



Eric Swingler, Principal

October

Fire Safety Presentations - Members of the Greenville Fire Department will be at GES on Tuesday, October 6th as we will be conducting our state mandated school-wide fire drill. Normally, members from the GFD share information with all K - 5th grade students about the importance of fire safety, checking smoke detectors and changing batteries, and having a family plan through presentations. This year, they have provided teachers with a video to show students that covers these important fire safety tips.

Attendance - Attendance is taken by teachers five days a week, whether your student is remote, in-person, or online. If your child is unable to make their remote lesson, be at school, or on online, you must contact your child's teacher or call the office. We also ask that you do your best to schedule any appointments on days your child is not scheduled for in-person learning. We want to avoid all absences, but we especially want to avoid in-person learning absences, if at all possible. Thanks in advance!

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Return to In-Person - We will begin transitioning our K-2nd grade students from a hybrid schedule to four days a week in-person instruction beginning Tuesday, October 13th. K-2nd grade students will attend school in-person Monday-Thursday and Fridays will still be remote learning days for all students. The current daily schedule with start and dismissal times will not change. We want to get all of our students in-person, but we know our youngest students need to be at school when learning the basic foundational skills, especially as they learn to read. **K-2nd grade online learners may transition to in-person at this time and need to contact the school office by October 5th if you wish to make this change.**

3rd-5th Online Learners - 3rd-5th grade online learners who want to transition to the hybrid (in-person) model may do so on November 2nd, which is the beginning of the 2nd Quarter. **Parents must contact the school office no later than Friday, October 23rd to make this request as time is needed to make preparations and adjustments to class rosters, transportation, etc.** If you have questions, please contact Mr. Swingler

Transportation & Contact Changes - It is important for parents to notify office personnel if their child(ren) will be going home by way of alternate route. This may be done via written note or calling the office. Without a note or phone call, students will be sent home by means of their designated primary transportation. Changes need to be made prior to 12:00 p.m. to allow office staff adequate time to relay the message to your child and his/her teacher. In addition, if you have a new home, cell or work number, please provide the office with this information. It is difficult to communicate with parents/guardians when the information in the office records is incorrect.

Parent Teacher Conferences - Parent Teacher Conferences will be different this year compared to the past. We hope to do as many virtual conferences as possible. Your child's teacher will contact you to schedule a date and time to meet virtually. If a virtual conference/meeting isn't possible, we will figure out other means to share your child's academic progress with you. Conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 27th and Thursday, October 29th from 3:30 - 7:00. To alleviate the number of conferences on these two nights and to better accommodate parent schedules, some teachers may schedule conferences on other days as well. I encourage you to take part in the conferences as academic progress will be discussed, possible concerns registered and your questions answered.

End of 1st Quarter & Report Cards - The first quarter ends on Friday, October 30th. Report cards will be sent home with students on Wednesday, November 4th & Thursday, November 5th. Each quarter we also recognize 3rd-5th students who achieve Honor Roll Status (A's & B's) and High Honor Status (All A's). In addition, students who have perfect attendance are recognized.

Internet Access - Internet access can be a challenging matter depending on numerous factors at home. Please remember, you are welcome to pull up to the school's parking lot, near Door 3, to download materials or stay to work and complete assignments if needed. When connecting, please look for the "BCCU2_Net" network. Students will need to enter their district username and password in order to access the network.

Optional Chromebook Insurance - The district is offering an optional annual insurance policy that will cover any accidental damages to a district distributed Chromebook for home/school use at the cost is \$35.00 per year. Information will be sent home with students who have a district provided Chromebook on the 5th & 6th. Payments can be made on RevTrak or sent to school with your child. The deadline to purchase the optional insurance is Friday, October 23rd.

Cardinals Calendar - GES is partnering with the St. Louis Cardinals again this year to sell 2021 Cardinals Calendars. Calendars are being sold from October 19th - November 4th for \$15 each with a portion of the sales coming back to GES to use towards purchasing items to support the students and teachers. Information will be sent home with students on October 19th and 20th and all order forms must be returned to GES no later than November 4th. Please have checks made payable to GES and payment must be collected upon ordering. The top 5 students selling the most calendars will have a chance to win 2 tickets to a 2020-2021 Cardinals home game (home opener and Cubs series excluded). Calendars will be delivered to school the first week of December and will be sent home with students shortly after. These calendars make excellent Christmas gifts!

Cell Phones and School Zones - On January 1, 2010, Illinois passed a law prohibiting cell phone use in school zones. Illinois Public Act 096-0131 prohibits cell phone use (talking and texting) while driving in a school zone. For the safety of our children, please make sure you adhere to this Illinois law while you are driving on school property.



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

Friday, 2nd - 10:00 - Noon Online Student Pictures at GJH Event Entrance
Monday, 5th - Deadline for K-2nd Online Learners to Make Request to Transition to Hybrid (In-Person)
Tuesday, 6th - Fire Drill with Greenville Fire Department
Friday, 9th - NO SCHOOL - TEACHER INSTITUTE
Monday, 12th - NO SCHOOL - COLUMBUS DAY
Tuesday, 13th - K-2nd Grade Begins 4 Days of In-person Instruction
Friday, 16th - School Day for K-2nd In-person Learners & 3rd-5th Hybrid A Group
Monday, 19th - Cardinal Calendar Sales Begin
- 7:00 Board of Education Meeting at GHS Library
Wednesday, 21st - Fall Picture Retake Day for A Group
Thursday, 22nd - Fall Picture Retake Day for B Group
Friday, 23rd - Deadline for 3rd-5th Online Learners to Make Request to Transition to Hybrid (In-Person)
- Deadline for Optional Chromebook Insurance
Tuesday, 27th - 3:00 - 7:00 Parent Teacher Conferences (virtual)
Thursday, 29th - 3:00 - 7:00 Parent Teacher Virtual Conferences (virtual)
Friday, 30th - End of 1st Quarter