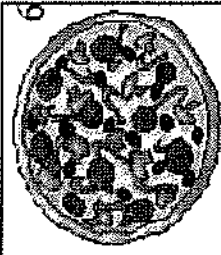
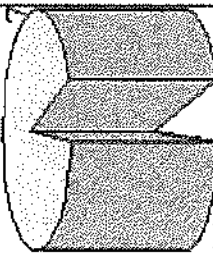
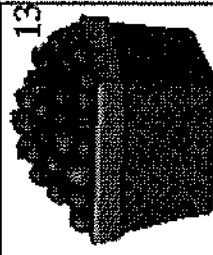
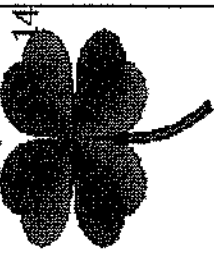
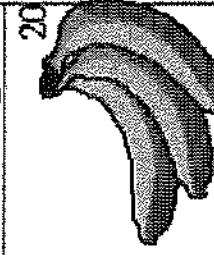
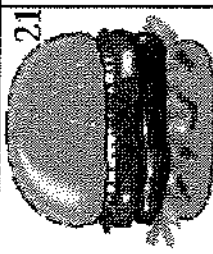
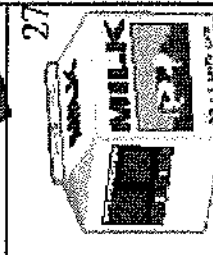
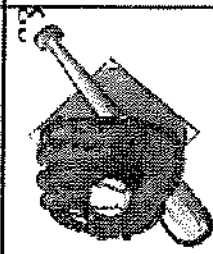


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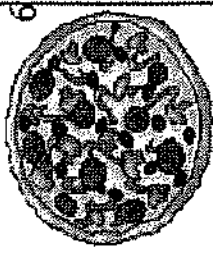
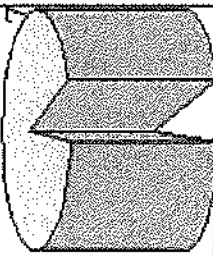
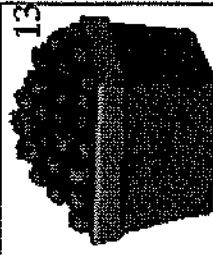

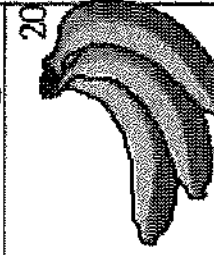
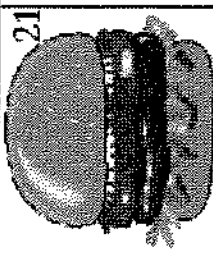
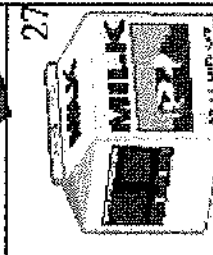
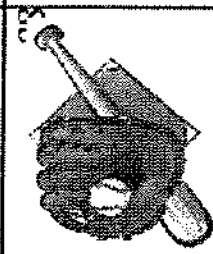
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Information for
Griswold Elementary School

Griswold Public Schools March 2021 Breakfast Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer 2021</p>	<p>1 Mini Pancakes, Applesauce, Milk</p>	<p>2 Grab and Go Meals available @GMS 7:45-Noon</p>	<p>3 Grab and Go Meals available @GMS 7:45-Noon</p>	<p>4 Ham Egg Cheese on English Muffin, Applesauce, Milk</p>	<p>5 Cicero Cereal, grahams Blueberries Milk</p>		
	<p>8 Apple Muffin Strawberries Milk</p>	<p>9 Ham Egg Cheese on English Muffin, Applesauce, Milk</p>	<p>10 Grab and Go Meals available @GMS 7:45-Noon</p>	<p>11 Egg, Sausage, and Cheese on English Muffin Fresh Orange Milk</p>	<p>12 Kix Cereal, graham Apple Milk</p>		
<p>14 </p>	<p>15 Mini Pancakes, Applesauce, Milk</p>	<p>16 Banana Bread Peaches Milk</p>	<p>17 Grab and Go Meals available @GMS 7:45-Noon</p>	<p>18 Ham Egg Cheese on English Muffin, Applesauce, Milk</p>	<p>19 Cicero Cereal, grahams Blueberries Milk</p>		
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<p>23 </p>	<p>29 Mini Pancakes, Applesauce, Milk</p>	<p>30 Banana Bread Peaches Milk</p>	<p>31 Grab and Go Meals available @GMS 7:45-Noon</p>	<p>All Meals are Free for all students until June 30, 2021</p>			

