



# Cardinal Chronicle

## Family Edition



Germantown Elementary School

February 2025

### Message from the Principal

GES Family,

Welcome, February! This month at GES brings National School Counselors Week, Valentine's Day celebrations of love and kindness, Black History Month, Parent Conferences, and a student holiday for Presidents Day! The short month simply means we must maintain our focus to accomplish ALL things in a shorter time frame. All first semester efforts for student success come together ensure we continue to RISE in all things through the remainder of this year - attendance, positive student behavior and high-level learning outcomes.

For a full update on our school's progress, see our State of the School here:

[Germantown E - State of the School - Jan 2025 AUDIO.pptx](#)

In summary, according to our performance on last year's TCAP, we moved from a D State Report Card grade to a C and are .1% from a B! CELEBRATE! We are absolutely on track to meet/exceed our goals for this year but need your specific help. We need ALL students present all day every day, all students focusing on learning, GROWING their progress, doing THEIR BEST, and ONLY engaging in behavior and choices that are SAFE, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and KIND. Period. We have no room for error or a lack of focus and no time to waste! Let's RISE. Level 5 in 2025

To provide your much needed feedback to this point in the year, please answer a few questions here: [GES 1st Semester Family Feedback 24 25](#)

Thank you for attending to and supporting all safety protocols and procedures on our campus. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Much love, Ms. Johnson

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### Dates to Remember

- February 3-7: National School Counselor's Week
- February 3-4: 2-5 Data Rallies
- February 13: Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:00
- February 17: President's Day-NO STUDENTS
- February 27: Black History Program 1:30-3:00

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR WEEK



### GES is a FIGHT FREE SCHOOL

Students who put their hands on others will lose privileges, be placed in Supervised Study or ISS, be recommended for losing their transfer to our school (if at GES on a Choice Transfer), and be placed on probation or lose their Optional status (if at GES on an Optional Transfer). We have a school-wide goal of keeping all students in school this year with ZERO Out of School Suspensions. Meeting this goal requires the collective effort of ALL students, parents and employees. Teachers, our School Counselor, RESET, School Social Worker, Behavior Specialist, and Admin are available to assist students in working out disagreements or misunderstandings. Hands on is NEVER a viable solution and will not be tolerated.

### A few important reminders for February:

**For the safety and security of all, please follow our arrival and dismissal procedures. Do not drive above 15 mph on Cross Country during arrival and dismissal. Do not drive into the bus lane or Faculty Parking Lot. If you are late or arrive early, do not park in the fire/bus lane in front of school. Drive to the Visitor Lot via Farm Park, park your vehicle, and walk across the front of the school to enter the main doors.**

#cardinalkindness