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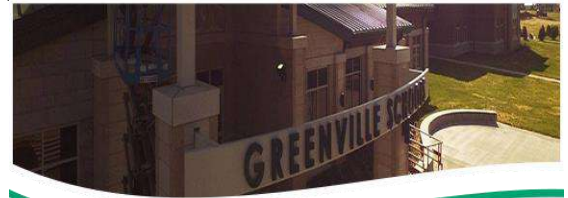
FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Principal's Ponderings.....August is coming to an end and September is here, bringing with it a new school year! As with any new task before us, getting off to a positive start will allow your child to get the most out of their coming experiences and provide a feeling of satisfaction. Help your son or daughter get the year kicked off by following a few simple tips in getting their right foot planted firmly before them.

First: Get things prepared/organized- Some students have this as innate in their make-up, but if your child is anything like me this is not the case and I need a plan of attack before I start. Starting the school year with a solid organization tool/plan can make the world of difference in their success. This aspect helps a child feel confident and capable of tackling those tasks daily. The backpack can be a good starting point and is the method in which the student will transport items to and from school daily. The student should pack their own backpack and know what is in it. Checking this with your son or daughter and eliminating unneeded items weekly helps keep it organized at all times. Next, complete the portal by providing pocket folders that are clearly labeled by subject and organized by period. If desired, these can be combined with a binder for holding the folders (This can help add a level of organization to the picture. If needed dividers based on specific criteria for each subject such as: *To be Completed / To Turn in / Completed-Graded* can be a good addition. This can help guarantee a greater chance of locating those pieces of school work when needed.

Second: Prepare your son or daughter for that first day. They will be excited and less likely to be concerned, if they know you think what they are embarking on is important. Take time to look at their schedule for the day and possibly eliminate any information that can cause confusion. Make sure that the

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Upcoming Events

August 22

5-8th Grade Open House 5:30-7:00p

August 26

Student's 1st day- 7:30am-2:25pm

September 2

No School – Labor Day

Mark your calendar:

Aug. 26 Student First Day
Sept. 2 No School – Labor Day
Sept. 3 Picture Day
(retake Oct. 18)
PTA Mtg – 6:00pm
Sept. 11 Patriot Day
Sept. 16 Fundraiser's for 5-8
Washington, D.C. Fundraiser &
Parent Meeting at 6:00 PM
Sept. 17 Constitution Day
Sept. 20 GCS Board Mtg 7:00p
Sept. 30 No School- In-Service
Oct. 7-12 Homecoming
Parade – Oct. 10



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The beginning of something new is always exciting and fresh.

Students and staff are excited for and seeing who will be in their classes.

It is a time when we have high expectations for those we will be with and ourselves. Students set goals for themselves to do better than the year before, whether it is raising the grades or just being a little more organized. It is exciting to say the least and it is great from our standpoint to work with each one of your children. We are very grateful to have the opportunity to work with you in ensuring your child has the best educational opportunities possible.

We have had a number of professional development opportunities offered for our staff within the district and at neighboring educational institutions. These help us in planning, organizing and preparing for this coming school year. We are ready to take steps in improving our work to see success and growth for all of our students.

Our newsletter will continue in its combined 5-8 format. It is very important to carefully read all beginning of the year information, especially the parent-student handbook, and send in the paperwork as soon as possible. As always don't hesitate to call or email with questions or concerns as they arise. We love to hear from you and work together to create the best opportunities for your child.

Again, Thank you for your important role in helping shape and support the future of Greenville – our kids. **Go WAVE!!!**

Mr. Chris Mortensen, Principal

Mrs. Rhonda Schaar, Principal

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BE ALL IN – AND BE RESPONSIBLE



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CHARACTER COUNTS AT GMS!!!

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On September 6th we will be attending a video presentation on "It's My Life: Responsibility", being presented by Camfel. At the Middle School level, students are constantly looking for a way to gain control in their life at a time when everything seems to be changing and out of control. Students are on a quest for independence, seeking respect for who they are as an individual and a way to have the power to choose what they feel is best for their lives. Students will be learning that the power to choose requires a heavy dose of personal responsibility, and that making the responsible choice isn't always the easy choice.