Bread offerings are whole grain. Milk offerings are 1% white or fat free flavored. Milk is offered with all meals

GES March 2021 Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer 2021</p>	<p>1 Chicken Patty on a Bun French Fries Pears</p>	<p>2 Pizza Cheese Green Beans Strawberry Cup</p>	<p>3 Grab and Go Meals 7:45- Noon @ GMS</p>	<p>4 Chicken Patty on a Bun French Fries Pears</p>	<p>5 Pizza Cheese Green Beans Strawberry Cup</p>	
	<p>8 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Corn Peaches</p>	<p>9 Turkey Grinder Chips Side Salad Fresh Apple</p>	<p>10 Grab and Go Meals 7:45- Noon @ GMS</p>	<p>11 Turkey Grinder Chips Side Salad Fresh Apple</p>	<p>12 Staff Development No Students</p>	
	<p>15 Chicken Nuggets Oven Fries Roast Corn Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>16 Cheeseburger on Bun Sweet Potato Fries Strawberry Cup</p>	<p>17 Grab and Go Meals 7:45- Noon @ GMS</p>	<p>18 French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Hash Brown Blueberries</p>	<p>19 Pizza Cheese Green Beans Strawberry Cup</p>	
	<p>21 General Tso's Chicken Rice Broccoli / Carrots Applesauce</p>	<p>23 Pasta w/ meat sauce Green Beans Dinner Roll Applesauce</p>	<p>24 Grab and Go Meals 7:45- Noon @ GMS</p>	<p>25 Beef Nachos, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Black Beans, Brown Rice, Peaches</p>	<p>26 Pizza Cheese Green Beans Strawberry Cup</p>	
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GRISWOLD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR
2020/2021

GBE Revised & Approved 7/27/20
GBE Revised & Approved 6/22/20
Approved by Griswold BOE on 12/9/19
GBE Revised and Approved 12/14/20

AUGUST 0/0					SEPTEMBER 20/20					OCTOBER 20/40				
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NOVEMBER 17/57					DECEMBER 17/74					JANUARY 19/93				
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MAY 20/169					JUNE 8/177				
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31					28	29	30		

September 2/Shortened Day	First Day of School for Students
June 10/Shortened Day	Last Day of School for Students

SHORTENED DAYS

September 3, 4 November 25 December 23	Shortened Days
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HOLIDAYS /VACATIONS - NO SCHOOL

September 7	Labor Day
October 12	Columbus Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 26, 27	Thanksgiving Break
December 24 - January 1	Holiday Recess
January 18	Martin Luther King Day
February 15, 16	President's Day Recess
April 2	Good Friday
April 12 - 16	Spring Break
May 31	Memorial Day

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

August 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, September 1	Staff Development Days/No Students
September 2	Staff Development Day - 1/2 Day for Students
October 9	Staff Development Day/No Students
November 3	Staff Development Day/No Students
March 12	Staff Development Day/No Students
May 28	Staff Development Day - 1/2 Day for Students
June 11	Staff Development Day/No Students

CONFERENCE DATES

November 18, 19 and March 3, 4	Half Day for All Schools
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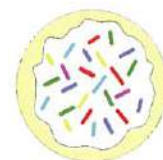
Calendar Break Down: 177 Student Days plus 11 Staff Professional Development Days
 School Hours:
 GES = 8:40 - 3:10 PM GMS, BHS, GAHS = 7:30 - 2:19 PM
 10 - Full PD Days and 2 Half PD Days - 11 PD Days = 188 Staff Work Days

Snow days will be made up in this order: June 11, June 14, June 15, 16, 17, 18. Should we exceed five snow days by 2/1/21, the Board may consider vacation days/etaff development days to be school days.

PLEASE NOTE - Parent Teacher Conferences (Virtual)
 Asynchronous Learning Day on 3/3 for All Students,
 1:10 Dismissal for Cohort B Students on 3/4



GES PTO PRESENTS



Spring Sugar Cookie Kits

Each kit will include: 6 sugar cookies- 3 flower-shaped & 3 egg-shaped, 2 bags of icing-1 yellow and 1 purple, and sprinkles

\$10 per kit

Support our school & bring home a delicious, fun treat!

Place your order via Venmo @GES-PTO-2 or
Paypal-
https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=TT9836YTZY4VC

Orders must be placed by Friday, March 26th.

Pickup is Thursday, April 1st, 2021 from 3:30-5 pm at GES (cafeteria side) Drive thru pick up only, please wear your mask & stay in your car.

No refunds.

