

GREENFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

COUGAR CONNECTION

Dear GIS Families:

It's hard to believe we are half-way through the school year already!

I want to thank you, parents, for a great first semester! We've seen many successes and have witnessed some tremendous academic growth from our students. We appreciate you and the work you've done with your student to help prepare them for the next grade level. Being a parent of three youngsters myself, I know how difficult it can be to keep up with all that is happening in school and to continually make sure your child is working to the best of their abilities. Once again, **thank you for your partnership.**

I feel blessed to have joined the GIS community and am looking forward to an amazing second semester!

I hope you enjoy some time with your family over the next two weeks :)

A Few Important Items:

- **(NEW) Quarter Two Report Cards** - Quarter two report cards will be available for viewing on Wednesday, January 10th.

- **(NEW) 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.

- **(NEW) 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.

- **(NEW) 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.

- **(NEW) 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 :)

- **Sneak Peek** - Want to see what your child’s ISTEP+ test format will look like? [Click here](#) to see a sneak peek. This would be a GREAT thing to go over with your child in advance of the test next semester.

Upcoming Dates:

- Blue or Gold Day? - Monday (Jan. 8) will be a BLUE Day

- Winter Break - 12/25-1/5

- Students Return To School - 1/8