There's a lot of pressure out there to make poor choices with consequences we may not like. Bullying, drugs, alcohol and smoking are just a few of the irresponsible choices students will be tempted with along the way. By learning how to manage their time correctly, and by discovering and pursuing the skills they enjoy, they can avoid those pressures that hold them back from moving forward with their lives. With practice, they can develop the skills necessary to make the right choices and act responsibly when facing difficult situations.

Camfel Productions' IT'S MY LIFE is a motivational school assembly that will challenge the students to make the positive choices for themselves, while they demonstrate respect for those around them.

<http://www.camfel.com/pages/highschool>

We will focus our theme this year on encouraging students to: *Be All In and Be Responsible*



Transportation for 2019-20 School Year

The Bus Garage is no longer accepting alternate forms for 2019-2020. **Alternate forms MUST be filled out each year** in order for students to ride to and/or from any location other than the bus stop closest to their home. Alternate forms and current student address changes may be submitted to the transportation department, but changes may not take effect until **September 6, 2019**. If your student requires transportation from an address other than the home address on file, you may complete a form now. Forms can be obtained from any school building, the Bus Garage @ 511 Markwith Ave, or a form can be downloaded from the school's website @ www.greenville.k12.oh.us. The transportation page is located under District. **Changes could take up to 72 hours to complete once submitted**. If you have questions, you may call The Bus Garage @ 548-3185 extension 4300.



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Attendance:

Welcome back...It is a well-known fact that Children with good attendance habits have higher grades, perform better, and are better prepared for the working world overall. It is important to send notes and doctor excuses for any absences. We will work together in ensuring good attendance and make this a great school year of learning for each student. Please keep in mind that Attendance laws require attendance to be based on hours. Laws required by the state mandate that schools follow their established procedures of timely notification, record keeping and working with families to make this a successful process. At Thirty-eight (38) hours of excused or unexcused hours in a month or a total of Sixty-five (65) hours of excused or unexcused in a school year students are declared as excessively absent. Students are considered habitual truant after thirty (30) or more consecutive hours unexcused absence, Forty-two (42) or more unexcused hours in a month, or Seventy-two (72) or more unexcused hours in one school year. Please make sure your child is in school or has a valid excuse. Please call the office at 548-3185 ext. 2002 for Kathy Warvel to let her know when your child will be absent.

Athletics

The Fall Sports season is underway! Students began practicing and preparing for competitive engagements as of August 1st. We look forward to seeing our friends and family joining us for Football, Volleyball, Tennis and Cross Country events. Please contact the athletic office at 548-3185 and follow the prompts for the High School Athletic Office. We ask that parents and friends remember that our students are encouraged to be the best athlete they can be. This means having good sportsmanship and holding to the ideals of fair play. We ask that parents support us in this by being excellent examples for our youth who participate. Please be thoughtful and courteous to all athletes and referees involved. We look forward to seeing you there and demonstrating that Green Wave Pride!

Items to remember:

#1 - All forms are now online...Go to the Greenville Website at www.greenville.k12.oh.us and under the heading Athletics click on forms. This will allow you to enter as a parent and once set up as a student athlete to complete and sign all forms.

#2 - Your student athlete must have a physical before they can attend practice. Physical forms can be picked up at the middle school or high school office or printed off of the website. Once completed these forms are updated yearly, but the information is stored to make them easier to complete.

#3 - All athletes should have their school fees paid prior to participation in the first athletic event. Coaches should be reminding their athletes and parents of this school district policy. To seek other options please contact your school administrator about school fee payment plans if necessary.



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If you have any questions regarding practice schedules, please contact the coach or the athletic department at 548-3185 and follow the prompts.

