

G.V.E.S. NEWSLETTER # 1

Message from the Principal

What a fantastic first day at GVES. We are so thankful that we are blessed with the opportunity to share with you in the development of your precious child. We've got a lot of stuff to cover in this newsletter, so we'll get right to it. As always, thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to call, write or visit with any questions, comments or concerns.

Calendar of Events

- **8/10/17** –LCPK Sales Begin
- **8/28/17** – LCPK Orders & Money Due
- **9/1 & 9/4** – Labor Day – Schools Closed
- **9/6** – School Pictures
- **9/11** – LCPK Delivery Day
- **9/12** – Progress Reports Issued
- **10/11/17** – End of First Quarter
- **10/12** – No School – Teacher Workday
- **10/13-10/16** – Fall Break – No School
- **10/23** – Report Cards Issued

Car Rider

We really do appreciate everyone's patience as we have worked through our new car-rider system. Again, we feel like this approach allows us to operate a system of dismissal that is safer for our students and more efficient for our adults. As a friendly reminder, you must display your car-rider tag in order to pick up your child. This is a very necessary safety feature that ensures we are only sending kids with authorized adults. Should you not have a car-rider tag displayed, you will be asked to park in one of the spaces and go into the main office to verify your identity and collect your child. We understand this can be an inconvenience but, it is a necessary one.

Tardies and School Start Times

The morning bell rings at 8:15. Students who enter the building after 8:20 must report to the main office to sign in so that they are counted present. **Any child who enters the building after 8:20, and throughout the day should be escorted in by his/her parent/guardian.** New state requirements regarding attendance records now require us to maintain documentation as to the reason for the tardy. This information must come from the adult that is checking the child in. Thank you for your help as we work to meet these new standards.

Little Caesar Pizza Kick-Off

We kicked off our annual Little Caesar Pizza Kit sales today. Important dates are listed in the calendar of events section. We really do appreciate your support with this fundraiser. Students in grades PK-3 are raising money for their classrooms and students in grades 4 & 5 are raising money for their trips.

Smile!

We have scheduled fall pictures for Wednesday, September 6th, 2017. Make-ups are set for October 24th. All students will receive forms to pre-order pictures soon. All students will have their picture taken as this will be the yearbook picture.

2016-2017 Academic Data

We want to take a moment and share that we are thrilled with how well our students demonstrated their knowledge on the end of your SOL assessments. We saw a 10 point gain in our reading assessments and a 4 point gain in our math assessments last year. In fact, we will be "fully accredited" for the 2017 school year as a result of all of the hard work from our students, teachers and parents!

Ice Cream Sales

We are super excited to announce that we are going to resume ice cream sales at GVES. We're going to start by offering ice cream as an after lunch snack every Friday, starting next Friday, 8/18. The cost will be \$1.00 and should be submitted with snack money. Kids will have several options to choose from. We're hopeful this will provide us with a fun way to end the week!

New Staff Members

We are happy to announce a couple of new staff members at GVES this year. Ms. Candice Jenkins joined us this year as a special education paraprofessional. Ms. Crystal Reed will be replacing Ms. Hylton as a part-time special education teacher for grades K-2. WELCOME!

Student Handbook

As a cost saving measure, we did not print hard copies of our 2017 student handbook. They are available online and are available in printed form by request.

Joke of the Day

What is the difference between a teacher and a train?
A teacher says, "Spit that gum out." A train says, "Chew! Chew!"

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