

# GREENFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL COUGAR CONNECTION

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Dear GIS Families:

## **A Few Important Items:**

- **(NEW) Yearbooks** - Yearbooks are now on sale for \$18. Yearbooks can be ordered online at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/>. The yearbook ID is 10318418. Yearbook order forms were sent home and extras are in the office. If you have questions, please contact Kim Lewis at [klewis@gcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:klewis@gcsc.k12.in.us). Order forms are due by March 16.

- **(NEW) SchoolStore.com Fundraiser** - Our school will be participating in the SchoolStore program again this year. This online program helps our school earn cash without students selling door-to-door, collecting money or delivering products. Over 400 merchants, including Kohls, Target, and [Walmart.com](http://Walmart.com), have joined together to offer up to 50% of sales to our school for shopping through [SchoolStore.com](http://SchoolStore.com). To shop and support, simply go to [www.schoolstore.com](http://www.schoolstore.com) and select our school. Participation is key in helping get the word out about our school store. Today your child will come home with a parent letter requesting you to help them enter email addresses to friends and family. When you enter just three email addresses, you'll receive a prize code your child can return on Monday for a prize. Thank you for your support of our school!!

- **(NEW) Construction Update** - It's been awhile since I've sent an update on our construction projects going on here. In our cafeteria, we were able to make some extra space in there by removing the adjoining room and we added a new coat of paint. It looks great! The new office area is coming along nicely as well. Thanks to the hard work of the construction crew, we are still on target to make the move to the new area over spring break. Stay tuned for more updates!

- **(NEW REMINDER) 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.

- **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.

- **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](mailto:dmarine@gcsc.k12.in.us) or reply to this email.

- **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.

- **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 GOLD Day

- Education Support Professional's Day - 1/26

- 5th and 6th grade Growth and Development Parent Overview - 2/7 @GIS - 6:30pm

