



Bond County Community School District No. 2

The Rocket Review



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CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH - CARING

PARCC – “The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) is a group of states, Illinois being one of them, working together to develop a set of assessments that measure whether students are on track to be successful in college and their careers. The computer-based assessments in Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy give teachers, schools, students, and parents better information whether students are on track in their learning and for success after high school. It also helps teachers customize learning to meet the needs of students. Because the assessments are aligned with the new, more rigorous New Illinois Learning Standards, also known as the Common Core State Standards, they ensure that every child is on a path to college and career readiness by measuring what students should know at each grade level.” (www.parcconline.org)

From April 18th - May 2nd, students in 3rd-5th grades at GES will be taking the PARCC Assessment. Each student in these grade levels will be assessed on three English Language Arts assessments and four Mathematics assessments. All assessments will be taken on Chromebooks. During these testing windows, please make sure your child is getting enough sleep, eating well-balanced meals, and is in attendance each day. In advance, I ask parents to NOT schedule appointments these weeks. Also, parent requests for extended travel will not be approved. Information about the test and sample questions can be obtained by visiting www.parcconline.org or the ISBE website: www.isbe.net/assessment/parcc.htm

Parent Drop Off/Pick Up – If you are a parent who drops off your child(ren) or picks them up at days end, PLEASE READ. In an effort to provide student/family/staff safety, promote efficiency and limit parental stress or frustration, it is imperative that ALL parents/grandparents/siblings/etc. comply with the procedures in place during drop off and pick up times.

- * **Parking and Walking Child(ren) to Door 3 or Picking Up** – Pull into the main entrance, find a parking spot, and escort your child(ren) to Door 3. Please DO NOT allow your child(ren) to walk between cars unsupervised.
- * **Curb Side Drop Off/Pick Up** – Pull into main entrance, follow the lane all the way around (not cutting in open spaces or taking a short cut), and pull ALL THE WAY UP before allowing your child(ren) to exit/enter the car. PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD(REN) READY TO EXIT THE CAR WITH ALL BELONGINGS (seatbelt unhooked & quick farewells when exiting in the morning)!
- * **Dewey St. Closed for Buses** – As posted on two blue signs, a portion of Dewey Street (after GES main entrance to Jr. High Drive) is **closed off** between 7:45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. and from 2:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. for bus access. No parents or vehicles should be accessing this road to drop off or pick up their child(ren).
- * **REMEMBER** – Use of cell phones is not permitted on school grounds when in your vehicle dropping off or picking up your child(ren).

McTeacher Night – GES McTeacher Night will be held on Tuesday, March 8th from 4:00 – 8:00 at the Greenville McDonald's. Teachers and staff will work and visit with students and families as they come and enjoy some dinner. The school will receive a percentage of sales and the profit will be used for various school related projects or needs. GES received \$650.57 from the very successful October McTeacher Night. We hope to surpass this previous mark.

End of 3rd Quarter – Tuesday, March 8th, marks the end of the 3rd quarter. Report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, March 11th. We will also be recognizing students in 3rd-5th grades who achieved high honor status (all A's) & honor roll status (A's & B's) as well as any student who had perfect attendance for this quarter. Student names will appear in the Greenville Advocate in the following weeks.



Attendance Challenge – Last year, I initiated an attendance challenge to all students at GES in an effort to improve our school's average daily attendance to benefit student learning and also help BCCU#2 capture the most possible revenue. The class with the highest attendance percentage each month is awarded a popcorn party and house a "traveling rocket" in their classroom for "bragging rights". Winning classrooms this year since August have included: Mrs. Wilhite (100%), Mrs. Manhart (98.85%), Mrs. Manhart (98.37%), Mrs. Vohlken (98.32%), Mrs. Walker (98.53%), and Mrs. Carlson (98.39%). If students aren't in school, they are missing out!

Spelling Bee Update – Congratulations to Owen Stephens, 5th grader in Mrs. Alderman's class! Owen represented Greenville Elementary School extremely well as he finished in 9th place in the Tri-County (Bond-Fayette-Effingham) Regional Spelling Bee on Thursday, February 18th at Mulberry Grove Elementary School.

Title I Family Reading Night – GES is hosting a **FREE** Title I Family Reading Night on Monday, March 14th from 5:30 - 8:00 and is open to **ANY** GES family. Pizza, chips and a soft drink will be provided between 5:30 - 6:15 in the school's cafeteria. The Scholastic Book Fair will be available in the library from 5:30 - 6:30 and from 7:15 - 8:00. Babaloo, who is a one man musical comedian act for kids, will be performing from 6:30 - 7:15 in the gymnasium. A drawing for prizes will be conducted throughout the evening. Mark your calendars and we hope to see you at this wonderful family event!

PBIS – 98.6% of the students will be participating in our upcoming PBIS monthly classroom celebration. Students who make up the 98.6% didn't receive an office discipline referral for the month of February. This month's celebration is scheduled for the week of March 7th and will consist of basketball, gymnastics and hula hoops.

Important Dates In March

*** Dates and times are subject to change. ***

- Tuesday, 1st & Wednesday, 2nd - Rocket Fuel Station
- Tuesday, 1st - 3:00 - 4:30 - Good News Club
- Friday, 4th - Parent Club Cookie Dough Sales End
- Monday, 7th - NO SCHOOL - PULASKI DAY
- Tuesday, 8th - Friday, 11th - PBIS Monthly Celebration
- Tuesday, 8th - 3rd Quarter Ends
 - 10:00 Disaster/Tornado Drill
 - 3:00 - 4:00 Math Olympiad
 - 4:00 - 8:00 McTeacher Night
- Thursday, 10th - Parent Club Meeting in GES Library
- Friday, 11th - 3rd Quarter Report Cards Sent Home
- Monday, 14th - 5:30 - 8:00 GES Title I Family Reading Night in GES Cafeteria, Library & Gym
- Tuesday, 15th - 3:00 - 4:15 Dabblers for 2nd & 3rd
 - 3:00 - 4:30 Good News Club
 - 5:15 - 6:15 Book Fair Open in GES Library
 - 6:15 1st Grade Dance Program in GES Gym
- Wednesday, 16th - IPA Student Recognition Breakfast
 - 12:30 DISMISSAL - SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY
 - 12:30 - 3:00 Parent Club Early Dismissal Movie in GES Gym
- Thursday, 17th - 3:00 - 4:15 Dabblers for 4th & 5th
- Saturday, 19th - 5:30 - 9:00 Academic Foundation Gala at Copper Dock Winery
- Monday, 21st - 3:00 - 4:15 Dabblers for K & 1st
 - 7:00 Board of Education Meeting at GHS Library
- Tuesday, 22nd - 3:00 - 4:15 Dabblers for K & 1st
- Wednesday, 23rd - 2:00 DISMISSAL - EASTER BREAK
- Thursday, 24th - Tuesday, 29th - NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK
- Thursday, 31st - 4:00 - 6:00 Parent Club Cookie Dough Sales Pick Up