

GREENFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

COUGAR CONNECTION

January 12, 2018

Dear GIS Families:

Be safe today! We will see our students on MONDAY!

A Few Important Items:

- **(NEW) Martin Luther King Jr. Day** - Due to the cancellation today, [Greenfield-Central Schools](#) **WILL be in session on Monday!**

- **(NEW) NWEA Middle of the Year Assessment Results** - Please make sure you look at your child's winter NWEA scores. These are very important in understanding your child's academic progress. You can find your child's NWEA scores in the Powerschool Parent Portal. If you have questions regarding your child's scores, please contact your child's teachers.

- **(NEW) 5th and 6th Grade Growth and Development Lessons** - Parents of 5th and 6th grade students, you will find an attachment included on this email describing our annual growth and development programming that is upcoming next month. Please read through the attachment for details regarding this. If you would prefer your student opt out of this program, you must submit this in writing to our main office.

- **(NEW) CogAT Assessment** - 6th grade students will be taking our annual CogAT assessment starting next week and will continue through the following week. The CogAT assessment appraises the cognitive development of students from kindergarten through grade 12. The test measures students' learned reasoning abilities that are learned in and out of school. The questions in the assessment require students to demonstrate their reasoning abilities in the areas of verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, and nonverbal reasoning. Additionally, this assessment is used as one of the pathways for high ability identification in GC schools.

- **(NEW) PTO** - Calling all parents! Greenfield Intermediate School currently does not have a PTO. We are hoping to change that for next school year! If you think you might be interested in participating in this endeavor, please email me at dmarine@gcsc.k12.in.us or reply to this email.

- **(NEW) Absences From School** - Unfortunately, the season of sickness is upon us. Should your child be too ill to come to school, a doctor's note can medically excuse your child in regards to

attendance. We do understand that illness does occur and that absences will happen. Stay healthy!

- **(NEW REMINDER) Quarter Two Report Cards** - Quarter two report cards became available for viewing on Wednesday, January 10th. Please take some time to review your child's progress.

- **(NEW REMINDER) Kids Talk Body Boundaries** - (This information has been updated from earlier in the year) The GC social workers and counselors have thoroughly researched multiple programs and are pleased to bring a program called Kids Talk into our schools. Kids Talk is an evidence-based child sexual abuse prevention program through Aspire Indiana for students K-12 that educates students on body safety and digital media safety in developmentally appropriate ways. The K-6th grade school-based program subset of Kids Talk is called Body Boundaries. If you are interested in learning more information about Body Boundaries, you may visit their website:

<http://www.aspireindiana.org/body-boundaries>. More information is being sent home today with students or you can read the attachment included on this email.

- **Education Support Professional's Day** - January 26th is Education Support Professional's Day and I ask that you join me in recognizing the contributions of our dedicated staff members. We are dedicating **Friday, January 26th** as Education Support Professional's Day to give thanks to all of our instructional assistants, cafeteria staff, and custodians. Please consider showing your appreciation for these dedicated groups of people on this day. We really appreciate these hard-working folks on a daily basis, as they are a vital component to making Greenfield Intermediate such a great place for kids. For more information, please ask your child's teachers how you or your student might show appreciation.

- **Character First** - The character trait for the month of January is Self-Control. We are defining Self-Control as "Controlling my actions and feelings so that I can make right choices." Please take a minute to speak with your student about this month's character trait.

- **Volunteer Opportunities** - Are you interested in volunteering to help at GIS? Great! We have many things we could use your help with! If you are interested, you can sign up by [clicking here](#). We'd love to have you :)

Upcoming Dates:

- Blue or Gold Day? - Monday will be a BLUE Day

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day - 1/15 (**School IN SESSION**)

- CogAT Assessment for 6th Grade Students Begins - 1/15
- Kids Talk Body Boundaries Parent Presentation - 1/16 @JBS - 7:00pm
- Stretch - 1/18
- Education Support Professional's Day - 1/26
- 5th and 6th grade Growth and Development Parent Overview - 2/7 @GIS - 6:30pm