

# Greenville Middle School

## Family Newsletter

November 2022



Greetings,

Welcome to November! We had an excellent turnout at our GMS/HMS Halloween Dance. We had approximately 550 students join us for the fun. Students enjoyed music, open gym, and fun with friends. We want to compliment the students on outstanding behavior during the event.

We have been working very hard at GMS to remind students of schoolwide expectations regarding student behavior, specifically around treating others with kindness and respect. We have seen an increase in student behaviors around name calling and unkind comments directed toward peers. We encourage students to report these behaviors to trusted adults so that we can address them quickly. Please remind your student it is important to report them as soon as possible so that they can be handled appropriately in a timely manner. Please remember, if we don't know, we can't help. We work hard to remind students we have a no tolerance policy in regard to comments of a racial nature or those that can be interpreted as sexual harassment. Please talk with your students about both topics so that they understand the significance of those types of comments. We appreciate your help in supporting this.

We hope you enjoyed the recent long weekend and wish you well in the upcoming weeks. As always, if you have any questions please reach out to us anytime and we will be glad to assist you.

Mr. Lawrence and Mrs. Powell

## October GMS 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 October Students of the Month!

## HASD Glow Run/Walk



On Friday, November 18 2022 HASD is hosting a Glow Run/Walk. The gates will open at 5pm and check-in will be until 5:50pm. The Glow Kick-off will be at 6pm with announcements and then the fun can start! The event goes until 7pm. All levels of walkers and runners can participate. The cost will be \$8 per registrant. This includes a t-shirt, 2 glow sticks to start, and then 1 glow stick for each completed lap. There will also be a photo booth and tons of other fun for the whole family! There will be on-site registration but they can't guarantee t-shirt availability at that time, please pre-register by November 11th if possible.

[Glow Run/Walk Registration Link](#)

## Spirit Days Ahead



November 18 - Camouflage or Blaze Orange



December 19 – Pajama Day

December 20 - Flannel Day

December 21 – Red and Green Day

December 22 – Silly Sock Day

December 23 – Silly Sweater Day

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

As we approach deer hunting season, please keep our attendance requirements in mind as you plan ahead this year. If your child is planning to miss school please have them pick up a pre-arranged absence form from the office. Please also remember, 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.

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:

- Plan ahead, planned days out of school add up quickly. Deer hunting is quickly approaching. Keep in mind these are considered vacation days and do count in your child's excused count toward ten occurrences.
- 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.
- Call Greenville Middle School before 7:30am on the day your student is going to be absent. (920-757-7140)
- 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.
- If your student missed more than ten days of school last year, we will monitor your child's attendance closely again this year. We will periodically meet with your student to talk about their attendance progress in a proactive manner to set goals and talk about supports for this year.



## **Lost and Found Items**



Please remind your student to check the lost and found often as it piles up quickly here at school. The lost and found is located near our front entrance to the cafeteria. At the end of each quarter we gather up the items that have not been picked up and we donate those items. Please keep this timeline in mind each quarter as it approaches. We always remind students in our daily announcements the week prior to donating but appreciate your help reminding students as well.

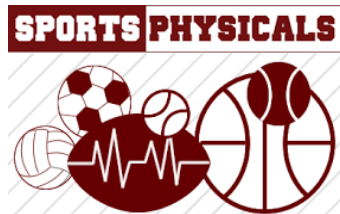
## **Social Emotional Learning at GMS**



We work hard to ensure that your child develops the essential academic content skills/concepts that are identified as “Power Standards” within each course. We believe the same way in which we teach our students academic content standards, we need to be purposeful in our instruction and practice in developing their academic and social skills. [Social Emotional Learning](#) (SEL) is an important part of developing the whole child so that they can be successful in and out of the

classroom. We have embedded SEL instruction within our curriculum here at GMS and will also provide SEL feedback on your students progress within Mastery Connect. The [Essential Academic and Social Behaviors Rubric](#) is aligned to the SEL competencies and is the tool we used to help students and teachers assess progress in the development of these skills. Please take a moment to look at this tool and let us know if you have any questions. We wanted to share this with you so that you are familiar with the language we use here at GMS so that we can partner in this with you.

## **Student Athlete Health & Physical Information**



Please take time to review the [Concussion and Sudden Cardiac Arrest](#) Information posted on our athletic page.