Contact Lindsay at 860-639-3248 or lgladue08@yahoo.com with any questions



VIRTUAL



ONLINE REGISTRATION for ALL STUDENTS/PARTICIPANTS. Simply click [this link](#) and this [parent letter](#). (Virtual envelope and letter)

Hello GES FAMILIES:

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. Our days have been quite the challenge since last March. I am thankful students were able to participate in the Kids Heart Challenge last school year, raising over \$12,000 for children like Finn. I am happy to announce that although we are unable to host our amazing event the same this school year, participation is still an option for us at GES. This is the 13th year taking part in this heart - giving event. However, our changing times has changed how this event in schools will take place with donations and events. Please click on the links above to learn more about how to register and participate this year. I will be providing additional information next month on a special challenge for students that does not involve any money, instead an online promise involving health improvements.

Please be aware that ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER ONLINE, there are **No Envelopes** and **No Cash Donations**. If a donation is a check it needs to be scanned into your own registered account. This Information is at the bottom of the 'online envelope; that can be viewed by clicking **'this link'** posted above.

Here are a few fun links to creating your own jump rope. Remember that this event involves ANY activity that increases your heart rate ~ Jump Ropes are NOT required

<https://video.link/w/7ptRb> ~ Easy DIY Jump Ropes Using Recycled Garbage Bags

<https://video.link/w/A0xRb> ~ Easy DIY Jump Ropes Using Recycled T-Shirts

KIDS HEART CHALLENGE: HOW TO GET STARTED:

1. Click on the **parent letter** link posted ABOVE.
2. Click on the **'this link'** posted ABOVE.
3. Download the app or visit heart.org/KHC to register. TODAY.
4. Ask your child to select a personal health challenge: move more, be kind or choose water.
5. Set a fundraising goal with your child and send emails to invite friends and family to support you.
6. Kids Heart Challenge VIRTUAL ONLINE EVENT: February (National Heart Month) - March 26, 2021.

QUESTIONS? Email Mrs. O - P: rotten-paggioli@griswoldpublicschools.org



PEACE AT HOME

PARENTING SOLUTIONS

Peace at Home is a team of experts who help parents build positive, peaceful, and playful families. We translate research into practical tools for managing work-life challenges.

FREE Online and Live Classes – Find solutions for your parenting concerns:

- Live, interactive online classes
- 70+ on-demand full-length class recordings
- 20+ on-demand flash class recordings (15 minutes or less)

With each class you will receive:

- Parent handouts you can download and print
- Access to our private, monitored Facebook group where you can get answers and feedback from other caring parents like yourself and Peace at Home experts
- Access to Free monthly online Q&A sessions to follow up on your new approaches

And if you sign up for a live, online class and miss it – we will send you access to a recording of that class in just a day or two.

Sponsored by

IDOLS Program at Griswold Elementary School



Get Started:

STEP 1: Go to www.peaceathomeparenting.com/idols-program/

STEP 2: Choose

- A. Live Classes, or
- B. Recorded Classes

STEP 3: Register

- Click the Register button and follow prompts.
- Choose **School/Town Subscription** when asked for source of subscription.

STEP 4: Enter your FREE discount code Solutions21 in place of payment.

That's it! You will receive an e-mail confirmation with instructions for your next steps or a link to the class you chose. For live classes, we will send reminders leading up to the date of the class.



Learn more at PeaceAtHomeParenting.com



Jewett City Little League 2021 Newsletter

League President: Darryl Burchman

JLLPresident@gmail.com

Parents/Guardians,

The 2021 JCLL Baseball/Softball season is right around the corner. The following newsletter has been published to provide you with key information and changes for the upcoming season. Please take time to read the entire newsletter as there are some minor changes from last year, we will try and keep everyone updated with COVID-19. We hope you are as excited as we are for the upcoming season and we will see you at the ballpark. PLAY BALL!

- JCLL Board of Directors

Upcoming Dates & Events

Mar 23rd: Manager Apps Due
Mar 24th: Manager Selections & Announcement
Mar 27th: Baseball assessments at JCLL fields
Mar 28th: rain date for tryouts
Apr 1st: manager meeting
Apr 3rd: first practice
Apr 3rd, Apr 10th, Apr 17th, Apr 24th Field cleanup
Apr 25th: Opening Day (only chicken BBQ, Raffles and Games)

Important Announcements

Umpires Needed!!

For the 2021 season, JCLL will pay for umpiring. Anyone age 16 or older who is interested should contact Lisa Cayer at 860-303-5500.

With a league shortage of umpires, parents in stands may be asked to step in as needed to base ump.

Cleanup Equipment Needed

JCLL is looking for any old or unwanted tools that you would like to donate for field maintenance. (Rakes, Shovels, Wheelbarrows, etc.)

Looking to Volunteer? Board Members Needed!

