



December 2023

Hello GCE Families,

Winter temperatures have arrived. Please make sure children come to school dressed for the weather (hats, gloves, mittens, boots, warm jackets and snow pants). Please know that children have outside recess unless it is raining or we experience extreme cold. **To ensure that belongings are accounted for, it is helpful that clothing is labeled with the child's first and last name.**

As we have colder weather please note that our doors do not open until 8:05 AM. Hilltopper Hangtime is available daily if you need to drop your child off prior to 8:05 in the mornings. If you would like information regarding Hilltopper Hangtime care contact Beth Davis, Program Coordinator at beth.davis@gcsd.k12.wi.us

GCE is REACHing... STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

GCE expects students to demonstrate the characteristics of respect, responsibility, excelling, always safe, caring and honesty. Each day we feature student spotlights on our announcements. These spotlights highlight students who are caught meeting expectations. We have implemented a new process in which we will be sending these highlights to parents/guardians in an email. If your child is featured in a student highlight you will be receiving an email soon!

ELEMENTARY HOLIDAY CONCERT

Please join us on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 PM in the Elementary Gym for a special holiday performance by our **3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students**. Our 5th grade band will also be performing. Students that are performing should dress nicely and report to their classrooms at 6:35 pm. 5th Grade band members should report to the choir room at 6:35 pm. If you have questions please contact the Elementary Office.



ILLNESS

We are seeing increases in **student illness** including fevers, ear aches, vomiting and colds. Please follow screening guidelines prior to sending children to school. Keep students home if they have one of the following symptoms;

- Fever, sore throat, congestion, nausea or vomiting

Please be sure to call the elementary office to report attendance. It is helpful to have a doctor's note for extended absences due to illness. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone healthy and safe at school!

GCE PARENT TEACHER CONNECTION (PTC)

Are you interested in becoming more involved in our school? We are welcoming new members to our group! Our next meeting is on December 6 at 6:00 PM in the elementary teacher workroom. If you are interested in collaborating with our leadership team to plan and facilitate PTC activities please contact the elementary office (715) 265-4231 and we will be sure to get your name and contact information to our leadership team.

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Reminders for Parents, Grandparents, and Caregivers

- **GCE Yearbooks** are on sale now for \$16.00. You can order online at <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A09298030>

Important Dates:

November 29	Report cards will be coming home with elementary students
December 12	3, 4, 5 and 5th grade Band Concert 7:00 PM in Elem Gym
December 20	M/W 4K Holiday Program 2:30 PM in Commons
December 21	T/TH 4K Holiday Program 2:30 PM in Commons
December 22	Tiny Topper Holiday Program 10:30 AM in Elementary Gym
December 25 - Jan. 1	Winter Break
January 2	School Resumes

- **DROP OFF / PICK UP** - We will be removing all of the training props in the lower lot. Please continue to follow our lower lot process.



**Cars are NOT allowed to line up or park on 320th street.
Please use our lower lot if the lane in front of school is full.**