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SPORTS SCHEDULES>>>

As of 8/15/2019

2018 Middle School Cross Country

Saturday	8/24/19	Northmont Invitational	(Away)	8:00 AM
Saturday	8/31/19	Treat City Invitational	(Home)	8:00 AM
Saturday	9/7/19	Golden Gate -Brookville	(Away)	11:00 AM
Saturday	9/14/19	Graham Invitational	(Away)	10:30 AM
Saturday	9/21/19	Tour De Sewer @Versailles	(Away)	10:15 AM
Saturday	9/28/19	Firebird Invitational-Kettering	(Away)	1:20 PM
Saturday	10/5/19	Ed Leas Invitational @ Eaton	(Away)	11:30 AM
Saturday	10/12/19	MVL Meet @ Sidney HS	(Away)	9:30 AM

2018 Middle School Volleyball

As of 8/15/2019

Tuesday	8/13/19	Bradford (SC)	(Away)	5:30 pm
Thursday	8/15/19	Ansonia (SC)	(Away)	5:30 pm
Monday	8/19/19	Xenia	(Away)	5:30 pm
Thursday	8/22/19	West Carrollton	(Home)	5:30 pm
Monday	8/26/19	Piqua	(Home)	5:30 pm
Thursday	8/29/19	Vandalia	(Away)	5:30 pm
Tuesday	9/3/19	Troy	(Home)	5:30 pm
Thursday	9/5/19	Tippecanoe	(Away)	5:30 pm
Monday	9/9/19	Sidney	(Away)	5:30 pm
Thursday	9/12/19	Mad River Stebbins	(Away)	5:30 pm
Monday	9/16/19	Fairborn	(Home)	5:30 pm
Thursday	9/19/19	Xenia	(Home)	5:30 pm
Monday	9/23/19	West Carrollton	(Away)	5:30 pm
Thursday	9/26/19	Piqua	(Away)	5:30 pm
Monday	9/30/19	Vandalia	(Home)	5:30 pm
Thursday	10/3/19	Troy	(Away)	5:30 pm
Monday	10/7/19	Tippecanoe	(Home)	5:30 pm
Thursday	10/10/19	Sidney	(Home)	5:30 pm
Saturday	10/12/19	MVL Tournament	(Away)	TBA

Start Times Are 7th Grade Match, Unless Noted Otherwise and subject to Change



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2018 – 7th and 8th Grade Football

Date	Location	Home/Away	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Wednesday 8/21/19	Mad River (SC)	(Away)	5:30 pm	7:00 PM
Wednesday 8/28/19	Fairborn-Baker	(Home)	5:30 pm	7:00 PM
Wednesday 9/4/19	Xenia	(Away)	5:30 pm	7:00 PM
Wednesday 9/11/19	West Carrollton	(Home)	5:30 pm	7:00PM
Wednesday 9/18/19	Piqua	(Home)	5:30 pm	7:00 PM
Wednesday 9/25/19	Butler	(Away)	5:30 pm	-----
Thursday 9/26/19	Butler	(Away)	-----	5:30 pm
Wednesday 10/2/19	Troy	(Home)	5:30 pm	7:00 PM
Wednesday 10/9/19	Tippecanoe	(Away)	5:30 pm	7:00 PM
Wednesday 10/16/19	Sidney	(Away)	5:30 pm	7:00PM

SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Bullying Awareness:

Family members—parents, siblings, grandparents, and others—play key roles in helping to prevent bullying, stopping bullying that may be occurring, and helping children and youth to cope with bullying that they already have experienced. Bullying can take many forms, such as: hitting or punching, teasing or name-calling, intimidation through gestures, social exclusion, and sending insulting messages or pictures by mobile phone or using the Internet (also known as cyber bullying). Students will be discussing these forms of bullying and how to recognize and cope with bullying if it is occurring. These discussions will be occurring with administration, the counselors and the school's resource officer throughout the school year.



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Seventh Grade Shots...

All incoming seventh grade students are required to have their shots updated with the records on file with the school nurse. This is to be completed before admittance to the seventh grade and we allow a week to get the records in to the school for updating and will contact parents if these are not up-to-date in our files. We do not desire to exclude any student from attendance, but law requires that we have these or exclude students who are not in compliance by the third week of school. Shots can be obtained from multiple locations such as... the Health Department on Tuesdays, or any day at Walgreens, CVS, and your local doctor's office. They are all aware of the requirements for the different grade levels and can help to make sure the records are up-to-date as required. Please make sure that a copy comes in to the school nurses for their files. We are happy to make a copy of this if desired.