If you are interested in joining please contact Darryl Burchman or any Board Member. **Positions available are: Umpire in Chief**

Assessments this season will look different, Details to follow.

2021 assessments Information – Jewett City Fields

JCLL is a skills based league when placing players in each division. **All players age 6-12 must attend assessments.** The following are the exception:

- We will only be having assessments for Baseball Majors, Minors(player pitch) and Farm(coach pitch).

We will have all the information for tryouts at a later date, we will send all the details via emails.

- There will be no registration sign ups for players the day of tryouts. Due to changing Covid-19 guidelines, assessments may be adjusted accordingly. Please work with us as our goal is to get the kids playing ball this Spring.

2021 Registration Information

Registration Fee (before 2/27/21):

\$110/1st child, \$100/2nd child/\$90 3rd child and \$80/TBall

Late Registration Fee (after 2/28/21):

\$120/1st child, \$110/2nd child/\$100 3rd child and \$90/TBall

Registration Options:

- Online/paperless registration ONLY!
- 3. Register Online: Visit www.jewettcitylittleleague.org
See back of this newsletter for detailed registration instructions
- 4. We will repeat our successful ticket fundraiser. Buy out option available at Registration for \$25.

* JCLL is a non-profit organization and is run by volunteers. We rely on volunteers to run all the league operations, and this season we will be using JCLL volunteers to assist with the concession stand and a few Opening Day activities.

There is a \$25 concession stand volunteer fee per family. This is in addition to the registration fee. Two (2) hours of volunteer time in the concession stand is required per family for those that wish to receive fee back at end of season. Any question please reachout to Patricia Clark @ jcllparentaux@gmail.com or (860)237-2914.

Note: There are only a few volunteer opportunities available on Opening Day. Sign up is first come, first served basis. JCLL will publish a sign up roster through sign up genius.

* Payments and registration forms not received online by March 27, 2021 will be considered late, and will be assessed the posted "Late Registration Fee" stated above. All registrations received after March 27, 2021 will be placed on a wait list.

NEW: Little League Baseball has decided to adopt the new bat standard for mandated use effective January 1, 2018. All Jewett City Little League baseball players must comply with the new bat standard.



Norwich Youth Lacrosse Registration Now Open!



Norwich Youth Lacrosse is open to boys and girls from Norwich and surrounding towns in **Grades 1-8**. Lacrosse is a fast-paced, high energy sport, where having FUN is stressed in a safe and fun environment while emphasizing individual skill development, sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect. Honoring these principals gives youth within our program a positive, character-building experience through the game of lacrosse.

Spring Season (Mid-March to Mid-June) (Open to boys and girls Grades 1-8)

Cost: \$50.00 * reduced rate for the 2021 season *Instructional (Grades 1-2) = **NO COST** for 2021 Season

Practices: Held twice a week from mid-March to mid-June. *Instructional meets once per week Night TBD*

Practice Times:

(Boys - Grades 3-8) **Monday & Wednesday Nights 5:30PM – 7PM**

(Girls – Grades 3-8) **Tuesday & Thursday Nights 5:30PM – 7PM**

Games & Tournaments: Held evenings and weekends

NYLA Uniforms: – Required for Grades 3-8. May only order during registration and numbers will be assigned.
(Uniforms must be ordered by Feb. 19, 2021)

Lacrosse Required Equipment: (Girls) Eye protection, stick, and mouth guard

(Boys) Helmet, stick, mouth guard, gloves, elbow pads, athletic supporter, and shoulder pads

Limited equipment available to borrow for new players – girls and boys

Registration: Online at www.norwichyouthlacrosse.org

**NYLA financial assistance is available if there is a need. Please refer to the NYLA website*

For more information contact any of the following:

Boys program: **David Poore** - nylapresident@gmail.com

Girls program: **Scott Caron** – toxnorak@gmail.com



GRISWOLD YOUTH&FAMILY / PARK&REC

BACKYARD



EGGtopia

GRISWOLD / JEWETT CITY RESIDENTS ONLY

**SIGN UP & PICK UP
YOUR FREE EGG HUNT KIT**

**AGES
5-11**

**EASTER BUNNY
COMMUNITY TOUR
DATE WILL BE
ANNOUNCED**

@ FB.COM/GRISWOLDREC
*(RANDOMLY SELECTED
FAMILIES HOUSES WILL
BE PLACED ON ROUTE)*



SIGN UP: GRISWOLDREC.ORG



- griswold & jewett city - COMMUNITY COLORING BOOK WE NEED ARTIST!

Looking for Interns, GHS Student's Looking for Community Service Hours, Local Artist & Professionals Looking to Volunteer their Talents.

INTERESTED?

