



24/25 GMS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER #14

Dec. 9, 2024

MESSAGE FROM MRS. JOHNSON -

Happy cold weather and the month of December everyone. I love the frosty mornings and beautiful sunny days. The next two weeks are very busy: sports, canned food drive, Gervais Community Winter Celebration on Dec. 19th, and of course all the learning that takes place. Please make sure you check with your children to see if they are keeping up with their school work. When we come back in January it will be close to the end of the semester. Everyone needs to pass all of their classes to be eligible for Urban Air Adventure Park in June.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have a question or concern. Here is my email address: toni_johnson@gervais.k12.or.us or phone number at GMS 503-792-3803 ext. 2020.

Team GMS!

Mrs. Johnson

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES: Dec. 9-Dec. 13

- Monday, Dec. 9 - Regular Schedule
 - Home Girl's Basketball game vs Blanchet. Game starts at 4:00 pm
 - Tuesday, Dec. 10 - Regular Schedule
 - Boxing after school from 3:15-4:15
 - Homework Help from 3:15-4:00. No transportation home.
 - Wednesday, Dec. 11 - Early Release
 - Home Girl's Basketball game vs Salem Academy at 4:00 pm
 - Away Wrestling meet in Colton. Begins at 4:30 pm
 - Thursday, Dec. 12 - Regular Schedule
 - Home Girl's Basketball game vs Sacred Heart. Game starts at 4:00 pm
 - Homework Help from 3:15-4:00. No transportation home.
 - Friday, Dec. 13 - Regular Schedule
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Canned Food Drive – Monday, Dec. 9 – Friday, Dec. 13:

Monday – Anything in a box or can or dried

Tuesday – Canned Vegetables

Wednesday – Rice, Cereal, or Pasta

Thursday – Canned meat or seafood

Friday – Canned Fruit

- **Homeroom classes are competing to see who can bring in the most food. Prizes for the top three classrooms (there will be something special for students who can't eat this):**
 - **1st Place – Doughnuts and Hot Chocolate**
 - **2nd Place – Doughnuts**
 - **3rd Place – Popcorn**

Monday's Attendance Winners:

Congratulations to the following students who won a \$5.00 gift card to McDonalds, Taco Bell, Jamba Juice, or Dutch Bros "because they were in school and no tardies!" Be Here to Win!

6th Grade – Eli Garcia

7th Grade – Sophia Duenas

8th Grade – Julian Guzman

Tuesday & Thursday Homework Help After School:

Each Tuesday and Thursday after school, high school students come over to the middle school to help students with their homework, study for tests or just give them a quiet place to do their homework. Middle school students just have to sign up outside room 5 each day they want to stay after school. They can get a snack if they are hungry. Unfortunately, there is no late bus transportation so students will have to either walk home or get picked up.

Gervais Community Winter Celebration:

Thursday, Dec. 19 from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm at Gervais High School.

- **Free dinner, hot chocolate and popcorn**
- **Bounce House and Carnival Games**
- **Picture with Santa**
- **Arts and Crafts**
- **Balloon artist and Face painter**
- **Warm weather clothing closet**

Ms. Aloha's Words of Wisdom: 😊

A growth mindset is a way of thinking that views challenges and setbacks as opportunities for improvement. People with a growth mindset believe that their abilities can be developed through effort and persistence.

Some characteristics of a growth mindset include:

- **Embracing challenges:** People with a growth mindset are more open to taking on challenges and learning from them.
- **Learning from criticism:** People with a growth mindset are more likely to take feedback as a learning opportunity.
- **Seeing effort as a path to mastery:** People with a growth mindset believe that their skills can improve over time with work.
- **Finding inspiration in others:** People with a growth mindset may take inspiration from the success of others.