

# G.V.E.S. NEWSLETTER # 24

## Message from the Principal

We have just wrapped up a FANTASTIC 4<sup>th</sup> six weeks. We're excited to begin recognizing some of our outstanding students and classes for their hard work during the 4<sup>th</sup> six weeks. We'll have all this recognition out in next week's edition of the Thursday newsletter. You'll notice several updates to the calendar of events. Please understand that all of these dates are very tentative at this point. 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

- 3/2 – Dr Seuss Day – Wacky Clothes & Hair Day
- 3/3 – Jamestown Final Payments Due
- 3/8 – A Second Cup – 8:30 GVES Conference Rm
- 3/17 – Kindergarten Registration-Please bring Proof of Residency and State Birth Registration
- 3/20-24 – Book Fair
- 3/22 – TDAP Vaccination Clinic – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 3/28 – Spring Pictures
- 4/7 – Pre-Kindergarten Registration for 2017/2018
- 4/24-5/12 – Likely SOL Testing in grades 3-5
- 5/15 – 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Awards Assemblies – Time is TBA
- 5/16 – PK/K Graduation at 6:00 – GVES Gym
- 5/17 – Grades 3-5 End of Year Reward Trip
- 5/18 – Yearbook Distribution & Signing Party
- 5/18 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation at 6:00 – GVES Gym

## Awards Assemblies and Graduation

We are super excited to spend some time recognizing all the hard work our fantastic students have put into the 2016-17 school year. We have decided to host a pre-kindergarten and kindergarten graduation on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, and a 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation on Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>, that is separate from the awards assemblies for grades 1-4. We want to make sure we are able to devote the necessary time and resources into providing appropriate recognition for these significant milestones. We are still deciding how we want to handle the awards assemblies for grades 1-4. We have scheduled these assemblies for Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. However, we have not yet scheduled times for these events. This year, each student will receive either a diploma (grades PK/K and 5<sup>th</sup>) or a completer's certificate (grades 1-4). On either the diploma or certificate we will be placing "gold seals" in recognition of various accomplishments such as perfect attendance, honor roll, citizenship, academic performance, and performance in specialty areas. When we call each student to receive his/her certificate, we'll also announce what gold seals he/she is receiving. Awards assemblies are fantastic events but, if we're not careful, we can really easily hurt feelings. I want to make sure everyone knows in advance what our process is going to look like so both children and parents can be prepared. In the end, our goal is to send children home feeling good about their accomplishments.

## "A Second Cup"

You are invited to our first installment of "a second cup." On Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 I'll be hosting a parent communication event. All GVES family and friends who are interested are invited to come to the school at 8:30 a.m. for coffee with the principal. For the most part, we'll talk about whatever you want to talk about. The school will provide coffee and some light refreshments. You'll provide the conversation starter. We hope to make this a bi-weekly occurrence that we can use to generate thoughtful and helpful conversation between the principal and our parents. The 2<sup>nd</sup> installment has been scheduled for Wed, 3/22, at 6:00 p.m.

## Title 1 Survey

As you may or may not know, Gladeville Elementary school has been designated a School Wide Title I school for the past few years. This means that all students may receive Title I services in reading and math as well as any other subject areas deemed necessary. The purpose of this program is to provide each student with extra instruction that supplements and reinforces the regular classroom curriculum in reading and/or math as well as other subject areas. If you are a parent of a K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> grade student, please take a few moments to complete the attached survey and send back to school in your child's folder. This will aid us in assessing the quality of Title 1 services provided at Gladeville as well as planning for next year's program. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

## Yearbook Order

Yearbooks are on sale now. They will be distributed on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Students who have purchased yearbooks will participate in a school-wide yearbook signing party on that day. Please make your \$15.00 check payable to "Lifetouch."

## TDAP Vaccinations

5th Grade students need to return their Tdap vaccination consent forms this week. If the student has already received the Tdap vaccine, verification needs to be sent to the nurse. If the child has not received it and does not plan to get it at school, a scheduled appointment/doctor needs to be supplied to the nurse. **This is a required vaccine before student can enter into the 6th Grade.**

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