- TEXT RYAN AUBIN: 860.213.1524
- WE WILL SEND YOU A LINK OF COMMUNITY PHOTOS TO REDRAW
- REDRAW AS BLACK LINES, ON WHITE PAPER ON LETTER SIZED PAPER (8.5X11IN)
- PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE BOTTOM OF PAPER, IN THE MIDDLE



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EARTH DAY WEEKEND

GET INVOLVED!
WE ARE LOOKING FOR GROUPS TO HOST EVENTS TO GET FAMILIES AWAY FROM INTERNET + Local Restaurant Deals Too!

MENU of FUN!

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

- ▶ Eastern CT Savings Bank - Drive Thru Craft Pick Up = 9>12PM
- ▶ Jewett City Savings Bank - Drive Thru Craft Pick Up= 9>12PM
- ▶ Slater Library - Sidewalk Search Game = 10>2PM
- ▶ River Church - Drive Thru Craft Bag Pick Up = 9>12PM
- ▶ MixedFIT w/ Kristin - Veterans Memorial Park = 9>10AM
- ▶ Wise Owl Yoga - Yoga in Veterans Memorial Park
Adult Yoga = 10>11AM & Kids Yoga = 11>12PM
- ▶ UCFS in Griswold - Drive-Thru Game/Craft Bag Pick Up - 9AM>11AM
- ▶ ECPPA - Music by Zachary Cholewa - @The Point on 138 - 12>2PM
- ▶ Lowes in Lisbon - Free Bamboo Plant! - 9>12 PM
- ▶ Last Green Valley - Details Coming Soon
- ▶ Griswold Soccer Club - Soccer Ball Juggling Challenge
(Win a Uniform Patch) - Griswold Youth Center: 12>5 pm



Griswold Park&Rec Dept:
Griswold Historic Scavenger Hunt:
Disney Edition = Two Week Duration
(Win a Shirt for All Participants)
Details Coming Soon: griswoldrec.org



Friends of Pachaug
Two Hikes of Blue Trail!
9AM & 12:30PM
Limited to 15 (reserve spot at:
facebook.com/FriendsofPachaugForest)



12>5 PM
Veterans
Memorial
Park

- Socially Distanced Photo-ops
- ▶ Lionel Lasalle II, CPA : MR. E. BUNNY
 - ▶ Griswold Athletics : GHS's GRIZ!
 - ▶ Jewett City Fire Dept. : SPARKY!
 - ▶ Griswold Youth&Family/Park&Rec :
Boredom Buster Box Pick Up
 - ▶ Girl Scouts Troop 63701 : Flower Handouts



Photo-Op
& Pickup
Drive Thru!

Restaurant Deals!

- ▶ **UNCLE KRANKYS:**
Main St. Jewett City! 15% Off, Dine In or Take Out!
- ▶ **PIZZA CT:**
Lisbon Landing! Kids come in! Build your own pizza!
Buy a Large, Get a FREE cheese fries!
- ▶ **RUBY TUESDAYS:**
Lisbon Landing! Buy One Entrée, Get One Free!
- ▶ **PIZZA PALACE:**
Large Special Pizza, Bottle of Soda for Free
- ▶ **DEANS CORNER:**
25% Off Your Meall 7AM>1PM

UPDATED
2.22.2021



JOIN IN? TEXT RYAN AUBIN
860.213.1524



Griswold / Jewett City Residents

MONTHLY

BOOK CLUB

PICKUP

20 FREE BOOKS PER FAMILY



How?

- 1) Go To: griswoldyfs.com/books
- 2) Browse 600+ Books
- 3) Write Down Books & Fill Out Form
- 5) Pick Up at Youth Center



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**WE NEED
SUPERVISORS & COUNSELORS**





Griswold High School

303 Slater Ave, Griswold, CT 06351
Michele Walworth,
Capstone/Community Service Coordinator
mwalworth@griswoldpublicschools.org
(860) 376-7640 x4214



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for **Helping Hands**



Griswold High School, Griswold Youth Center and the Griswold Senior Center

are working together to offer those that have physical limitations
or those that are over 55 years of age some general household help.

Can you help with any of these chores and day to day tasks?

