

GREENFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

COUGAR CONNECTION

Dear GIS Families:

A Few Important Items:

- **(NEW) Arrival/Dismissal Changes!** - Door 11 by the car parking lot will not be accessible beginning **March 1st**. Students who get dropped off by car in the mornings will now have to enter through the brand new doors coming off of the gym. At dismissal, students who get picked up via car will exit those same gym doors. Additionally, over spring break here in a few weeks, our main office will be moving from the south side of GIS to the north side of GIS. Due to our main office moving, we will have a few minor adjustments to our morning student drop-off procedures. All student drop-offs in the morning will need to take place on the north side of the building (door 11 by the car parking lot). Please do not drop-off students at the south doors (bus parking lot) at all once our office moves after spring break. The south doors **will not open until 7:15am** each morning.

- **(NEW) Pennies for Patients** - GIS K-Kids are sponsoring "Pennies for Patients" from Monday, February 5 through Friday, February 16. We are collecting money that jingles AND money that crinkles! All money raised will be donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Indiana. These funds provide financial, emotional, and educational support for local patients and their families, as well as cutting-edge research to find a cure for blood cancers TODAY. K-Kids will meet Wednesday, February 7 at 7am in Mrs. Batton's room!

- **(NEW) Valentine Grams** - Students can show their friends they care this Valentine's Day by sending them a Valentine Gram! For \$1, students can send a heart-shaped treat and a note to say Happy Valentine's Day! Valentine Grams will be sold during lunches from Wednesday, February 7th-Wednesday, February 14th (see attached flyer for more information).

- **(NEW) Camp Invention** - Camp Invention will be returning to JBS July 16-20 for students entering K - 6th grade for the 2018-19 school year. Flyers went home last week! This year's program is going to be the best year yet. Check it out at www.campinvention.org. We are in need of some parent help and it comes along with the benefit of registration discounts! Please contact Amanda Bradford at abradford@gcsc.k12.in.us for further information (also, see the attached flyer!).

- **(NEW REMINDER) 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 REMINDER) 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.

- **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.

- **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 GOLD Day

- 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 - 2/14
- 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)