attendance is important at every grade level. When your child must be absent, please talk with the teacher to coordinate make-up work and assignments.
- Help your child with his or her work.
- If you are unable to help, contact the school to request more help.

As always, the staff and I are available to discuss questions or concerns you have about your child's education. Thank you for being a partner!

Sincerely,
Chris Frimml
cfrimml@gmgschools.org

Additional Information

GMG Families,

The topics below are to serve as a friendly reminder. The information below can also be found in the Elementary handbook.

Safety Concern: Picking up/Dropping off Students

Parents/Guardians are to drop off and pick up the students at the north parking lot. We request that you do not drop off or pick up students in the south parking lot. The students may walk through the building to come to breakfast and/or go onto the playground. At the end of the day, students will be dismissed as the parent/family/driver stops parallel to the north door. If the student is not picked up after school by 3:35 he/she will be sent to recess until their ride arrives. Students should also not be dropped off or picked up at the front of the building. That area is reserved for buses.

Recess (Outdoors)

The students will play outside whenever the weather permits. We use the Child Care Weather Watch guidelines produced by Healthy Child Care Iowa to determine if the Wind Chill Factor or Heat Index is safe for outdoor recess.

As the weather changes, students need to wear a warm coat, mittens or gloves and a hat (labeled with your child's name). The children must be prepared to wear a light jacket or sweatshirt for days that may be cool early in the day and warmer later in the day. Snow boots are needed for winter weather.

If we cannot go outside, students will have an opportunity to participate in acceptable indoor activities.

PRIDE

PRIDE is the acronym our teachers use when discussing expectations with students. Please discuss with your children the ways they have displayed GMG PRIDE throughout the day.

P ut Safety First

R espect and Responsibility

I nclude Everyone

D o Your Best

E veryone Cooperates

HALLWAY

PURPOSE:

The hallways of GMG will be safe and quiet places.

EXPECTATIONS:

1. Students will walk.
2. Students will walk using line basics when with a class:
 - a. face forward
 - b. single file
 - c. Silent voices as a class, small group (2-3 students) soft voices
 - d. hands & objects to self
3. Students will stay to the right.
4. Students will be in the hallway only with permission.
5. Hats remain off inside the building

Wednesdays

Please remember that every Wednesday is an early dismiss at 2:20.





**IS IT A
COLD OR FLU?**

Signs and Symptoms	Cold	Flu
Symptom onset	Gradual	Abrupt
Fever	Rare	Usual
Aches	Slight	Usual
Chills	Uncommon	Fairly common
Fatigue, weakness	Sometimes	Usual
Sneezing	Common	Sometimes
Stuffy nose	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Common	Sometimes
Chest discomfort, cough	Mild to moderate	Common
Headache	Rare	Common

#FIGHT FLU

With flu season upon us, it is important to keep our children healthy. Children are 2 to 3 times more likely than adults to get sick with the flu, and on average, one in three children in the U.S. is affected by the virus each year. Usually, the flu is spread from person to person through coughing and sneezing. Occasionally, people get the flu from touching a germ-infested surface.

SIMPLE STEPS FOR KEEPING YOUR CHILD HEALTHY:

- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the best way to prevent your child from getting the flu is to take him/her to get a flu vaccine.
- Talk to you child about practicing good health habits, such as:
 - Washing hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds – sing the ABCs
 - Covering mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing-preferably into the inside of the elbow or with a tissue and disposing of the tissue immediately into the trash
 - Avoiding sharing drinks, water bottles, eating utensils and cell phones
 - Avoiding touching their eyes, nose, and mouth
- You can help prevent the flu from spreading at home by disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, toys, and other commonly shared items.
- You can prevent spreading illness to others by keeping your sick children home from school until they have been without fever for 24 hours. It is important for your sick child to get rest and drink plenty of fluids

GMG DRAMA PRESENTS “HILLBILLY HANKERIN”

Friday, November 8 at 7:00 PM



Saturday, November 9 at 2:00 PM

GMG Community School Board Meeting
Green Mountain
Monday, September 9, 2019
Regular Meeting, 6:30 PM

The GMG Board of Education then met in regular session, at 6:30 PM, in the library at the GMG Elementary School in Green Mountain. Ann Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Members present were Ann Jackson, Bill Backoff, Stephanie DeSchamp, Doug Dieleman, Kyle Hall, and Randy Sienknecht. Nathan Holven was absent. Also present were Ben Petty, Chris Frimml, Nathan Kleinmeyer, Katie Mathern, Jon Reed, Shari Smith, Eli Mathern, and Christian Deam.

Consent Agenda

1. Board Meeting Agenda
2. August Regular Meeting Minutes
3. Bills Payable
4. Fall Activity Bills
5. Personnel –hiring of Braulia Valladares as secondary assistant cook, hiring of Matt Krull as assistant football coach, and resignation of Brenda Fleming as secondary paraprofessional.
6. Transfer of \$10,600.00 from general fund to activity fund for football helmets.

Motion by Sienknecht, second by Backoff, to approve the consent agenda with the addition of hiring Kaitlyn Gill as elementary aide. Aye votes from Jackson, Backoff, DeSchamp, Hall, and Sienknecht. Nay vote from Dieleman. Motion carried.

Recognition of Guests Present:

Christian Deam spoke to the Board on his completed Eagle Scout project of the construction of the ticket booth at the football field.

A concern was voiced in regards to the elementary lunch period.

Reports:

Mr. Frimml reported during the early out in-services, the elementary staff has done work in the area of word study and assessments that go along with it. FAST Testing will start this week. Interventions have already started based on last Spring's data. This year's WIG (Wildly Important Goal) for the school is: By the end of the first quarter, GMG students will read 2,000 hours outside of school.

