

GREENFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

COUGAR CONNECTION

Dear GIS Families:

A Few Important Items:

- **(NEW) Character First** - The character trait for the month of February is Diligence. We are defining Diligence as “Investing all my energy to complete the tasks assigned to me.” Please take a minute to speak with your student about this month’s character trait.

- **(NEW) Author Visit** - Author John David Anderson will be visiting our students on Monday, February 5th. We are excited to have him come and speak to our students! For more information and for book ordering, please see the attached document.

- **(NEW) ISTEP+ Infrastructure Test** - Schools all around Indiana will be participating in the ISTEP+ Infrastructure Test on Wednesday, February 7th. This is merely a test to see if the test vendor can handle the volume of testing around the state all at once. This is not an assessment for our students, but we have to have students test on our devices for about 45 minutes.

- **(NEW REMINDER) Kids Talk Body Boundaries** - (This will take place next week here at GIS. If you do not want your child to participate, you must complete the attached opt-out form) 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.

- **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. Order forms are due by March 16.

- **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.

- **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
- 4th Grade Kids Talk Body Boundaries Presentations - 2/1
- 5th and 6th Grade Kids Talk Body Boundaries Presentations - 2/2
- STRETCH - 2/1
- Author Visit - 2/5
- ISTEP+ Infrastructure Test - 2/7
- 5th and 6th grade Growth and Development Parent Overview - 2/7 @GIS - 6:30pm
- 5th Grade Growth and Development Lessons - 2/12
- 6th Grade Growth and Development Lessons - 2/13
- President's Day - 2/19 (NO SCHOOL unless needed for a weather makeup day)
- ISTEP+ Practice Test Sessions - 2/20 & 2/21
- ISTEP+ Part 1 Window Opens - 2/26 (more info to come on this)