GREENFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL COUGAR CONNECTION

Dear GIS Families:

A Few Important Items:

- **(NEW)** Character First - The character trait for the month of November is Forgiveness. We are defining Forgiveness as "Clearing the record of those who have wronged you and not holding a grudge." Please take a minute to speak with your student about this month's character trait.

- **(NEW)** Toys for Tots - Greenfield Intermediate is participating in the Toys For Tots campaign. We have a box outside our office for donations of new toys. The collection box will be picked up on December 11th. Please consider giving to this worthy cause if you can.

- **(NEW) Book Fair** - It is time for the Scholastic Book Fair! The Book Fair will be in our school November 6th through November 14th. Students will be able to visit the Book Fair during their library times with language arts teachers. Additionally, the Book Fair will be open on Tuesday, November 14th from 5:00-7:00pm so parents may attend.

- **(NEW REMINDER) Grandparent's Day** - Grandparent's Day here at GIS will be held on Wednesday, November 8th. Please pass along the following schedule and details to your child's visitors!:

- 4th Grade 8:00am-9:00am (Refreshments in the cafeteria and optional book fair visit)
- 5th Grade 9:30am-10:30am (Refreshments in the cafeteria and optional book fair visit)
- 6th Grade 12:30pm-1:30pm (Lunch in the cafeteria and optional book fair visit) **RSVP's for 6th Grade are now closed**

Some other important reminders for this day:

- Please park on the north side of the building and enter through door 11. There is not to be any parking on the south side of the building.
- Plan to arrive by the start time of your designated visit time.
- At the conclusion of your visit time, you are free to exit the building. We ask that visitors do not go back to classrooms so that instruction can continue for the day.

- **(NEW REMINDER) Grandparent's Day Volunteers** - Additionally, we are *still* looking for some help with this event! We are in need of help for the roles listed below. If you are able to help, simply reply to this email to let me know which area you can help with! Thank you :)

- 4th Grade
 - Food Serving Lines
- 5th Grade
 - Food Serving Lines

- (NEW REMINDER) 5th Grade DARE Graduation - We will be celebrating our 5th grade DARE graduates on November 10th from 8:30-9:30 a.m in the GIS Gymnasium! Students will receive their DARE certificates with a cookie reception following. We hope you will join us! Please <u>click here</u> to **RSVP by Monday, November 6th**.

- Veterans Day - Due to the construction that is taking place in the GIS gymnasium this year, we are not able to use our bleachers for this event. We will not be inviting guests into the building on this day for a formal, school-wide program in the gym. Instead, we will be honoring Veterans Day with a program over the intercom and in classrooms.

- **Clean Sock Drive** - NEHS will begin a "clean sock" drive to benefit the homeless November 1st through the 17th. Donations will be recorded and the homeroom that collects the most clean socks will win donut holes and the winner of "2017 Sock Drive Champs!"

- United Christmas Service - The United Christmas Service application is available to GIS families from November 1-17. You may pick up a copy in the GIS front office or print out a copy by clicking <u>here</u>. As always, assistance is given based on needs and available gifts for donors. Assistance is not guaranteed.

- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** - There will be two options for attending your child's Parent/Teacher Conference again this year. Those two nights will be Thursday, November 2nd and Thursday, November 9th. We will once again be using an online service to sign up for conferences. More information and the signup link is attached to this email. The signup link went live Monday, October 2nd. The link is also available <u>here</u>.

- Box Tops for Education - Please save box tops for the GIS library. All proceeds from box tops will be used to buy library books. The library has a contest with the homerooms and the top 3 homerooms who turn in box tops by Dec. 1 will win an ice cream sundae party. The top 3 individuals who turn in box tops will win \$10.00 to spend at the book fair. Thank you for helping to put books in our library!

Upcoming Dates:

- Blue or Gold Day? Monday will be a BLUE Day
- Daylight Savings 11/5 (Clocks go back one hour!)

- Grandparent's Day 11/8
- Parent/Teacher Conferences (Night 2) 11/9
- Veterans Day (observed) 11/10
- DARE Graduation 11/10
- Spell Bowl 11/16
- Thanksgiving Break 11/22-11/24