

# G.V.E.S. NEWSLETTER # 26

## Message from the Principal

We're really moving fast here at GVES as we roll into the 5<sup>th</sup> six weeks. Time flies this time of year...and yes, we are having lots of fun! I've provided several calendar updates below. Please understand that several of these dates are tentative. They will likely be adjusted if we were to miss more days due to inclement weather. 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

- 3/17 – Kindergarten Reg. -8:30 to 3:30 – GVES
- 3/20-24 – Book Fair
- 3/22 – TDAP Vaccination Clinic – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 3/28 – Spring Pictures
- 3/30-31 – 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Jamestown Trip
- 3/31 – Teacher Workday
- 4/4 – Middle Sch. Orientation – Rising 6 Graders
- 4/7 – Pre-Kindergarten Registration for 2017/2018
- 4/13 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Museum
- 4/29 – GVES Spring Shopaganza
- 4/24-5/12 – Likely SOL Testing in grades 3-5
- 5/12 – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders to Wellness Center
- 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
- 5/23 – Last Day of School – 1:00 Dismissal

## Upcoming Awards Assemblies

As you are aware, our awards assemblies for grades 1-4 are currently scheduled May 15<sup>th</sup>. There is a potential that we will move this date back once we are certain what our last day of school will be. We have created sample certificates that our students will be receiving at these awards assemblies. They are displayed in the front lobby. We'll be recognizing students in over 18 areas with "seals of recognition" that will be placed on the child's completer certificate or diploma (grades PK/K and 5). We are excited to recognize as many students as possible for as many things as possible. We hope you'll make plans to join us for this fantastic event!

## Reading

We know that nothing predicts a child's future academic success better than his/her ability to read. We also know that nothing improves a child's ability to read more than just actually reading! It is so important that kids are reading 10 to 15 minutes each night with their parents. If you are in need of quality reading material, please don't hesitate to let your child's teacher know. We have tons of reading resources and are VERY happy to share!

## Joke of the Day

Question: "Why are fish so smart?"

Answer: "Because they live in schools!"

## "A Second Cup"

You are invited to our first installment of "a second cup." On Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</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 6:00 p.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 will generate thoughtful and helpful conversation.

## SOL Testing Window

Our SOL assessment window has been set for April 24<sup>th</sup> – May 19<sup>th</sup>. As we've discussed in the past, these are assessments that we expect our kids to do very well on as they have all worked (and are continuing to work) very hard this year. We do appreciate your support with advanced planning so that families aren't taking trips/vacations during this window. We'll be working to administer over 500 assessments in different subjects to our students in grades 3-5 during this time. As you can imagine, scheduling make-up assessments can be a challenging task!

## 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."

## Checks

When writing checks to Gladeville Elementary School it is important that amounts written for different reasons are paid with separate checks. For instance, if you need to pay for lunch and a field trip, please write two separate checks; one for lunch and one for the field trip. This will help us tremendously as we work to maintain accurate accounting records.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Museum

Our 1<sup>st</sup> annual 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science Museum is planned for April 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00.

## For Your Convenience

We now have \$1.00 ear buds on sale in the main office. If your child is in need, send a huck!

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