Medication...

According to the Ohio Legislature Amended Senate Bill 262, certain criteria must be met before any medication can be administered to children at school. A medication consent form must be filled out and on file in the clinic. If the medication is over the counter (Tylenol, Advil, cough syrup, even cough drops etc.) the sections of the form pertinent to this must be filled out. If the **medication is prescribed, the parent and doctor** must complete the appropriate sections of the form and contain the appropriate signatures. Please help us keep all students safe by handling medications appropriately. Thank you!

School Supplies...

The 5th and 6th Grade supply sheets are out at Walmart and ready for parents to look over and start stocking up. The 7th and 8th Grade Middle School does not have a specific school supply list for each subject as multiple teachers teach each subject and there are more options for electives and course direction at this level. For the first day of school, students should bring a pen, pencil, paper and individual folders for each subject. Students enrolled in art should have the following: Pencils with erasers, 1 Ultra Fine Point Black Sharpie, 1 Fine Point Black Sharpie, Tissues and Cleaning wipes are always appreciated. Students enrolled in choir or general music need pencils and pen, loose-leaf paper, one two-pocket folder, and one package of 5x8 or 4x6 note cards. Students enrolled in Mrs. Warvel's Language Arts class will need red pens daily for this class. Mrs. Colley will be passing out supply lists on Thursday at open house and asks that students check out her webpage for the class at acollegjhs15.edublogs.org



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Open House, Schedules and Fees Oh my - Thursday, August 22, 2019

Students are able to access their schedules on their i-pads currently as a new feature starting this year. As soon as information for lockers is in the system, students will be able to see this through their i-pads as well. We will be handing out all schedules at our Open House this year in the students first period classes. Our open house is scheduled for Thursday, August 22 starting at 5:30 and going to 7:00 PM. Students will be able to see their 1st period teachers location posted on the front door of the K-8 facility. This will be posted starting Wednesday, August 20, for students and parents to checkout. They then simply go to their first period location and the teacher will have a schedule for them at that time. We are hoping this will help in getting students their schedules quickly and easily. School Fees may be paid to the main office of the 5-8 portion of the building. Students may pick up their i-pad in the Media Center of the Middle School the night of the open house, if they did not take it home with them for the summer.

General fees are as follows:

Fifth and Sixth Grade

37.00 Flat Fee/Activity Fee

3.00 Assignment/Passbook

2.50 Science Lab Fee

42.50 +Plus \$2.50 Art Lab Fee (Elective) if taken

Seventh Grade

37.00 Flat Fee/Activity Fee

3.00 Assignment/Passbook

2.50 Science Lab Fee

42.50

Eighth Grade

37.00 Flat Fee/Activity Fee

3.00 Assignment/Passbook

2.50 Science Lab Fee

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EAT school BREAKFAST it gives you energy!

Breakfast times: 7:05-7:25

Prices: Breakfast Paid \$1.95 Reduced \$.30

Lunch Paid \$2.80 Reduced \$.40 Milk \$.45

Location Served: Cafeteria

Other info: Breakfast Menu is on the back of the lunch menu

NO CHARGING!

There will be No breakfast on a 2 - hour delay.



PTA News

Our Greenville Middle School PTA helps support our school and the teachers and students within it. They work to assist in providing a great educational experience for all of our students in the Middle School and would love to have you as a member. Please contact Christie Bugher for a membership form and to turn in your \$5 membership fee to join. (Look for the PTA registration at Open House) PTA meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of every month at the MS office Conference room and we welcome all to attend. Our next meeting is Sept 3rd at 6:00 PM. We hope to see you there.

Each year there are activities that the PTA participate in to help raise funds for their work with our students and staff. Look for information on these and get involved. Please keep an eye out for more information to come home with students around the time of Homecoming for activities and PTA opportunities. More to come on PTA activities and fundraisers in the near future.



