

# Greenville Middle School

## Family Newsletter

May 2023

Greetings,

Welcome to May!

We have truly enjoyed our time with your student(s) this year. We have had a lot to celebrate academically, in the music and arts, as well as in our co-curricular and athletic activities this year. It has been an exciting year as we were able to utilize all of our new spaces here at GMS. We appreciate your support and the school-family collaboration to make all of this happen!

Please take time to read important updates from GMS. As always, please reach out to us with any questions. The best way to get accurate answers to your questions is to call the school office directly and we will gladly assist.

With regard,

Mr. Lawrence and Mrs. Powell



## **GMS April Students of the Month**



Each month we celebrate students who are demonstrating Social and Emotional Learning Skills (SEL) in the areas of Self Management, Self Awareness, Relationship Skills, Social Awareness, and Responsible Decision Making. We celebrate students who are growing and making progress in their skills and also those who demonstrate them consistently.

**Congratulations to our April Students of the Month!**

## Student Safety Reminders



- **Pull up as far as possible in the lane, once you make your first stop and you are curbside your student should exit.** Do not continue to make multiple stops to get closer to the door, this holds traffic up. Your student should get out and walk to door 1 and you should exit to the left lane.
- You may not drop off or pick up your student in the staff lot. You must use the drop off/pick up lane for your students safety.
- GES students should be dropped off in the GES parking lot. If you have a GMS student as well, they can walk from GES.
- Drop off/pick up should only take place in the right lane. The left lane is for exiting after you have dropped off/picked up. Students may never walk through the left lane.
- Please remind your student if they are biking, once they are on school grounds (this includes GES) they should walk their bike. They must remain on the sidewalks, not in the drop off lane, parking lot, or bus lot.
- At no time should students be in or near the retention pond at GMS.

## Student Drop Off Time



Students can enter the building each morning at 7:25am (unless they are here for band, choir, or an activity supervised by a staff member). Please do not drop them off prior to that as there is no supervision. Please remind them they will need to wait in the cafeteria until 7:30am before heading to their grade levels. If your student is planning on getting breakfast, please remind them to get breakfast right away and take it with them to their first hour. If your child is coming to Open Gym, they may arrive at 7:00am but must remain in the gym until 7:25am.

*Please keep in mind, **students should be seated and ready to learn by 7:40am.** Please plan accordingly if you are dropping off so that they have adequate time.*

**We have seen an increase in drop-off students not arriving at school by 7:35.**

**Please plan accordingly to avoid having your child be tardy.**

## Planning Ahead for 2023/24 Vacations?



[2023-2024 District Calendar](#)

Please use the district calendar to plan for vacations for next year. Please schedule vacations according to our calendar to avoid missing school. School attendance is one of the highest predictors of student success!

**FINISH STRONG!!**

**Attendance matters, every day counts toward student success**



Anytime your student is out for a medical (medical, dental, mental health) appointment or is ill, a note from the doctors office can exempt those occurrences from the ten days. If you have those documents from prior appointments or illnesses, please route them to our school office as soon as possible.

## Wisconsin Attendance Law:

According to “State Statute 118.15(3)(C) parents may excuse their child from school for no more than **ten** (*all or part of*) days a school year. *After* ten times of being excused, a medical excuse will be required to exempt the absence, or the absence may be treated as unexcused.”

### *Helpful Tips:*

- Call Greenville Middle School before 7:30am on the day your student is going to be absent. (920-757-7140) **Please wait for all directions on the voicemail line, it will prompt you to save your message when you are done. Please wait for that to finalize your message.**
- Schedule as many appointments as possible outside of the school day.
- If a student misses school due to an appointment (doctor, dentist, therapy, etc) or goes to the doctor for an illness, the professional can send a note exempting the absence from school by either faxing (fax number 757-7141) the note to school or it can be handed into the office here at Greenville Middle School.
- Schedule your vacations to coincide with the school district calendar. (Pre-arranged absence forms must be filled out and approved before a trip)
- Communicate with school staff when there are barriers to your student attending school.
- Students will be marked tardy after 7:40am. Students are expected to be in school and seated ready to go at this time.
- Greenville Middle School and Hortonville Area School District will be sending reminder letters, emails, and requesting parent meetings after 10 school days are excused, we want to be partners in your child’s success. Absences after 10 occurrences will be marked unexcused and will require a doctor's note.

## **GMS Student Handbook**



Please take time to review our [Student Handbook](#). Your student has been provided a copy of this. You may also access [district policy](#) if you have additional questions.

## **Reminders from the**



If your student is not feeling well during the school day they should get permission from their teacher to go to the Health Office. The Health Aid will discuss their symptoms and assess your student in the Health Office and will then contact you. Please remind them they should not be texting parents from classrooms without teacher permission. Please remind them to follow this process so that we can follow our school health protocol. At times, students may be avoiding class and our Health Aid does an excellent job working with students to ensure it is appropriate that they leave for the day. This process also helps us ensure attendance protocols are utilized correctly. Please remind your student of this process and ensure they follow this protocol here at school.

## **Student Cell Phone Use at GMS**



We ask that you please do not text your child during the school day. This becomes a classroom management challenge for our staff. Students may only use their phone for school use in the classroom with teacher permission. They may not use cell phones in restrooms, hallways, locker rooms, or the lunch room. If you need to get a message to your student, please call the school office and we will get them the message.

If your child is not feeling well, remind them to go to the nurses office to be assessed rather than calling you first. The nurse's office will then contact you.

