

Principal's Note:

Upcoming Events

September 27
ELL Family Night
MSW 5:30-7pm

September 29
OSU Vision Screening

October 3
Progress Reports sent home

October 6
KDG Field Trip to
Lynd's Fruit Farm

October 6
Fireman Dave to visit
First Grade classes

October 10
No School

October 11
PTA Meeting 7pm

October 18
First Grade Field Trip to
Blendon Woods

October 19
KDG Field Trip to Innis Woods

October 21
Warrior Challenge

October 21
FSS Classes to visit
Circle S Farm

October 28
Donuts with Dad

Dear Goshen Lane Families,

It's hard to believe that we have been in school for seven weeks, but by looking in the halls and watching our youngest students have confidence in getting from the cafeteria to their classroom in the morning and to the playground at recess, I know that it is no longer the first week of school!

I wanted to take time in this first newsletter to remind you of daily procedures here at Goshen Lane. First of all, we will have a Visitor Check In system in the front office which supports the safety and security for all students at Goshen Lane. All Visitors are required to either wear their Gahanna Employee badge or sign in at the front office and wear a temporary Visitor badge while in our school. We also use this system for signing in students who are tardy to school and for checking out students early. Therefore, if you are coming in to the building in the morning, please come in the office doors and check in prior to being in the building.

Second, we have established Visitor Parking spaces in the front of the building. For everyone's safety, these spaces are to be clear during the time when our buses are arriving and departing with students. Please help us out by using the student drop off and pick up line in the back of the building by the gym.

Breakfast at school begins daily at 7:30 AM. If your child is a walker or a car rider, please do not send them or bring them to school prior to 7:30 as we do not have staff available for supervision prior to that time. Also, if your child is not eating breakfast at school, he/she should not arrive until 7:50.

School to home communication is very important. I want to let you know that there are many ways we communicate events that are happening at school. School Newsletters will be sent electronically during the first week of each month through email as well as will be posted on our webpage. The Webpage is another source of updated information that we try to post all upcoming events on the calendar. Finally, I send Family emails about once per week to remind parents of happenings at school. Some classroom teachers send weekly newsletters as well.

As always, please feel free to email, call, or come in to see me with all great news as well as any concerns you may have. I will do my best to make this year great at Goshen Lane!

All best,

Melanie McGue
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Kindergarten is off to a great start! We have learned so much already about Reading, Writing, Math, and how to follow our School Champion behavior expectations so everyone can have fun and be safe. We all love school and can't wait to see what we will learn next!

Caring

Homework and home reading

Attitude

Manners

Playground leader

Independent

On task

Never gives up

Kindergarten



First Grade

First grade has had a busy start of the year! We have learned about following adult directions, how to be a champion student and good citizen. In math we have learned ways to make 10, writing our numbers to 20, teen numbers, and we are learning how to work through story problems. In writing workshop we are writing small moment stories about real things that have happened to us. We are working on spacing, punctuation, and adding interesting details. In reading we are learning how to read to self and to work with a partner. We have talked about bad habits in reading and how to fix them.



Home Access Center

All families are required to use the Home Access Center (HAC) at <http://hac.gjps.org> to complete the necessary school information required by the district.

Your family's HAC login is as follows:
Username: guardian #1 – last name first initial
Example: John Smith = smithj
Password: GES student id# Example
GES21001 (student id is the lunch number)

If you have trouble accessing HAC, please contact Mrs. Reventlow at 614-478-5580.

The consent for medical treatment needs to be completed in order for students to attend any upcoming field trips.

Second Grade



Second graders have been busy reading fiction text and writing "Small Moments". To culminate the reading and writing unit, we will have a celebration during our writing workshop.

Fifth Grade

5th grade has gotten off to a great start. 5th grade Boot Camp has students learning the traits of responsibility, discipline and organization. To move up in rank students make sure they have everything done and done well. They are taking responsibility for their own destiny.

In social studies we have been learning about different geography tools. We have learned about the parts of a map and how to read different markings on a map. Next week we will begin learning about the topic of culture and how important it is to learn about cultures that are different than our own.

In math students have spent the last few weeks reviewing place value and what happens to the value when you move left or right on the place value chart. We had discussions on how the number system is based on 10's and practiced comparing, rounding and add/subtracting decimals. We are starting our multiplication and division unit, but will definitely be spiraling back to more number sense types of lessons. I have been pleased with our progress and students' willingness to put a little more time into practicing concepts that require more attention.

In science students have been exploring ecosystems. We started out with owl pellets, learning how owls are a crucial part of the forest ecosystem. Then we have moved on to how organisms interact in ecosystems, with food chains, food webs, symbiosis (mutualism, commensalism, and parasitism), and decomposers. We will continue to explore ecosystems for the remainder of the trimester.

5th grade will be working hard this year to prepare for the big change into sixth graders. Boot Camp is just the beginning to help mold our elementary school students into middle schoolers. Pay close attention, big changes are coming, and it's going to be fun!!

Fourth Grade

The fourth grade classes have had a great start to the year! We are working hard to be thoughtful, intense readers and writers. We are learning to really study and develop our ideas about characters in the fiction stories we read, as well as in the fictional narratives we are writing. In math we have been focusing on concepts related to multiplication, such as factors, multiples, primes, composites, and using multiplication to solve word problems. All fourth grade students need to keep working on fluency with those basic math facts! In science we have learned all about who can be a scientist (anyone!!) and what skills those scientists need to explore the world around us. Our Social Studies work has begun with map skills and timelines. We'll soon be learning about Ohio's first people. That's the news from the busy start in fourth grade!

Library

In Goshen's library students are learning good library and reading habits. We are working on choosing just right books from a variety of genres, increasing our reading stamina and reviewing story elements. Overall, I hope students are enjoying reading and finding books that excite them.



ELL

Tomorrow is ELL Family Fun Night at Middle School West 5:30-7 for all Gahanna ELL students and their families. It will be a great night as we celebrate cultures and eat food from all over the world. We are excited to see many of our Goshen Lane ELL families there!

ART

Welcome back to another year of creating beautiful works of art. This year, as always starts with the Art to Remember fund raiser. The first project from each grade level is the art that will appear on any keepsake you care to purchase. Information will be coming soon so be ready to order for the winter holidays. Kindergarteners are working on Crayon and watercolor fish designs First graders are creating Symmetrical butterflies. Second graders are featuring traditional or non-traditional clowns. Third graders will do "My Culture" which deals with favorite things from their personal culture. Fourth graders are working on pets they have or wish they could have. Fifth graders are working on word mix ups with nouns, verbs, and adjectives. I'm hoping to be finishing up this first lesson this week. New Permanent collection pieces will be up within the next two weeks. One student from each grade level was voted in by the student body at the end of the last school year. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to work with your children. I hope this is a great year for many. Thank you, Mr. Marcus, art Educator, Goshen Lane Elementary