- Yard Cleanup
- Minor outside tasks (small painting projects like fences, outside stairs, etc)
- Shoveling snow and sidewalks
- Changing Light bulbs and Smoke Detectors
- Bringing in the groceries
- Small inside household needs
- ..and more

We will safely engage our High School Students and Community Members in helping our Neighbors as **Volunteers**. To sign up to Volunteer or for more information contact:

Michele Walworth at: mwalworth@griswoldpublicschools.org

or call 860-376-7640 x4214

(Due to Covid and Remote work, the best way to contact me is email at present or leave a message and I will call you

Please email: Your Full Name and Contact Phone Number as well as a small list of tasks you feel comfortable helping with. (Outdoors only? Indoor ok?) Once someone contacts us looking for help, I will make a match and reach out to you with their contact phone number only. You will call the Neighbor and then make the arrangements to visit and help them. *Please note this is not for meal delivery, rides or grocery shopping. This is a volunteer program only. No money will be accepted for donations or tips.)*



PTO Meeting

Please join us at the next
Griswold Elementary School PTO
virtual meeting on
Wednesday, March 10th
at 6:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting-

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83410635994?pwd=QjB5ZngzMWdRNUFEeIZJbGpuVFRmdz09>

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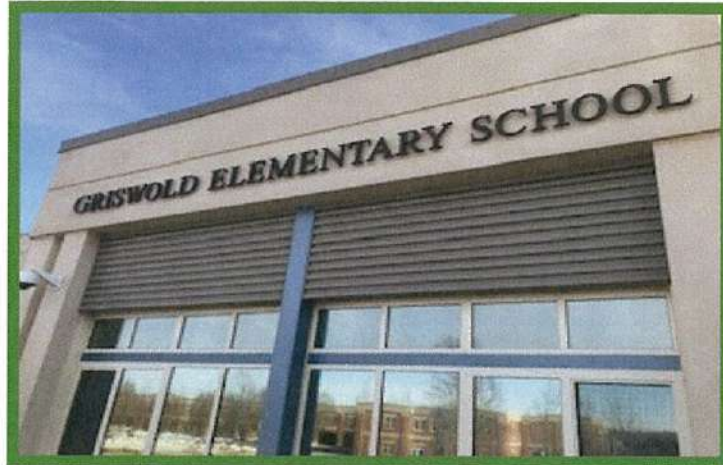
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We would like to invite all parents, guardians, faculty, and staff for an informational meeting!

If you have any questions, please email
gespto@griswoldpublicschools.org

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Principal's Corner

Dear GES Families,

GES will be celebrating Read Across America Day in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday (March 2nd 1904). March 2 is National Read Across America Day, a day to celebrate our favorite activity. The day was established by the National Education Association (NEA) in 1998 to help get kids excited about reading. The day occurs each year on the birthday of beloved children's book author Dr. Seuss, so a perfect way to celebrate is to don a Seussian hat and read one of his famous tales, like *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish*. On National Read Across America Day, students, teachers, parents, and community members around the nation come together to read books and celebrate the joy of reading — join us!



"We, Try Our Best, To Do Our Best, To Be Our Best"

We are all looking forward to spring!



Mr. Bordenau

HERE'S THE NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 3/3 & 3/4 – Parent Teacher Conferences (Virtual), Asynchronous Learning Day on 3/3 for All Students, 1:10 Dismissal for Cohort B Students on 3/4
- 3/10 - PTO Meeting, Virtual (<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83410635994?pwd=QjB5ZngzMWdRNUFEelZjBGPUVFRmdz09>)
- 3/12 - Staff Development Day, No Students
- 4/2 - Good Friday, No School
- 4/12 - 4/16 - Spring Break, No School
- 5/28 - Staff Development Day, 1:10 Student Dismissal
- 5/31 - Memorial Day, No School
- 6/10 – Last Day of School, 1:10 Dismissal



PRESCHOOL NEWS

In the last few months, our units of study have focused on an Author Study of Jan Brett, Letters and Numbers Around Us, and Winter. This month we have learned about animals that hibernate in the winter. We are all awaiting spring when our animals wake up! We have focused our math instruction on counting to 10 and spatial awareness. In March we will focus our assessments on phonological awareness as this is an important pre-literacy skill for children. During this time, we will read books by Dr. Seuss and Nursery Rhymes. Our January

parent-teacher conferences went very well. This was an opportunity for teachers to talk to families about their child's progression and areas for further growth. Families were also asked to complete a NAEYC family evaluation that gives our program information about our strengths and areas for improvement. We would like to thank our families for completing these evaluations in order for us to improve our program. As we begin to plan for incoming preschool students for the next school year, information regarding screening will be coming out to the community in the next month. We would also like to thank our families for their continued support and flexibility as we work through times when our students are learning remotely. We are amazed at how hard all of our children are working to complete activities at home and during our virtual class meets!

Welcome to
Kindergarten!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Everyone is adjusting to coming back after break and remote days! We have missed seeing all of our kiddos and hope we can get back into our routines! We have begun our big non-fiction animal unit and have started with learning about penguins and polar bears. These animals would sure love all the snow we are having! See if your kindergartener can give you a fact about penguins or polar bears. In literacy, we are beginning to read simple words and are learning what it means to "tap" a word out. We are also trying to write as much as possible. We are making lists, writing sentences, labeling pictures and working so hard. In math, we have been learning all about addition and subtraction. We are using counters, our fingers, and tens frame to help us solve these problems.