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders that will be starting upcoming school affiliated co-curricular sports. Please check to make sure your physicals are up to date prior to the start of the season. If you are unsure you can call the school office and they can check for you or reach out to your healthcare provider. Students must have a sports physical every other year. Basketball will start in mid-october so please plan accordingly. If you have additional questions about co-curriculars feel free to reach out to the GMS Co-Curricular Coordinator, Mr. Linz. He can be reached at: [TimothyLinz@hasd.org](mailto:TimothyLinz@hasd.org)

## **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 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.

***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.***

## **Polar Parents**



“Polar Parents” is a great way to get involved here at school. We will share volunteer opportunities with you in the coming weeks and throughout the school year. We hope you consider assisting us throughout the year. If you think at any point this year you may want to volunteer at school or chaperone, please take time to complete the [background check form](#). This can take several weeks to process so we encourage you to be proactive in completing it. This must be completed and processed prior to your participation.

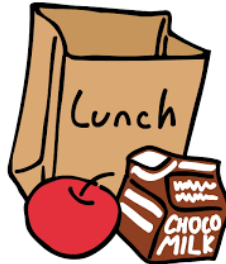


## **GMS Student Handbook**



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.

## **Lunch Guests & Treats**



Please remember that if you have a special guest coming to have lunch with your student for a special occasion, they must be listed in your student's Skyward Account (parent/guardian/emergency contact). If you need to add them you may do that in your demographic update in Skyward or call the school office for help. We will then provide you with a conference room or an office space where you can eat with your student. They may not bring friends for lunch with you, it may only be with your own students. We also want to remind you of our district snack/treat policy. Students may not provide food (snacks, birthday treats, etc) to other students. Thank you for your help with this.

## Dewey's Food Drive



Dewey's Food Drive is back! There will be a box in the office to submit donations. Each grade level will be competing against each other and we will celebrate the winning grade. Non-perishable food donations will be accepted from October 31st through November 11th. Our goal is 10,000 items!

## Drop Off/Pick Up



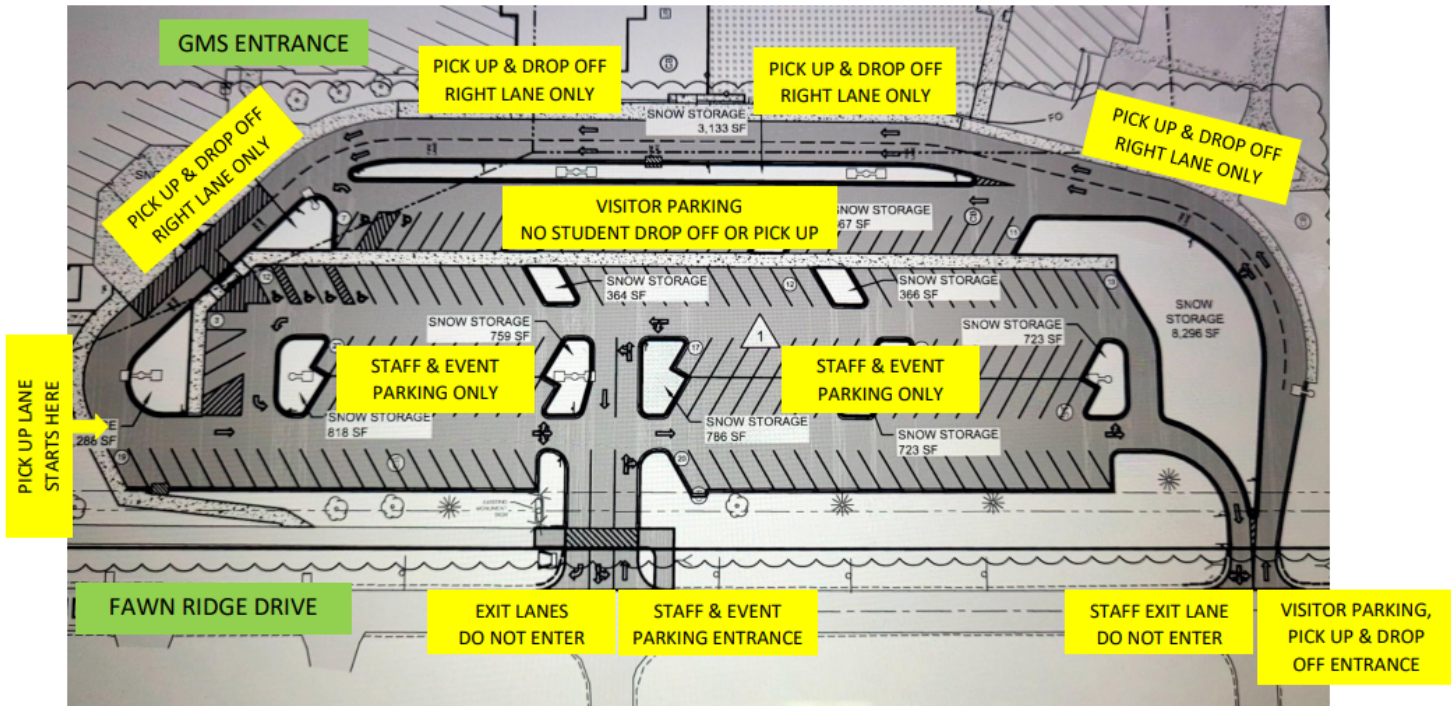
Please take time to review the drop off expectations. If you have someone else picking up your student, please share this information with them.

