



It is hard to believe that it is October already! We have had a busy start to the school year. We have been getting to know your children and identifying their current levels of academic performance. Students will be taking FastBridge Assessments in reading and math within the next couple of weeks. Information from these assessments are used to guide and plan our instruction in an effort to ensure all students demonstrate growth and meeting learning goals.

GCSD celebrates Walk To School Day - October 11, 2023

Students will be walking to school along with parents, teachers and community leaders. Buses will drop all students interested in participating in Walk To School Day off at approximately 8:00 AM at Holy Cross Church. Students will take the walking path safely to the elementary school entrance. Our GCSD Hilltopper Football team and Cheerleaders will be cheering on walkers and handing out a healthy snack to all. Please join us. If you have questions regarding this event, please contact the respective school office (MS/HS: 715-265-4266 or GCE: 715-265-4231).

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Thank you for your support with our drop off and pick up procedures. Please keep in mind the following reminders and feel free to share these reminders with caregivers that also pick up your child(ren).

- The lane in front of school is for drop off and pick up only. Children should get out and in the vehicle on the passenger side of the car only. Drivers **MUST** stay in their vehicles at all times. If your child needs assistance please use our lower lot for drop off and pick up.
- In the mornings, students can get out of the vehicle on the curbside once the vehicle is stopped. Students **DO NOT** have to wait until the vehicle is in front of the doors.
- In the afternoon, we will hold students until their ride is one of the first four vehicles in line. Please **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE**.
- If the lane is full you may use the lower parking lot. It is illegal to park on 320th Street.
- Traffic in the lower lot is one way. Please follow the signs. We have a drop off and pick up lane in the lower lot as well. Please feel free to help your child(ren) in this lane. Students should depart the vehicle from the driver's side in the lower lot. You are also free to park in the lower lot and walk your child(ren) to the front entrance. We do have crossing guards to assist children to and from the lower parking area.
- There is **NO PASSING** on the left in the lane in front of school until you are one of the first four vehicles.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held in person on Thursday, November 2 from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM and on Friday, November 3 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. More information on scheduling your Parent Teacher Conference will be sent home soon with your students as well as electronically through email.

Title I Fall Family Engagement Night

Please watch for information about our first **Family Engagement Activity** that will be Thursday, October 19. Students will be able to experience different activities run by GCE teachers! If the weather is nice we will be outside.

Updated Lice Policy

Recently, the school board approved a new Lice Policy. The policy is [LINKED HERE](#).

Fire Prevention Week

Oct. 8 - 14 is **Fire Prevention Week**. The Professional Firefighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation has provided a fire safety newspaper for all students. We will be sending these papers home during the week of October 2.



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

GCE Parent Teacher Connection

Please look for information on the **GCE PTC** Facebook page. 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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Bridging Brighter Smiles will visit our school again throughout the year. Bridging Brighter Smiles, Inc. is a school-based preventative dental care program. Founded in Wisconsin in 2012, a non-profit organization bringing essential dental services to students in the comfort of their school. Our mission is to bridge the gap in dental care by offering access to services, building wellness relationships within communities, and educating students to instill life-long healthy habits. If you want to enroll your child in this program visit: <https://bridgingbrightersmiles.org/forms/>



Reminders for Parents, Grandparents, and Caregivers

- Just a reminder that the front doors of the elementary do not open until 8:05 AM. Students should not arrive prior to 8:05 unless they are enrolled in our Hilltopper Hangtime program. If you are interested in our school age care program Hilltopper Hangtime please contact Beth Davis at beth.davis@gcsd.k12.wi.us.
- If dropping off or picking up in the lane in front of school please **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE**. Students should depart and enter curbside.
- As we move into a new season please remember to **LABEL** student outerwear with first and last name. We have been collecting quite a few items in our Lost and Found. Please

stop in outside of arrival and dismissal times to check it out.

- Oct. 12 - Early Release
- Oct. 13 - No School
- Oct. 31 - Classroom Halloween Celebrations
- Nov. 2 - Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- Nov. 3 - Early Release - Parent/Teacher Conferences from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM