

August 28, 2023

Dear Students, Parents, and Community Members,

On Tuesday, August 29, 2023 **TOGETHER** we begin our educational journey for the 2023-24 school year and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Every Student, Every Day - GCS D will continue to build a District culture committed to high expectations, clear communication, and building positive relationships. However, we can not do this alone. We need assistance from our students to take advantage of this opportunity to provide the best learning environment. We need assistance from our parents and community members to hold our students accountable and raise the expectation so they are able to reach their potential.

As a staff, we believe **ALL** students can learn, **ALL** students are worthy of our best effort and support. As a GCS D Team, we are committed to **HOLDING THE ROPE** to do what is best for **OUR** students and be the person we needed when younger. Holding the rope teaches us teamwork, reveals character as together we will learn to work through adversity. We need **ALL students, parents, and community members to assist in this process.** Together **WE** need to teach desired behaviors, expectations, and change our lens to focus on student strengths. This will increase a student's likelihood of success. Working together to serve others, **WE** can accomplish **REMARKABLE** feats.



To our GC students.....its ok to make mistakes, you will have low-character days, and you are still learning and growing.....WE KNOW YOU WILL DO WELL IF YOU CAN. We need to be kinder, we need to show respect for ourselves, our family, our building, and our community. Most of all, we need to be **KIND**, being rude is easy, it does not take any effort and is a sign of weakness and insecurity. Kindness shows great self-discipline and strong self-esteem. Being kind is not always easy. Choose to be kind over being right and you will be right every time because kindness is a sign of **STRENGTH**.

One major change for the 2023-24 school year is our **cell phone and communication device expectation**. The District has worked diligently to provide 1-1 devices to each student. The need for internet to access textbooks, resources, calculators, and other learning tools will now be able to be accomplished through the student issued Chromebook. As a District, we are determined to create a culture committed to high expectations, clear communication, and building positive relationships. It is no surprise that phones and social media hinder this process. We need to provide an environment that has less distractions and each student is free to flourish. You will notice **SIGNS** in every classroom that states the following: **All K-12 students shall leave all cell phones and other devices silenced and kept in a locker. Students violating this policy will have the device taken away and brought to the office. Repeat offenders will receive an in-school suspension and be ineligible for all school activities until the suspension is served.**



Additional Expectation Reminders

- Hats will not be worn inside the building during school hours
- Use appropriate language to show respect to everyone
- Bullying will not be tolerated
- Take pride in the appearance and cleanliness of our building and campus
- Treat others the way you want to be treated

Other important reminders include the following:

Summer 2023 Student Help

- [We are very proud and thankful for all the help that Lisa Yang, Connor Gross, Ben Standaert, Logan McVeigh, Sam Cassellius, and Garret Gross provided us this summer. We could not have accomplished what we did this summer without these students. Thank You!](#)

GCSD July 19, 2023 Storm Damage

- Starting on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 C & A Custom Contractors will be on site to repair our Elementary Roof and metal facial around the building. We will be taking all precautions to keep our students safe including no large equipment use during our playground times.

CTE, FACS, and Lavatory Remodel

- Due to product delays and required reconfiguration, we are not able to have our metals lab open until September 6, 2023. All other CTE areas (FACS, Agriculture, STEM, and Woods Lab) will be accessible.

New Glenwood City Elementary Student Drop-Off

- This updated process allows for families to safely drop off their child(ren). Please click [HERE](#) to view map and read instructions.

Please feel free to contact us anytime with comments, questions, or concerns. With the new year getting underway, we invite everyone to learn more about GCSD by visiting our website at gcsd.k12.wi.us We also encourage you to connect with us on Facebook and Instagram to receive daily updates on all the great experiences we are having here at the Glenwood City School District.

Thank you for your support!

Patrick B. Olson
District Administrator

Have a great school year!

Home of the Hilltoppers