- Pull as far ahead past the GMS Door 1 (Main Entrance) as you can prior to dropping off your middle school student. When your vehicle makes its first stop and you have sidewalk to your right, your student should exit the vehicle. Do not make multiple stops to get to door 1. Students should exit once you are curbside at your first stopping point.
- Elementary students should be dropped off at GES (if you also have GMS students they should walk from that drop off location). Do not drop off elementary students in the GMS lane.
- After you drop off, exit into the left lane.
- Do not use the left lane or visitor parking lane to cut ahead of others.

- Students should only enter and exit the vehicle on the passenger side. They should not walk through the drop off lane to visitor parking or the staff lot at any time.
- Do not park in the staff or visitor parking area for student drop off or pick up. It is unsafe to walk through the moving drop off lane. The parking lot is for staff use only during the school day.

Please help us to ensure that your student is not walking through the parking lot during drop off or pick up as it is unsafe.

Map of new parking lot and drop off/pick up locations



## **Substitute and Support Staff Positions**

HASD is always looking to add to our substitute teacher/support staff pool. If you are interested in learning more about this please contact our Human Resource Department.

[HASD Employment Opportunities](#)

## **Student Cell Phone Use**



As a reminder, students should not have their cell phone with them during the school day, it should be stored in their locked locker. Students may only use their cell phone with permission from their teacher for instructional purposes. If you need to get a message to your child please call the school office and we can get the message to your student. Students may use the phone in the office to call home if needed. Please remind your student that if they are not feeling well they should go to the health room and the health aid will contact you. Cell phones should never be taken to recess, lunch, the bathroom, locker rooms or used in the hallways. Thank you for reminding your student about this.

## **Open Gym is Back!**



Open Gym will take place on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday each week. There is no Open Gym on Tuesdays. Open Gym is from 7:00am to 7:30am. Open Gym starts on Monday, November 7th.

# H 2022 - 2023 ATTENDANCE & HEALTH UPDATES

## School Nurses-

Aaron Rohde - Hortonville High & 4K Offsites

Andrea Archambo - Greenville Elementary, Greenville Middle, & North Greenville Elementary

Kimberly Schoettler - Hortonville Elementary & Hortonville Middle

## School Social Workers -

Melanie DeMenter - Greenville Elementary & Greenville Middle

Heather Ryan - Hortonville Elementary & Hortonville Middle

Jen Kennedy - North Greenville Elementary & Hortonville High

## Important information-

- Please keep in mind that each student is allotted 10 excused absences each year per state laws
- This year we are going back to standard practice for sending students home when ill
- Students can stay in school if not feeling 100%, provided they are not running a fever, and are not having episodes of diarrhea or vomiting
- As a general reminder, it is always good to practice hand washing and to avoid sharing food and snacks as often as possible
- Also as a reminder, if your student(s) are missing school for appointments, please provide the office with a doctor's note/excuse so those absences can be marked appropriately and will not count against the 10 days
- Students will be marked tardy if they arrive after first bell (Elementary & Middle Schools- 7:40am, High School- 8:35am)
- Please see the following dates for no school days in the 2022-23 school year to plan appointments and vacations (pre-arranged absences form):
  - November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>
  - January 20<sup>th</sup>
  - April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>
  - December 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>
  - February 17<sup>th</sup>
  - May 29<sup>th</sup>

This team is here to support families and students with the changes in the illness protocols and to assist with any other needs that may come up throughout the year. Attending school regularly has been shown to keep students on track for graduation, to keep them engaged in the school community, and to build positive habits going forward. Please feel free to contact your school for any questions or needs.



**Important Dates to Remember:**

[2022/2023 District Calendar](#)

**November 4th:** End of the First Quarter

**November 23rd:** Early Release (11:45am)

**November 24th & 25th:** No School