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EIGHTH GRADE WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP

It's time to start getting geared up for the 2020 Washington, D.C. and Gettysburg Trip. The eighth grade trip this year is scheduled for May 11 through May 15, 2020. Please note that this is different than in years past if you have had a child go in the past. We will be leaving on Tuesday morning instead of Tuesday evening. This will allow us to get more items in to the trip. The projected cost will be approximately \$675. We will have the first Washington, D.C. Meeting on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6:00 PM. Parents can begin making payments on August 22nd if you like to get a jump start. Please mark your calendars to attend the meeting for fundraising opportunities for this year. Fundraising is optional, but can reduce the cost of your son or daughter's trip. For your convenience, I have set up a payment schedule to help you plan your budget. The four installments are: \$192.00 on or before October 4; \$161.00 on November 8; \$161 on January 17; the fourth and final payment of \$161 is due no later than February 21, 2020. Please plan your budget accordingly. It is important to make scheduled payments in order for us to meet our obligations to our travel agency. **Please contact the school to establish an alternative payment plan if our suggested payment schedule does not fit your budget. PLEASE NOTE: Deadline for notification for your student to go on the trip is with a deposit payment on Friday, November 8 by 3:00 PM.** After this date, students will be placed on a waiting list to be added, as positions are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

I encourage you to have your child earn at least a portion of this money, so that he or she will feel a sense of ownership for it. There is nothing like the sense of accomplishment when something is earned. Raking leaves, shoveling snow, babysitting and doing odd jobs around the neighborhood are just a few ways to earn the money. We highly encourage students to participate in the 8th grade class fundraiser as this can reduce the overall cost for students attending the trip. You may make payments in person at the school or send a check to 1111 North Ohio Street payable to Greenville City Schools.

An informational meeting regarding the D.C. trip for eighth grade students and parents has been scheduled for Monday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary gym. If you want your child to participate, but do not think you can afford the total cost of the trip, please come anyway. We don't want any student being deterred, because of cost and we will attempt to arrange alternative financing. If you are in this situation, please let me know as soon as possible, so we can discreetly make the necessary accommodations for you and your child if it is available. It is our intention to honor the American spirit of planning and effort to meet our goals. Students who choose not to participate in the trip will be required to be in attendance at school May 12 -May 15. As always, give us a call if you have questions at 548-3185 and follow the prompts for the Middle School Office.



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Reminder!

Pedestrians have the right of way within a crosswalk. According to the Ohio Revised Code, “the driver of a vehicle shall yield to the right of way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk.” Our crossing guards are working hard to keep students safe as they travel to and from school. We need your help too! As you are leaving the school parking lot and turning onto Ohio Street, **please proceed with caution and wait for the crossing guard to cross the students and return to the sidewalk before turning.** As you are passing by, please proceed slowly, especially during arrival and dismissal. **We appreciate all you do to help keep our students safe at school!**

****Please note traffic patterns around the school:** The traffic coming into the south end of the school to the front parking lot is two-way. Use caution - Some parents are unaware and treat this section as a one way coming in. This can create a hazardous situation. If you would like to come into the parking lot, we would recommend that you travel to the North entrance and come in at this point for a safe and effective approach. The area for the parking lot does have one way across the front of the building with the inside lane being for student pick up and drop off and the outside lane for careful exit to the end of the lot and out from the school.

-We urge parents to be cautious and thoughtful of others. We do not desire to see any student or parent be involved in an accident due to failure to drive in a safe manner around the facility. If you have questions on the entrance and exit procedure, please contact the main office at the Middle School for assistance.



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Band & Choir Notes -

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A Note for Choir Students from Ms. Lemon

Welcome back GMS students! I hope you're ready for a fun filled year. We have a lot of fun and exciting things planned this year in choir and general music.

Choir students, if you are new to choir this year, please plan on purchasing a choir polo. Forms will be available during open house and the first week of school. Polos cost \$18-\$20. Returning students that need to exchange a polo need to do that within the first two weeks of school starting. Please bring in your polo for Ms. Lemon to get the best fit for you.

