The Intermediate School News

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For Parents and Friends of Gaylord Intermediate School

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End of the First Marking Period

November 3 will mark the end of the first marking period, which means that it is time for parent-teacher conferences and the first report cards. It is important that parents make every attempt to attend these conferences, since the conferences help lay the groundwork for teachers and parents to work together to create the best possible learning for their children. The conferences are important for all students, even those who are doing very well in school. Our goal is to have a conference with 100% of our students' parents!

Each teacher's conference location is listed below. Please note that many of the teachers have already scheduled their conferences, or will be shortly. Those teachers are designated below as "scheduled." All other teachers will be at conferences on November 3 from 5:00-7:30 P.M., and on November 4 from 12:30-3:00. **Report cards will be sent home with students after school on Friday, November 11.**

2011 Fall Conferences

4th Grade
Mrs. Borowiak—scheduled
Mrs. Dunn—scheduled
Mr. Fattal—scheduled
Mr. Frey—scheduled
Mr. Granlund— scheduled
Mrs. Hamilla—scheduled
Mr. Nemecek—scheduled
Mrs. Stevenson—scheduled
Mrs. Weiss—scheduled

5th Grade
Mr. Hansen—in the gym
Ms. Jensen—in the gym
Mr. Keck—scheduled
Mrs. Kleinhuizen—scheduled
Mrs. Mang—in the gym
Mrs. Menkes—in the gym
Mr. Pomarzynski—in the gym
Mr. Reichard—in the gym
Mrs. Wagner — in the gym

6th Grade
Mr. Brooks—in his classroom
Mrs. Dreyer—scheduled
Mrs. Jorgenson —in her classroom
Mrs. Neff—in the gym
Mr. Nowak—in the gym
Mrs. Switalski—in the gym; not here Fri.
Mrs. Witgen—scheduled
Mrs. Wright—in the gym

Special Education
Mrs. Carey-Jeakle—in her classroom
Mrs. Matts—in her classroom
Mr. Pingatore—in his classroom
Mrs. Wagar —in the gym

Specialists
Ms. Kliewoneit (art)—in art room
Mr. Bertagnoli (music)—in the gym
Mr. Carter (band)—in band room Fri.
Mrs. Cerak (P.E.)—in the gym
Mr. Enders (computers)—in computer lab
Mr. Jarve (band)—in band room Fri.
Mrs. Campbell (P.E.) — in the gym Thurs. evening
Mrs. Riling (reading)—in her classroom

Counseling
Mrs. Bailey—by appt.
Mrs. Naumes—in her office

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Coming Events

Nov. 3 and 4	Parent-Teacher Conferences
Nov. 4	NO SCHOOL, Professional Development & P-T Conferences
Nov. 8	PTO Meeting, 3:15, GIS Media Center
Nov. 11	Report Cards Go Home with Students
Nov. 15	NO SCHOOL, Deer Season Opener
Nov. 16	Picture Retakes
Nov. 24 & 25	NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 2-9	GIS Book Fair
Dec. 6	Jammin' Jumpers Parent Night
Dec. 9	Jammin' Jumpers Half-Time Show
Dec. 13	4th and 5th Grade Holiday Programs
Dec. 13	PTO Meeting, 3:15, Media Center
Dec. 13	6th Grade Band Concert, GIS Gym
Dec. 23	NO SCHOOL, Holiday Break Begins
Jan. 3	School Resumes

Flu Shot Clinic Information

The health department is sponsoring two flu shot clinics in early November:

- November 10, 4:00-7:00 PM, at the GIS cafeteria
- November 3, 3:00-5:00, at St. Mary School

More information can be found on the health department's website and the GCS website.

Call 800-432-4121 to schedule an appointment.

Counselor's Corner

by
Darcy Naumes, GIS Counselor

Kate Martell, M.A. in Counseling, will be providing group counseling services for students at GIS. Ms. Martell offers support groups for students struggling with changing families/divorce, grief and loss, organization/study skills, social skills, and anger management. Groups will take place once a week during regular school hours and there is no charge for students to participate. If you are interested in having your child attend one of the groups listed above please contact me or Mrs. Bailey, our social worker, by November 7.

School Breakfast Information

We serve breakfast each morning from 7:30-8:00. The prices are as follows:

Full price	$1.30
Reduced price	$0.40 (if student receives reduced lunch)
Free price	Free (if student receives free lunch)

Parent-Teacher Conference Article for Parents

This article from the school.familyeduction.com website provides some information that may be helpful for parents when attending parent-teacher conferences.

Ten Tips for a Successful Parent-Teacher Conference

by
Peggy Gisler, Ed.S. and Marge Eberts, Ed. S.

Parent-teacher conferences present an excellent opportunity to find out how your child is adjusting to the new school year and to get to know her teachers.

Here are some general hints on how to have a successful conference:

1. Ask your child if there is anything that he would like you to discuss with the teacher.
2. Jot down everything that you want to talk about at the conference.
3. Arrive promptly or a few minutes early.
4. Try to begin with positive comments about the teacher or classroom.
5. Avoid lengthy discussion of topics that are not related to the purpose of the conference.
6. Be open-minded to suggestions from the teacher.
7. Keep you emotions under control.
8. Take notes about what has been discussed to share with your child.
9. Express appreciation for the conference.
10. Do not stay beyond your allotted time.

Please Sign and Return This Portion of the Newsletter to Your Child's Teacher by November 7.

Student's name:_____ Homeroom:_____

Parent's signature:_____ Date:_____