

GREENFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL COUGAR CONNECTION

Dear GIS Families:

We've had an amazing first three days of school! I've been so impressed with our students. Makes me proud to be a COUGAR!

A Few Important Items:

- **(NEW) The Principal's Principles** - At Greenfield Intermediate School, our students follow the "Principal's Principles." Those daily expectations are simple:

1. Treat others the way you wish to be treated
2. Control what you can control
3. Respect the learning

- **(NEW) Adults in the Building** – Beginning Monday, August 7th, all parents who drop off students will have to stop at the glass doors, while students make their way to their morning locations. This is done as a safety measure. Thank you for helping!

- **(NEW) Student Drop-Off in the Mornings** – At Greenfield Intermediate School, safety is our number one priority. In order to avoid congestion, please remember that student drop-off each morning begins at 7:15am at **Door 11** on the north side of the building. Please **do not** drop off students at Door 6 by the main office.

- **(NEW) Student Council** - Are you interested in helping to make GIS a better place, helping Riley Children's hospital, or helping the community? Then come check out Student Council! The first meeting will be Friday, August 18th at 7:15am in Mrs. Gordon's room. Please note, there is a \$10 activity fee involved with Student Council.

- **(NEW) K-Kids** - The callout meeting for K-Kids will be Wednesday, August 16th at 7:00am in Mrs. Creamer's room. All students are invited to check out what kind of fun, community service they do!

- **(NEW) Eclipse Viewing Party** - On Monday, August 21st, the city of Greenfield will experience a solar eclipse where the sun will be up to 93% covered. GIS will host an after school ice cream, eclipse viewing party after school until 3:30. The cost is \$5 and this includes a pair of safe eclipse viewing glasses and ice cream. It is NOT SAFE to view the sun, even with regular sunglasses. The special eclipse viewing glasses are required. Permission slips are coming home soon.

- **(NEW) Twitter** - For all you Twitter users out there, Mr. Marine and Mrs. Sutton are tweeting! If interested, please feel free to follow @GIS_Principal and @GIS_AsstPrin

- **(NEW) Character First** - The character trait for the month of August is Respect. We are defining Respect as “Caring for others, myself, and property.” Please take a minute to speak with your student about this month’s character trait.

- **(NEW) NWEA Testing** - NWEA testing is set to begin for all students next week. The tests are adaptive in nature, which means the questions on the test get more difficult or simpler depending upon if the student gets the questions correct or not. We take our NWEA tests three times a year and will use the data from these tests to focus our instruction. There is a letter attached to this email explaining a bit further. Our first window of testing begins this Monday, August 7th so please check with your student about their testing dates.

- **(NEW) Spirit Wear** - We are now taking orders for this year’s spirit wear (order form attached). Please note the order deadline is August 25th.

- **(NEW) Transportation Changes** – If you need to make transportation changes for your student, please let us know as early in the day as possible. Additionally, you can help by reminding your child of the changes the morning of the day of the changes.

- **Lunch Accounts** - Greenfield-Central is once again using www.ezschoollpay.com to put lunch money in your child’s lunch account (there is a small fee and you will need your child’s student number found on Powerschool). Lunch money may also be submitted by check when you come to registration. Please be sure to keep your child’s lunch account in good standing. Additionally, our cafeteria computer system does not have the capabilities to put a “block” on student lunch accounts for purchasing extra lunch items. You will want to make sure your child is on the same page as you when it comes to spending lunch account money.

- **Volunteer Forms** - If you plan to attend a field trip at any time during the year or volunteer in your child's classroom, we would encourage you to fill this out during registration. If you do not complete and pass this background check, you will not be able to participate in school events. It is at no cost to you, so if you even remotely believe you might like to help out, please do this now so that we may avoid any conflicts or delays! You can find the application by clicking [here](#), then look for the red “apply” button in the upper right hand corner.

- **Textbook Rental** - We would also like to remind you that book rental payment is due no later than the first day of school. If you are on deferred payment, then the due date will be in about a month from now. We will have tables available to collect payment during open house should you like to take advantage of this opportunity. Otherwise, please send with your child on the first day of school.

Fees are as follows:

- 4th - \$116.14
- 5th - \$123.15
- 6th - \$121.97

Upcoming Dates:

- Blue or Gold Day? - Monday will be a BLUE Day
- NWEA testing begins for all students - 8/7
- Hearing Screenings - 8/11
- Sister Cities Visit - 8/15
- 4th Grade Parent Information Night - 8/17 6:00pm-7:00pm
- School Picture Day - 8/17
- Solar Eclipse Viewing Party - 8/21
- Labor Day - 9/4 (NO SCHOOL)