Our schedule this year is as follows:

- Holiday concert rehearsal - Monday, December 9 from 6-7:30 at Memorial Hall
- Holiday Concert – Tuesday, December 10, 2019 7:00 at Memorial Hall **(this is a required event)**
- Darke County Junior High Choral Festival - Friday, February 28 (all day event and concert at 7:00)
- District 11 Middle School Solo & Ensemble Event at Greenville Middle School - Saturday, March 21
- Spring Concert rehearsal - Tuesday, April 28 6-7:30 at Memorial Hall
- Spring Concert - Thursday, April 30 7:00 at Memorial Hall **(this is a required event).**

Please note the two required concerts this year. Failure to attend one or both of these concerts MAY result in failure of the grading period. Information will be coming in the syllabus regarding these events.

All students need to bring a notebook in the first week of school for supplies. These notebooks will be left in the room and used throughout the year.

Theatre workshop updates!

Students interested in theatre workshop should mark down the dates of the musical as February 7-8 at 7:00 PM. Students in 6-8 grades are eligible to audition for roles and participate in committees and new this year, fifth graders may audition for ensemble only. This means students would be singing on stage. Be listening for additional announcements beginning in October.

-Ms. Lemon is always in need of parents to chaperone the concerts AND dress rehearsals. There will be a section you may fill out on the syllabus if you are interested.

Kari Lemon
Choir/General Music Grades 5-8
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937-548-3185



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Student Leader Applications:

Starting the first week of school, applications will be available for 8th Grade students interested in becoming a Student Leader. Student Leaders serve Greenville Middle School in a variety of functions, such as arranging school-to-community based interactions like food drives, planning and coordinating school dances, providing assistance for parent teacher conferences, school activities and sporting events. Being a member of Student Leaders provides an opportunity for interested 8th Grade students to grow as advocates for their peers, along with enhanced interactions with the staff and our community. If any 8th Grade student is interested in becoming a Student Leader, please contact Mr. Curtis or Mr. Miller with any additional questions or see the Main Office for an application.

Thanks - Chad Curtis
Intervention Specialist
Greenville Middle School 5-8
Middle School Assistant Track & Field Coach

Jeff Miller
Intervention Specialist
Greenville Middle School 5-8

KNOW! To Pump Them Up for a Successful New School Year



Words are a powerful force. They can inspire, encourage and create enthusiasm, or they can dishearten, discourage and create despair—especially in the lives of young, impressionable people.

As parents, it seems so many times that what we say to our children goes in one ear and out the other. But research proves that they are listening and that our words make a world of difference.

Most children and some parents would agree that it's a bummer when the summer break comes to an end. But instead of allowing our youth to dwell on the negative, we can use our voices and positive influence to pump them up, and get them excited about a successful, new season of learning.

See next page...



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Here are 10 Empowering Messages to share with your child
(adapted from WabisabiLearning.com):

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1. "Today is a new day. What can we do with it?"

The trials of yesterday are behind you. A new school day dawns, and with it come possibilities. Chances for success, empathy, and discovery are abundant. Inspiration is everywhere you look. The opportunity to be better than you were yesterday is *right here, right now*.

2. "You aren't defined by your failures, you're empowered by them."

It doesn't feel good to fail, but mistakes are a normal and expected part of life. Not only do you gain knowledge from your mistakes, they help you grow and mature and become more resilient.

3. "The hardest person you'll ever face is the one staring back at you in the mirror."

It's true; you are either your own best ally or your own worst enemy. It's up to you to decide which one—and you actually do have that choice.

4. "Success means caring."

Learning is personal to each one of us. Of course I care about your learning. YOU have to decide however, that YOU care and that you are willing to put in the hard work to achieve successful learning.

5. "I'm a learner too. We need to support each other in that."

Even as adults, we continue to learn—in both our working and personal lives. Adults are neither above nor beneath younger learners. It is a shared journey that connects us and provides an opportunity to create a strong network of support.

6. "There's nothing you can't do if you really want to."

Too often, many of us live with more awareness of our limitations than our potential. The time to change that is now. You are capable of anything you set your minds to. The only limits you have are the ones you choose to place on yourself.

7. "Great things begin with small actions."