We also have seen an increase of students using ear buds during the school day when they do not have teacher permission. Please remind them that their ear buds should stay in their locker all day unless a teacher has given them permission to use them during class. They should not have them in at any other time. Thank you for your help with this.

## **8th Grade Awards and Promotion Ceremony**



**Save the date!** May 31st , 2023 5:00PM

We will hold the program at the Wolf River Community Bank Stadium at Hortonville High School, weather permitting. If the weather forecast calls for rain the program will be held at Greenville Middle School in the main gym. We will update you via Skylert by 12pm on May 31st if it is moved indoors.

*There will be an 8th Grade GMS/HMS Dance to follow at HMS from 6:30-8pm*

Please contact Jes Powell at GMS if you would be willing to donate decorations, gift cards for prizes, or snacks for the dance. There is no need to pre-register.

The last day of school is not until June 1st, our 8th graders do attend the following day through the 1st.

## **HASD School Bus Expectation Reminders**





As a reminder to all, it is very important for our drivers to ensure that your child arrives to and from school safely. Student safety is the drivers primary concern on every route (to and from school, activities, field trips, etc).

Recently, we have seen an increase in behavioral concerns on our bus routes. When a driver is managing behaviors, it is distracting to their ability to drive safely. Consider yourself as a driver, would you want your student to behave in a way in which your ability to drive safely was compromised? We need your student to manage their behaviors on the bus to ensure safe transport in the same way you would.

If your student is not able to manage their behaviors while on the bus, a behavioral referral will be made to school administration. Please review the following expectations with your student so that the driver can focus on driving.

1. There is no food or drink permitted on the bus at any time. It should remain in their backpack.
2. Social media of any kind may not be used on the bus.
3. Students may not use their cell phone or any other electronic device to take pictures or videos on the bus.
4. The volume level on the bus must remain low. Students may engage in conversation at a low volume level with the student(s) they are seated with. They should not be shouting, yelling, chanting, etc.
5. Just as we would use a seating chart to assist in the classroom, seating charts on the bus are an expectation. Students must sit in their assigned seat.
6. Students should be facing forward when the bus is moving. They should remain seated with their feet on the floor. Their feet should not be in the aisle. The aisle may not be blocked when the bus is moving. Students should remain seated until the bus makes a complete stop before they get up to exit the bus.

7. Swearing, inappropriate comments, teasing, name calling and unkind remarks to peers is not acceptable on the bus at any time.

If a second referral occurs, a conference may be held with any/all of the following: the Director of Transportation, the principal/associate principal, student, driver, and parent or guardian(s) with a written report sent to parent/guardian(s). Additionally, a student may be suspended from riding the bus for two (2) days at the discretion of the administrator. A third offense can result in a five-day bus suspension. In the event of a fourth offense, the student may be suspended from riding the bus and referred to the Board of Education for possible expulsion from bus riding privileges for the remainder of the school year.

If you have additional questions please reach out to us and we will do our best to assist. You can also reference the [School Bus Discipline and Conduct Policy #8610](#). We wish you well and look forward to seeing your student back at school on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## **HASD Summer School Information**



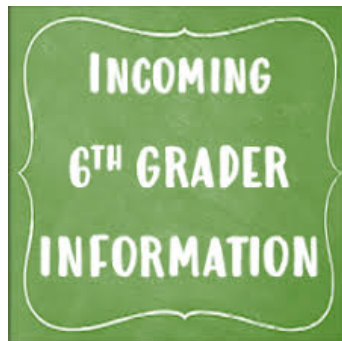
Summer School Registration is open, please visit this [link](#) for more information.

## **WEB Leader Training**



8th grade students selected for the WEB Program, please save the dates for our training. You must be in attendance on August 22nd and 23rd.

## **6th Grade Orientation**



*Save the Date* - August 24th, 2023 at GMS

More information to come this summer



# *Sharing the Love* **COMMUNITY EVENT**

## **WHY**

As a thank you for the love you've shown us, we will donate  
**10% of net sales to Hortonville School District!**

## **WHEN**

Tuesday, May 9 ★ 10:00 am – 09:00 pm

## **WHERE**

4194 W WISCONSIN AVE ★ 9208301111



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## Greenville Middle School Scholastic Spring Book Fair 2023



Dear GMS Parents and Families:



We are excited to announce Greenville Middle School's 2023 Scholastic Spring Book Fair. This event is an opportunity for students of all ages to build their home libraries and further their love of reading. As always, all purchases benefit our school.

Important info about the Fair:



Where & When: GMS Library from Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> (all day and before/after school).



Payment: Cash, credit card, or a cash-free payment option called eWallet. Go to our homepage at: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/greenvillemiddle school> for information on how to set it up. It's a convenient digital account that your child can use for shopping at our fair. Please plan for TAX!



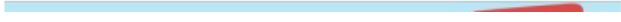
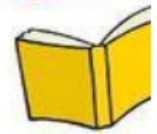
If your child can't make it to the fair, then shop online at our school's Virtual Book Fair with the link above. All orders ship directly to your home and shipping is free for book orders over \$25.



We're excited to celebrate our love of books together at the Book Fair. We look forward to seeing your child there!

Happy Reading,

Kendra Jones  
Greenville Middle School Librarian



**Important Dates to Remember:**

[2022/2023 District Calendar](#)

[2023-2024 District Calendar](#)

**May 9th:** Choir Concert

**May 29th:** Memorial Day - No School

**June 1st:** Last Day of School - Early Release 11:50

**June 5th - 23rd:** Summer School