Please remember to send in coats, hats and gloves for outside recess. Please label all clothing and personal items. We go outside on most days. We also ask you to help your child practice zipping and buttoning.

Keep up the awesome work on Seesaw! We love seeing all that you do! Thank you for your continued support with Seesaw and our live meets!

1st Grade



FIRST GRADE NEWS

In spite of the cold, snowy weather, the first grade classes are “heating up” by continuing to develop new skills, abilities, and knowledge in all areas. In our literacy curriculum, we are learning about nonfiction. In this unit, our areas of focus are: What is nonfiction? How do we read a nonfiction text? What are the differences between fiction and non-fiction texts? What are the different text features in nonfiction and how can we use them to understand what we read? In every unit, we focus on comprehension skills that help develop a deeper understanding of the variety of stories we read. We will apply our new learning about nonfiction to our writing. Students are excited to choose an Arctic animal they would like to learn more about. They will be using non-fiction texts and Pebblego.com (online resource) to gather their information. First graders will be writing an informational piece. We are continuing to move forward in our Foundations program (phonics). We are learning about blends, inflected endings (ed, ing, es, er, est), and r controlled vowels (or, ir, er, ur, ar). We are also learning new trick words every week. Thank you for practicing those tricky words at home!

In math, we are working on adding and subtracting to 20. Within the unit, we are working on a variety of math skills that include making a ten to add or subtract, counting on or back, fact families, double facts, while also being exposed to tools and manipulatives to further support understanding. To ensure that each child develops a firm foundation in these complex math skills, we are providing many concrete, hands-on activities.

As a reminder, please make sure your child comes to school in layers. The weather is constantly changing and students need to be dressed appropriately in hats, gloves, and jackets to go out for recess.

Patently Waiting for Spring,

The First Grade Teachers

2nd GRADE

SECOND GRADE NEWS

Our second graders have been working hard this year! Thank you families for all of your support during the transitions and changes that come with our hybrid learning model. We appreciate you! Our students have done a great job persevering and adapting to the changes this school year. We have focused on social and emotional wellbeing and connectedness during our morning meeting activities to foster a welcoming and supportive environment for our students. In math we have been learning strategies for addition and subtraction to 100, learning about place value, and continue to practice solving word problems. We are finishing up our folktale unit in reading. Students have done a lot of work with understanding character, point of view, comparing and contrasting similar stories, and retelling familiar stories. We are looking forward to meeting with families during parent conferences in March!

3rd GRADE

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Our third graders have been working hard! They have been working on a nonfiction unit where we explore text features and how to understand the way nonfiction is organized. We have been focusing on cause and effect as well. Students have been working on a small research project exploring a topic of their choice by finding books and taking notes. We have been learning how to use that information to write a report and how it is different from narrative writing.

In math, we are just finishing up addition and subtraction with three digit numbers, rounding and place value. We have recently started area and will be moving on to fractions after that. The most important thing is to keep them engaged and learning in spite of the pandemic. Keep practicing their math facts! We are looking forward to meeting you again during conferences to talk about your child's progress.

FOURTH GRADE

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Grade 4 is finishing up our NWEA MAP Winter testing for both Reading and Math. Results will be shared with parents as the classes finish up testing. As a grade level, we are working hard on our nonfiction text units in both reading and writing, and we are looking forward to an exciting exploration into Podcasts. Students will be researching what they are, and then choosing topics to create student made podcasts! Stay tuned for more on this! In math, classes are learning how to multiply and divide larger numbers, and will move in fractions soon. A reminder to families that with the cold weather, wearing suitable cold weather gear is important for your child each day as we go outside daily for recess. A BIG THANK YOU to

families for your continued help with the education of your child at home. The time that you put in to help your child succeed does not go unnoticed! We appreciate that you are helping to make sure your child has a quiet place to participate in Meets, complete all their work on a daily basis, and put forth their best effort in their assigned activities. Be on the lookout for sign-ups for Spring conferences soon!



PE NEWS

In Physical Education class we have a special guest from ECSU as a student teacher, Mr.C will be with us until March 11th.

Our classes look a little different but the students are still learning to use the bodies and understand different skills needed to be physically fit.

K and 1 classes are learning about soccer and the skills needed to participate in activities.

Grade 2 classes are working on Basketball skills.

Grade 3 and 4 classes are working on fitness related activities.

We are doing our best to be safe and follow the guidelines for our building.