Tackling too much at one time is a recipe for disaster. So start small; begin at the beginning and make a great change one step at a time. It's important to build on previous successes gradually and carefully, preserving the progress of every previous step. That's how greatness manifests.

8. "I'm always here to help you, but you've got to take the lead."

As your parent, I am here to support, assist and guide you in your academic potential. However, the responsibility for learning and succeeding is yours.

9. "I believe in you."

This one needs no explanation. Everyone can benefit from hearing this. No better time to start than right now.

10. "You're not alone."

It is easy to sometimes feel like no one has ever felt the way you do, and never can. But you are not alone. I am here to help you and I want you to feel comfortable coming to me and sharing with me whatever is on your mind.

If we can help plant the desire for success in our children early on, then they'll be unstoppable. Use your voice and positive influence today, to help set them on the path to lifelong learning success.

Source: WabisabiLearning.com: 10 Empowering Messages to Share With Your Students. Jan. 2016



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Principal's Notes of Successful Homework completion:

HOMEWORK MAY BE COMING SOON TO A HOME NEAR YOU!!!

(To Help Parents Facilitate Student Learning)

- Help set up a consistent organized place for homework to be done.
- Help your child establish either a consistent schedule for completing homework or help him create a schedule each Sunday night that reflects that particular week's activities.
- Encourage, motivate, and prompt your child, but do not sit with her and do the homework with her. The purpose of the homework is for your child to practice and use what she has learned. If your child is consistently not able to do the homework by herself, please contact the teacher.
- If your child is practicing a skill, ask him to tell you which steps are easy for him, which are difficult, or how he is going to improve. If your child is doing a project, ask him what knowledge he is applying in the project. If your child is consistently unable to talk about the knowledge he is practicing or using, please call the teacher.
- Although there might be exceptions, the minutes your child should spend on homework should equal approximately 10 times her grade level (a 2nd grader would spend 20 minutes, a 3rd grader, 30, and so on).
- When bedtime comes, please stop your child, even if he/she is not done.
<http://pdtogo.com/di/node/32>
A great resource for you to help your child be a learner in every situation.



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Family Privacy Rights Notification of Directory Information

Each year the District will provide public notice to students and their parents of its intent to make available, upon request, certain information known as "directory information." The Board designates as student "directory information."

- ☐ Student's name
- ☐ Student's address
- ☐ Telephone number(s)
- ☐ Electronic mail address
- ☐ Photograph
- ☐ Date and place of birth
- ☐ Major field of study of student
- ☐ Dates of attendance
- ☐ Grade level
- ☐ Enrollment status
- ☐ Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- ☐ Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- ☐ Degrees, honors and awards received
- ☐ The most recent educational agency or institution attended

The Board will make the above information available upon a legitimate request unless a parent, guardian, or adult student notifies the school in writing within 10 days from the annual notification. Directory information will not be provided to any organization for any profit making purpose.

If you wish to opt-out of any of the above items, please check next to the item(s) above and sign below.

Student Name

Grade

Building

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Phone Number

Grades 10-12 ONLY:

_____ Check here to opt-out of name and address directory information being given to military recruiters.

**ONLY RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR BUILDING IF YOU CHOOSE TO OPT-OUT OF ANY
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Family Privacy Rights Notification of Inspection of Student Educational Records

This notice includes the:

1. Right of a parent(s) or eligible student to inspect and review the student's education records;
2. Intent of the District to limit the disclosure of information contained in a student's education records, except: (1) by the prior written consent of the student's parent(s) or the eligible student, (2) as directory information or (3) under certain limited circumstances, as permitted by law;
3. Right of a student's parent(s) or an eligible student to seek to correct parts of the student's education records which he/she believes to be inaccurate, misleading or in violation of student rights; this right includes a hearing to present evidence that the records should be changed if the District decides not to alter them according to the parent(s) or eligible student's request;
4. The right of any person to file a complaint with the Department of Education if the District violates the FERPA and
5. The procedure that a student's parent(s) or an eligible student should follow to obtain copies of this policy and the locations where copies may be obtained. (Policies are available on the website or by contacting the Central Office at Memorial Hall)

