



# Cardinal Chronicle

## Family Edition



Germantown Elementary School

October 2024

### Message from the Principal

"Autumn mornings: sunshine and crisp air, birds and calmness, year's end and day's beginnings." – Terri Guillemets

**GES FAMILIES! WELCOME FALL! THANK YOU** for your support during both a severe weather and community emergency last month. **THANK YOU** for your attention to improved student attendance, prompt arrival to and dismissal from school, and your participation in GES school-wide events! Fall Break is 10/7-10/11/24 as we end Q1 and begin a new Q2. As we continue to focus on high expectations around instruction, student work, and behavior, **we need YOU to expect your child's "best" in all things!** Stress the importance of consistent attendance, exceptional behavior and a strong work ethic all day, every day. **The Cardinal Pride Way is: Be SAFE. Be RESPECTFUL. Be RESPONSIBLE. BE KIND.** Speak with your child daily to discuss examples of what safety, respectfulness, responsibility and kindness look like at GES. Thank you!

**Our second annual Games with Grands was a HIT, both mornings, as was our Book Fair!** Consider adding grandparents to your child's contacts in PowerSchool to include them in GES communications. Thank you! **See the GES October Calendar for important dates and exciting events to come! FUN RUN! State of Our School! Trunk or TREAT! Data Rallies! Literacy Night!** We can't WAIT to see you!

**A few important reminders for October:** State laws are more strict than ever regarding school access and safety procedures. **Packages, lunches, etc., may not be dropped off/delivered to students.** Ensure your student brings everything they need to school each day! Thank you for not sending any edible treats to school for distribution to our students. **During school emergencies, adhere to our asks so as to not subject yourself, our students or our staff to danger. Your direct line of communication regarding your child's education is his or her teacher/s!** At this point in the year, you should know the names of and contact information for your child's teacher/s. Take time to establish clear communication and a relationship with your child's teacher/s to build out a successful, strong year!

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Enjoy Fall Break and gear up for a strong second quarter with your child and GES!

Be KIND, y'all! GES loves you!

Ms. Johnson 😊

### Dates to Remember

- October 4: Fun Run
- October 7-11: Fall Break-NO MSCS
- October 14: Well Child (PreK, K, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>)
- October 17: State of the Schools
- October 18: Q1 Honor Program  
3-5 @ 9:45; K-2 @ 2:00
- October 28, 30, 31: Data Rallies
- October 29: Literacy Night & Club Sign Ups

### A few important reminders for October:

For the safety and security of all, respect GES arrival and dismissal procedures. **Do not ever park in the Fire Lane/circle drive in front of the school. Do not drive above 15 mph on Cross Country during arrival and dismissal. Do not drive into the Faculty Parking Lot. Do not make u-turns in front of vehicles or pull around them in car line. If you are late to 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.** Campus visitors are screened before entry to the building regarding the purpose for visiting. Expect to be denied entry if your arrival is not expected and understand our acting in the best interest of all.

### School Information!

Attendance every day, all day, increases your child's chance for success in school. It is the expectation that GES students have a **96% attendance rate or better!** It is the state, district and GES expectation that students have **fewer than 10 attendance events a year including tardies, early checkouts, absences and/or late pick-ups.** In addition, it is expected that students respect themselves, their peers, all staff, and our school property. **It is our goal that student behavior is TOP NOTCH at all times and our wish that students have NO discipline infractions!** Help us help you and your child by having high, consistent expectations, TOGETHER!

Stay tuned, check your child's weekly folder, check your emails, calendar and messages from GES, MSCS, and your child's teacher/s, and plan to be a part of what we do.

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Thank you! We need and appreciate you!