All classes are continuing to meet on Wednesdays, and to do assignments that are released in Seesaw or Google classroom.

If you ever have any questions, please send me an email. dlanglais@griswoldpublicschools.org



MUSIC NEWS

Music at GES has had to pivot this year. Each grade is doing a deep dive into the basics of music that include structure, history, texture, and theory.

Each class starts with rhythmic imitation and vocalizing and reading notation. The 4th grade has started to learn Ukulele-a very fun and happy instrument. Because of COVID restrictions, I hope to once again start 3rd grade on recorder next year.



LIBRARY NEWS

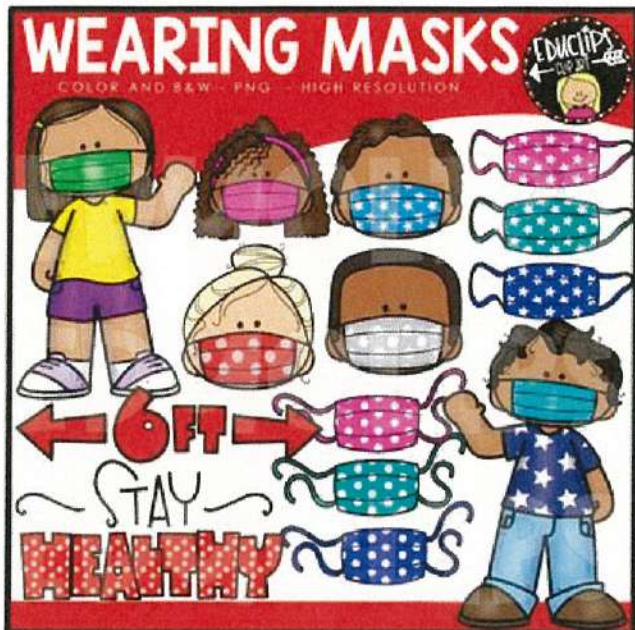
Thank you to all for encouraging your children to enjoy the love of reading. Because of the special circumstances of this year's rotation, book checkout has looked much different. If your child would like books when they are in a different exploratory, feel free to message me through email or Seesaw and I can get books to their classroom or the office for pickup.

PLEASE encourage children to return any books as soon as they are finished reading them. I have bins outside every classroom for returns and collect them daily.

All books are quarantined for a minimum of three days before recirculating. Thanks!

Judy Beahan
GES Librarian

jbeahan@griswoldpublicschools.org



HEALTH NEWS

Our classes are spending time with the program listed above. "This is a special new social-emotional wellness unit that was created to support students as they navigate the new normal of hybrid learning. Trauma sensitive, healing centered language and practices encourage post-traumatic growth and promote physical, mental, and emotional wellness. This is a precursor to the year-long Character Social Emotional Development program, Choose Love For Schools curriculum. Choose Love offers comprehensive, lifespan, next-generation social and emotional learning for schools, homes, and communities at no cost. This special reintegration unit is designed to help transition students back to class, or to support them during distance learning. These lessons are trauma-informed and created with particular awareness of the current events and environment. "Choosing Love in Our Brave New World" is designed to help students and instructors find their way into the new normal of education. Before any other learning can be effective, students and educators need to feel safe, a sense of belonging, cared for, and loved".

As always, stay well and please reach out if you have any questions.

Mrs. O-P

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TECHNOLOGY NEWS

In this second rotation of Technology, students are working on learning the basics of coding. They are using blocks to script basic to complex programs. In this process, problem solving skills and perseverance are reinforced, skills that are important in other subject areas as well as life in general! For more information you can view my video overview on this unit as well as helpful videos dealing with frustration and debugging code problems on your child's learning platform (Seesaw or Google Classroom)



ART NEWS

“This month, students in Mrs. Appleton’s classes, are learning about pop artist Jim Dine. Jim Dine is known for his artwork featuring the iconic shape of a heart. GES art students will create their own masterpieces in his style, being sure to include a heart/hearts. These works will be displayed throughout the building and will help spread the message of love, care, and kindness to all this month of February.”



YEARBOOK NEWS

Yearbook is looking for photos!!!

The yearbook is looking for photos.

1. Students who didn't get their picture taken on picture day. Send in a photo taken from the waist up. I will remove the background to look like the others. Don't forget to send your name with your photo.
2. Photos of student working at home.
3. Distance learners, a picture of you working at home.
4. Pictures of you wearing your favorite mask, silliest mask. (please note if silly or favorite)
5. Snow day photos.
6. School spirit photos. Wear your favorite Griswold Green!



Please send them to your teacher or to aondreicka@griswoldpublicschools.org

Don't forget to include your name and your teachers name.