

May 2018

Goshen Lane Elementary

Principal's Note:

As we come to the end of another school year, I begin to reflect on the great accomplishments of students and teachers that I have witnessed throughout the year. One goal that I had was to increase parent involvement in the school. While it is not completely where I want it to be, our Parent Involvement Team has organized weekly parent volunteers to come in and support our teachers with lesson preparation and returning of books in our Literacy Library!! Our students love seeing people they know from their family or their neighborhood here during the school day. Next year, we will work to improve on the great foundation built this year. Secondly, I reflected on the Champions program where we recognize students who have gone above and beyond what is expected here at school. Students have demonstrated such pride when recognized! I love seeing those smiles!

As we move into summer, please keep your student engaged in reading, writing, and math. One way that I proposed last year was if your family travels anywhere, even within the Columbus/Ohio area, send the school a post Card. Your child will share their experience with the school during the first weeks when we return.

Our last day is Wednesday, May 23! Have a great summer...enjoy your child!!

Melanie McGue
Principal

Upcoming Events

May 9th - Walkathon

May 10th – Zoo Field Trip
KDG, 1st and 2nd grades

May 11th – 5th grade picnic

May 11th – Donuts with Diva's
7 AM

May 16th
6:30 pm KDG Round Up

May 16th, 17th, 18th
5th grade Camp

May 21st – Field Day

May 23rd – Last Day of School
ROARS Assemblies
K, 1, 2 – 8:45AM
3, 4, 5 – 10AM



Our child nutrition staff is busy preparing next year's menus! You can be assured our meals will be delicious, full of lean proteins, whole grains, fruits and veggies.

As the school year comes to an end, we would like to remind parents that all positive cafeteria account balances will roll-over with your child as school resumes in August. Please make sure your child has enough funds in their account through May 23 if they are buying lunch (and breakfast). Parents can access their student's balances through www.MyPaymentsPlus.com. It's a free, efficient way to view your child's cafeteria balance.

Students will not be permitted to charge (go into a negative status) after May 14 and all negative balances must be paid in full before the last day of school, Wednesday, May 23 .

Please call the Food Service office if you have any questions at 478-5531.

Second Grade

Wow! How did the end of the school year come so fast? We are excited for our last field trip of the year to the Zoo. Thank you to all the parents who helped out on these this year. We are in our last reading unit about characters and we have been writing opinions about our books and characters. This has been fun to share with other classes. In math we are in our last unit using 3 digit numbers to add and subtract. Thank you for a great year! Don't forget to read, write, and do some math over the summer. Have a wonderful summer and we will see you in the Fall!

Fifth Grade

May holds many exciting adventures for Goshen Lane 5th graders. The time for the 5th grade picnic and Camp Kern has finally arrived. We are excited and anxious at the same time. Our fifth grade picnic is when students get to place their hand prints on the wall to close their time at Goshen Lane Elementary School. It is a sad and exciting time to be a fifth grader.

Camp Kern is our last great adventure as a fifth grader at Goshen Lane. We will be heading into the wilderness of southern Ohio to white water raft, ride wild horses, climb rock walls, enter into fossil ravines, canoe, and walk back in time to 1810 Ohio. We will be there for three days and two nights. We will come back changed people ready to head off into the jungle of middle school next year.

KDG

We are so excited about all that we have learned so far in Kindergarten and we are **almost ready for First Grade!** In Reading and Writing Workshop we are now excellent independent readers and writers. We are also becoming fluent with building/breaking apart teen numbers and solving addition/subtraction word problems during math workshop.

In science we have been learning about Earth Day and spring changes in plants and animals. It will be fun to observe so many animal behaviors and habitats at the zoo on May 10.

Kindergarten Graduation will be on May 23, the last day of school. Please plan to attend this very important occasion. Also, remember to sign up for the Summer Reading Program at the Columbus Metropolitan Library beginning Saturday, June 2.

Medications:

-If your child will need to take medication at school next year we need a new medication form completed by your doctor. A new form is required at the beginning of each school year.

Medication forms can be found on the school website.

-If your child currently has medications at school you will need to pick these up by May 23rd. Any medications that are not picked up will be disposed of on May 24th.

Health Information Update:

-Please remember to update your child's health information before the beginning of the school year on Home Access Center, including Consent for Medical Treatment in an emergency.

Please contact Angela Gunther, School Nurse, with any questions at Gunthera@gjps.org

Third Grade

Wow! Here we are at the end of the year! Our little third graders are a bundle of knowledge and skills from multiplication and division, to Gahanna history and economics. They are nonfiction researchers and can read and discuss fiction plot and characters as experts. They can write at length, true stories about themselves and work to persuade others - and they can do it all in cursive! Let's not forget one more ovation for their hard work on *The Bear Went Over the Mountain!* This is such a busy year and they really are no longer little third graders, but are proud fourth graders! We are wrapping up the school year with some fun days - field day and the One-Room School House field trip! Over the summer, make sure to hit the library every week and keep practicing those math facts! All the best next year, The Third Grade Team

DRAMA CLUB

Goshen Lane Drama Club. The fourth graders in our spring drama group have been working hard these last few weeks. The play we are performing is loosely based off a book called Miss Fox's Peace Week. The students decide to stop *squabbling* and choose *peace* instead. Sounds like a great idea! We have been learning about stage positions, how to project our voices and move our bodies on stage. We are very proud our 4th grade drama students.

Summer School - EL Students

Look for pink papers this week for summer school. Your child needs to bring this paper back to school as soon as possible. Please make sure your child reads every day this summer. This will help them learn many new English words and keep their brains ready for the next school year!

