# The Intermediate School News

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## For Parents and Friends of Gaylord Intermediate School

December, 2011 and January, 2012 Gaylord, Michigan

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## **Holiday Program Schedule**

The fourth and fifth grade holiday singing programs will be on **Tuesday**, **December 13**. The programs will be held in the GIS gymnasium again this year. We would like to invite all of you who have fourth or fifth graders to come see our students sing and get into the holiday spirit. We hope to see you at the program!

The schedule is as follows:

9:00-9:30	5th Grade—Mrs. Kleinhuizen, Mr. Pomarzynski, Mrs. Menkes, Mr. Reichard, and Mrs. Wagner
0 10:00-10:30	5th Grade—Mrs. Mang, Mr. Keck, Mr. Hansen, and Ms. Jensen
° 1:15-1:45	4th Grade—Mrs. Hamilla, Mrs. Borowiak, Mr. Frey, Mr. Fattal, and Mrs. Dunn

2:00-2:30 4th Grade—Mrs. Weiss, Mr. Nemecek, Mrs. Stevenson, and Mr. Granlund

# Happy Holidays!



#### **Calendar of Events**

Dec. 2-9—Book Fair in GIS Media Center

Dec. 6—Jammin' Jumpers Parent Night, 7:00, GIS Gym

Dec. 8—6th Grade Computer Safety Assembly, 8:30

Dec. 9—Jammin' Jumpers Perform at Half-time of GHS Boys Varsity Basketball Game, GHS Gym

Dec. 13—4th and 5th Grade Holiday Programs

Dec. 13—PTO Meeting, 3:15, Media Center

Dec. 13—6th Grade Band Concert, 7:00, GIS Gym

Dec. 23—NO SCHOOL, Winter Vacation Begins

Jan. 3—School Resumes

Jan. 10—PTO Meeting, 3:15, Media Center

Jan. 20—NO SCHOOL, Staff Professional Development

Jan. 27—Report Cards for the 2nd Nine Weeks Go Home with Students

#### **Counselor's Corner**

by
Darcy Naumes, GIS Counselor

#### Guidance Curriculum Anti-Bullying Lessons

During the months of December and January, I will be going into all the classrooms to talk with students about bullying. The focus of the lesson will be on exploring effective strategies to stop bullying. Students will practice appropriate responses to use if approached by a bully and will learn the importance of using confident body language.

Sixth grade students will be presented an additional component on cyber-bullying. If you have any questions, or would like additional information about this topic, please feel free to contact me directly.

### **Dress for the Weather**

As a reminder for our students and parents, we go outside for recess as often as possible during the school year, including the winter season. Children need the opportunity to get exercise and fresh air. Therefore, we will be outside for recess unless the wind chill is below zero on the Fahrenheit scale or the conditions are just too wet to be out in the elements.

That means that it is important for the children to come prepared for the season's weather conditions. Unfortunately, many of our students do not bring appropriate coats, hats, gloves or mittens, and boots. Please help your child remember to do so.



## **School Breakfast**

School breakfast is available to all students every school day, from 7:30-8:10. The prices are as follows:

Full price—\$1.30

Reduced price—\$0.40 (if student receives reduced price lunch)

Free price—Free (if student receives free lunch)

We have a variety of hot and cold breakfast choices daily.

#### Safe Routes to School

Gaylord Intermediate School and Gaylord Middle School are participating in the "Safe Routes to School" program. The goal of this program is to encourage and enable students to walk or bicycle to/ from school on safer routes. Please help us learn more about children walking or biking to school by participating in an online Parent Survey. Your participation in this research study is completely voluntary and you may refuse to answer any particular questions. This survey should take you approximately 15 minutes to complete. Your participation in this study may contribute to a better understanding of issues concerning motorized and non-motorized transportation to schools.

The Parent Survey is limited to one per household. Please go to:

http://survey.saferoutesmichigan.org/ Parent Home.aspx

Click on the drop down arrow on the site to complete for Gaylord Intermediate School or Gaylord Middle School.

Your child will also be asked to fill out a survey at school. You can request a copy of this two-page survey for review from the principal. If you would rather your child not participate, please contact Mrs. Jan Bailey at <a href="mailto:baleyi@gaylord.k12.mi.us">baleyi@gaylord.k12.mi.us</a> or 989-731-0856.

If you have any concerns or questions about this study, such as scientific issues or how to do any part of it, please call Jim Harrington of Safe Routes to School at (989) 619-4204 or e-mail him at <a href="mailto:j.harrington@nwhealth.org">j.harrington@nwhealth.org</a>.

Please note: There will be no GIS Newsletter in January.
Please look for the next GIS Newsletter in February. We hope that your family has a blessed holiday season!