Mr. Kleinmeyer reported the high school is off to a good start. New staff are doing well and the schedule is now running smoothly. Staff content teams are working on Common Units. High school activities are in full swing. Junior high volleyball has so many participants this year, there is a need to purchase more jerseys (t-shirts) for the year. Junior high football is transitioning well to 8-man.

Business Manager, Katie Mathern, reported on the financials.

Activity Director, Jon Reed, answered questions and reported to the Board on GMG's activities.

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Commendations:

Motion by Dieleman, second by DeSchamp, to approve the addition of the following commendations.

1. Peggy Stonewall, Marisah Carlson, and Jose Hernandez for the paintings of murals, etc. in the elementary building
2. Christian Deam for the construction of the ticket booth, located at the GMG football field, for his Eagle Scout project.

Motion carried with all ayes.

Business:

The Board had their first reading of Policy 927: Public Conduct on School Premises.

Motion by Backoff, second by Dieleman, to approve the transfer from the all activity fund to pay the negative speech balance of \$778.83. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion by Sienknecht, second by Hall, to approve the purchase of an ice-maker for the high school, from Martin Brothers Distributing, in the amount of \$5,577.77. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion by Dieleman, second by Backoff, to approve the Water Uses Membership Agreement and Limited Easement for the Sanitary Sewer, related to the Green Mountain Wastewater Project. Motion carried with all ayes.

Superintendent Petty reviewed the PPEL/SAVE 4-year plan.

Motion by Dieleman, second by Backoff, to approve the purchase of a Telecor XL Intercom/Bell System for the high school, from Rankin Communication Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$20,250.00. Motion carried with all ayes.

Motion by Dieleman, second by Backoff, to approve the purchase of 25 high school and 20 junior high football helmets from VICIS, in the amount of \$10,600 each year for the next four years. Motion carried with all ayes.

Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Petty reviewed the preliminary enrollment numbers. The IASB School Board Convention is November 20-21st, and Mr. Petty encouraged those interested to attend.

The next Board meeting will be October 14, 2019, at 7:00 PM, at the GMG High School in Garwin.

Adjournment:

Motion by Sienknecht, second by DeSchamp, to adjourn at 8:53 PM.

October 2019

GMG Breakfast/Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 B: Breakfast Biscuit, Juice & Low-Fat Milk L: Super Nachos, Taco Beans, Applesauce, Choc. Chip Muffin, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk	2 B: Breakfast Pizza, Juice & Low-Fat Milk L: Tenderloin, FF, Peaches, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk Reminder on Wednesday's 2:20 Dismissal	3 B: French Toast, Sausage, Juice & Low-Fat Milk L: Spaghetti, Green Beans, Pears, Breadstick, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk	4 B: Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Juice & Low-Fat Milk L: Chicken Strips, Potato Wedges, Pineapple, M & M Cookie, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk
7 B: Long John, Juice, & Low-Fat Milk Mac & Cheese, Little Smokies, Peas, Mandarin Oranges, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk	8 B: Breakfast Biscuit, Juice & Low-Fat Milk L: Hamburger on Bun, FF, Carrots, Applesauce, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk	9 B: Breakfast Bar, Juice & Low-Fat Milk L: Beef & Noodles, Mash Potatoes, Peaches, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk	10 B: Pancake on a stick, Sausage, Juice, & Low-Fat Milk L: Italian Casserole, Garlic Bread, Green Beans, Pears, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk	11 B: Omelet, Toast, Juice & Low-Fat Milk L: Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Apple Crisp, Pineapple, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk
14 B: Donut Holes, Juice & Low-Fat Milk L: Chicken Nuggets, Hashbrowns, Mandarin Oranges, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk	15 B: Breakfast Biscuit, Juice & Low-Fat Milk L: Tator Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Applesauce, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk	16 B: Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Low-Fat Milk L: Ham & Bean Soup, Hot Ham & Cheese, Peaches, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk	17 B: Mini Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, & Low-Fat Milk L: Fried Chicken, Mash Potatoes, Carrots, Pineapple, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk	18 B: Biscuits and Gravy, Juice & Low-Fat Milk L: Pizza, Corn, Pineapple, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk
21 B: Frosted Donut, Juice & Low-Fat Milk L: Pig in a Blanket, Baked Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk	22 B: Breakfast Biscuit, Juice & Low-Fat Milk L: Chili, Cinnamon Roll, Applesauce, Fresh Veggies, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk	23 B: Breakfast Bar, Juice & Low-Fat Milk L: Chicken Sandwich, FF, Peaches, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk	24 B: Waffles, Sausage, Juice & Low-Fat Milk L: Orange Chicken, Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Pears, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk	25 B: Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Juice & Low-Fat Milk L: Shrimp Poppers, Beans & Rice, Pineapple, Orange Muffin, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk
28 B: Long John, Juice & Low-Fat Milk L: Beef Burger, Tator Tots, Mandarin Oranges, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk	29 B: Breakfast Biscuit, Juice & Low-Fat Milk L: Cream of Chicken over Biscuit, Pears, Applesauce, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk	30 B: Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Low-Fat Milk L: Mr. Ribb, FF, Peaches, Chocolate Cake, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk	31 B: French Toast, Sausage, Juice & Low-Fat Milk L: Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Pears, Chocolate Cake, Salad Bar, Low-Fat Milk	

Cereal is offered daily at both buildings for breakfast. Menu is subject to change. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

For the most current activity updates check out the calendar on the GMG Website,
gmgschools.socs.net

October 2019

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