

G.V.E.S. NEWSLETTER

SUMMER EDITION

Message from the Principal

Believe it or not, we are continuing to stay pretty busy here at GVES. Students from Laurel Elementary, Oakland Elementary and Gladeville Elementary attended the annual 3-week summer school program at GVES in June. We were excited to be playing host to all of these fantastic Carroll county students and teachers!

The goal of this newsletter is to give you early information on dates, programs and potential changes we're exploring here at GVES.

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

- **8/7** –Open House at GVES
- **8/9** – First Day of School
- **9/1 & 9/4** – Labor Day Holiday – Schools Closed
- **9/11** – End of 1st Quarter (9 weeks)
- **9/12** – Teacher Workday
- **9/23** – Report Cards Issued & P/T Conferences
- **10/13-10/16** – Intercession Break

School Calendar

The 2017-18 school calendar is available on the CCPSD homepage. Please make note that CCPS are now operating on a 9 wk. schedule as opposed to the prior 6-wk. schedule.

GVES – A Fully Accredited Institute of Exceptional Learning

We are so excited to share that we do anticipate receiving a "fully accredited" status from the VA DOE for the 2017-18 school year based on SOL test results given at the end of the 2016-17 school year. We are so thankful for the hard work that our students, parents, and teachers have put into making this happen! We look forward to celebrating into the 2017 school year!

We anticipate sharing individual student reports during the first few weeks of school. Official pass percentages and other data points will likely be released in early October.

PTO Officers

Please join me in welcoming the 2017-2018 PTO officers and committee chairs:

- President – Nikki Keesling
- Vice President – Leanne Grubb
- Secretary – Jennifer Campbell
- Treasurer – Tracy Sikes
- Events Chair – Ashley Wilmouth
- Fundraising Chair – Shari Marshall

School Supply List

The supply list for the 2017-2018 school year has been published on the GVES webpage. They should be available in local stores now. We appreciate you providing these necessary materials for your students!

Parent Advisory Committee

We're thinking about making a few gentle adjustments to some managerial type procedures at GVES for the 2017-18 school year. I'm interested in forming a parent advisory committee that would be willing to meet with me and the school leadership team a couple of times throughout the summer as we evaluate potential changes. If you are interested in participating in this, please send me an email – mlcampbe@ccpsd.k12.va.us

Changes to Afternoon Pick-Up

We are exploring the potential of eliminating the walk-up portion of the afternoon pick-up process. Over the past few years, several positions at GVES have been eliminated. This reduction in staffing makes it difficult, if not impossible, to safely manage multiple areas of child pick-up in the afternoon. Currently, we are thinking about running the car-rider line through the doors that have traditionally been walk-up. We will likely plan to have the car rider lines continue to loop around the gravel road. Car-rider typically starts at 3:05 and ends by 3:20, at the latest. We don't anticipate this creating any significant issues and will help us run a safer, more controlled release process.

Changes to Morning Drop-Off

We are currently evaluating potential changes to the morning drop-off routine. We're working hard to ensure we close any potential loopholes in our crisis and security plan. Particularly, there is a possibility that we will ask parents to no longer walk children to their classroom in the morning after the 2nd week of school. Having parents drop kids off at the front main door, as opposed to entering the building and walking to the classroom, helps us maintain a controlled and secure situation in the morning time

Orientation

We are planning for our school-wide open house on Monday, August 7th from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. At this point, students can meet their teacher(s) and tour the building. Please make plans to attend!

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