



Principal's Message

As we have started into our 9th week of school, it is important that your child attend school on all school days, unless ill. Attending school daily will help your child's academic success and will help to develop a good lifetime habit. Although education under the age of six is considered noncompulsory, once a child is enrolled into a public school, all families are held to these standards as student attendance rates influence state funding. Once ten absences have been accrued, a mandatory conference will be scheduled with the building Principal. At that point, paperwork may also be filed with the Municipal Court for truancy if the child is six years of age.

Children are expected to be in school by 8:40 A.M. Children will be considered absent if they are in school for less than four hours. It is important to have children understand the importance of promptness and good attendance at an early age.

Best regards,
Melanie Sweeney (msweeney@gpsd.us)
J. Harvey Rodgers Principal

School Hours

Our office hours are from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday. If you need to contact us, you can reach the main office at 856-652-2700 x5101 or our school secretary, Nina Gomez, at egomez@gpsd.us.

The instructional hours for the 2022-2023 school year are 8:40 am to 2:40 pm. Parent drop-off takes place from 8:25 am to 8:40 am.

There are several early dismissal dates and late arrival days scheduled throughout the school year. On early dismissal days, all students will attend school from 8:40 am to 12:40 pm. On late arrival days, all students will attend school from 10:40 am to 2:40 pm. We do serve breakfast and lunch on these days.

Monthly Virtue

November is all about self-control. We can show self-control by our ability to control our feelings, emotions, or reactions. Look for more information from your child's teacher on how we are incorporating self-control throughout the day and the month!

Upcoming Dates

November

- November 9th – Marking Period 1 for Kindergarten Ends
- November 10th & 11th – School Closed
- November 15th – Preschool Parent Workshop
- November 23rd – Early Dismissal
- November 24th & 25th – School Closed
- November 29th – Picture Make-Ups
- November 29th – Early Dismissal (12:40 pm) & Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 30th – Early Dismissal (12:40 pm) & Evening Conferences

December

- December 1st – Early Dismissal (12:40 pm) & Parent Teacher Conference
- December 2nd – Early Dismissal (12:40 pm) & Parent Teacher Conferences
- December 9th – Late Arrival (10:40 am)
- December 13th – Rodgers Parent Advisory Committee Meeting (6:00 pm)
- December 21st – PreK Winter Concert (9:20 am & 10:40 am)
- December 22nd – Kindergarten Winter Concert (9:20 am & 10:40 am)
- December 23rd – Early Dismissal (12:40 pm)
- December 26th to December 30th – School Closed

Mandatory Influenza Shots

Students 6 months through age 59 months of age (5 years old), shall annually receive at least 1 dose of influenza vaccine between September 1st and December 31st of each year. Please turn in proof of the influenza vaccine to the school nurse as soon as possible to ctaylor@gpsd.us. If we do not receive proof of the influenza vaccine by December 23, 2022, your child will not be able to return to school after winter break until the proof is received.

Kindergarten Highlight

In Wit & Wisdom, our students have been finishing up with Module 1 – My 5 Senses. The students have loved reading the book, *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom!* A great activity to do at home with your child is practicing the letters of the alphabet, the order in which they go, what comes before/after a letter, and filling in the missing letters!

Preschool Highlight

On October 28th, our Preschool students got to enjoy our very own "Pumpkin Patch", where each student was able to take a pumpkin and decorate it as part of a fall activity!