

G.V.E.S. NEWSLETTER # 2

Message from the Principal

At GVES, we are moving quickly already. We have a ton of fun experiences planned for your student and can't wait to get to them. Don't forget our first ice cream sale is tomorrow. Send a \$1.00 with your student if you would like to have him/her participate. Keep selling pizza kits and 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

- **8/28/17** – 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
- **9/15** – GVES Paint Night at 6:30
- **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

Ongoing Reminders

- The morning bell rings at 8:15. Please make plans to have your child in his/her class ready to learn by 8:20.
- **LCPK sale is ongoing now. See calendar of events for more information**
- Student handbooks are available on the school webpage.
- Ice Cream sale for \$1.00 every Friday.
- School pictures are coming up soon!

Car Rider Update

We are thrilled with our new car rider system. I appreciate all the patience and support I have received from GVES family members who use the system. I want to take a moment and acknowledge that change can be difficult. I'm very appreciative of all the honest conversations I've had with folks who have found this change challenging. I'm thankful that we have such supportive community members who will work with me through change and, if necessary, agree to disagree in a positive manner. I'm confident the system will get smoother and faster every day. Right now, we are finishing in around 19 minutes and hope to shave it down to 15. Our ultimate goal is to start dismissing kids every day at 3:05 and be done by 3:20. Please do work with your child to teach him/her how to buckle. This is an important life skill and will help speed up the process significantly.

Please Note

If your child is absent or tardy, it is imperative that we receive a written note from the parent/guardian documenting the reason for the absence. State law mandates we maintain these records. Thank you in advance for your cooperation as we work to meet these requirements.

Paint Night

Our fifth grade teachers are planning a "paint night" for September 15th at 6:30 p.m. at GVES. This will be a fundraiser for the 5th grade overnight trip to AstroCamp planned for the spring. We'll get more details out, but for now, please mark your calendars!

Morning Drop-Off

As a friendly reminder, we are asking parents to drop children at the front door as opposed to walking to the classroom door in the morning time. Starting Tuesday, September 5th, we will no longer permit parents to escort students to the classrooms. We feel this change in routine will significantly enhance the safety of our morning process and will encourage confidence and independence among all of our students. Thank you for taking a few minutes to prepare your child for this minor adjustment.

T-Shirt Sales

We are making a push to gather final orders for our August t-shirt sale. A t-shirt order form has been attached to this newsletter. Samples are available for viewing in the main office. Money is due at the time the order is placed. An order form is attached. Please make plans to return this order form to your child's homeroom teacher by Monday morning.

Eclipse Viewing

We are excited to share in this special event with your child. We're working to live-stream the eclipse for all PK-2 students and are hopeful that all of our 3-5 students will view the eclipse outside with his/her teacher. If your child is in grades 3-5 and you do not wish him/her to view the eclipse outside you may choose to opt him/her out by completing the form that was sent home Tuesday. Should you choose to check your child out after 11:30 to view the eclipse at home, this will not count against your child. You will receive two phone messages this evening. One will be from the central office, the other from GVES. We will provide, in greater detail, more information. An opt-out form for students in grades 3-5 is attached.

Joke of the Day

Q: Why did the m&m go to school?
A: Because he wanted to be a smartie!

Lunch Visits

As a friendly reminder, you are welcome to come visit and eat lunch with your child anytime. Call the office for a schedule!

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