



GEMS Parent Newsletter

June - 2020

Report Cards Mailed Home

A copy of your student's report card for trimester three was mailed last week. Students received a "Complete" or "Incomplete" for each subject area that was offered during distance learning for their grade. More details about grading for trimester three are included on the report card. Also included are comments that describe your students growth over the course of the year. [Click here for more information.](#)

Is Your Student Returning to GEMS in the Fall?

If your student is planning on returning to GEMS next year (2020-2021) please complete the returning student registration packet forms, we have made them available to be filled out online!

Please click on the following link: <https://pdf.ac/aBQ9D> to complete the returning student packet.

We need one packet completed for each child you have attending GEMS.

Thank you for all of your support. If you have any questions about these forms, please email Mr. Kutnow at kutnow.1@gemsschool.org or Mr. Jackson at ljackson.1@gemsschool.org.

GEMS Virtual Enrollment Information Session June 24

Do you know someone who might be interested in attending GEMS next school year? Here is an opportunity to learn more about the school!

Looking Forward To Seeing You In The Fall

As we plan ahead for next school year, we have included a copy of the [2020-2021 academic calendar](#) with the report card that were mailed home. At this time we plan to move forward with in-person school this fall, that is subject to change based on guidance from the Ohio Health Department and Board of Education.

[Click here for more information.](#)
[Estimadas familias de GEMS](#)

School Year Survey

As a potentially unique school year approaches, please complete the survey below to help us plan for the year ahead!

bit.ly/GEMSFall2020Survey

**Wave Parade! Have
A Great Summer!**

Please spread the word about our Virtual Enrollment Information Sessions:

Wednesday, June 24 - 4:00-4:30pm

If you would like to attend a virtual enrollment information session please e-mail LeMoyne Jackson at ljackson.1@gemsschool.org and a Zoom code will be e-mailed to you.

[Click here to watch a video and learn more about GEMS!](#)

Congratulations GEMS 8th Graders!

[Click here to watch the graduation](#)

Color wheel virtual art class project



Attention GEMS Families

GEMS families,

We the leadership and staff at GEMS, as a member of the Graham Family of Schools, are heartbroken by the senseless and tragic murder of George Floyd. His death, like that of Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery, spotlights the urgent need for change in our country. GEMS has been committed to social justice and educational attainment for all of our students since the inception of our school; however, we know that we have learning and growing to do. We as the educators of your children need to listen, learn, unlearn, and put our values of diversity, equity, and inclusion into action. We stand together, as a GEMS community, to embrace one another fully, empower students continuously, and pursue educational justice unapologetically.

The Leaders of GEMS

Nurses Notes:

Reminder to all families in Kindergarten, 7th grade, and ALL new students - Please send your most recent immunization record to the office. These are required by state law to be on file and your student may be excluded from attending school without one.

Vaccination Requirements for 2020-2021 school year:

- all incoming 7th graders are required to have 1 TDap vaccine and 1 MCV4 vaccine
- all incoming 9-11th graders are required to have 1 MCV4 vaccine

Please stay safe and healthy!

First Graders Bird Study!





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Important Information about Your Child's School Meals

If you have a child in kindergarten through twelfth grade in your household who was receiving free or reduced-price meals while in school, your child is eligible for the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits as a result of the school closure.

What are the benefits the child will receive?

The amount of benefits is \$5.70 per child for each school day the child was eligible for free or reduced-price meals between March 17, 2020 through May 29, 2020.

Do I have to accept the card and use it?

- » No, your participation in the program is voluntary.
- » If you choose not to participate, please dispose of your card by cutting through the magnetic stripe on the card and discard the card in a secure manner.
- » If you do not want the card, you will not be able to redeem the food benefits, nor can you transfer the card to someone else.

How can I use these benefits?

These benefits can be used to buy food items at grocery stores/retailers that accept the Ohio Direction Card (also referred to as an EBT card).

If the child is a current SNAP recipient:

- » By the end of May, the P-EBT benefits may be added to the account on which the child is active.
- » If the child was unable to be matched to his or her active SNAP account, you will be sent a P-EBT card in the child's name.

If the child is not a current SNAP recipient:

- » By mid-June you should receive a preloaded P-EBT card in the mail. The card will be in the child's name, not the parent or guardian's name. Instructions on how to activate the card will be included.

If you have any questions, please contact 1-866-244-0071.



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Información importante sobre las Comidas Escolares de su Hijo

Si tiene un hijo de jardín de infantes a duodécimo grado en su hogar que estaba recibiendo comidas gratis o de precio reducido mientras estaba en la escuela, su hijo es elegible para el programa Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) para recibir los beneficios del Programa de Asistencia Nutricional Suplementaria (SNAP) como resultado del cierre de la escuela.

¿Cuáles son los beneficios que recibirá el niño?

La cantidad de beneficios es de \$ 5.70 por niño por cada día escolar que el niño era elegible para recibir comidas gratis o a precio reducido entre el 17 de marzo, 2020 hasta el 29 de mayo de 2020.

¿Tengo que aceptar y usar la tarjeta?

- » No, su participación en el programa es voluntaria.
- » Si decide no participar, deseche su tarjeta cortando la banda magnética de la tarjeta y deséchela de manera segura.
- » Si no desea la tarjeta, no podrá canjear los beneficios de alimentos ni podrá transferir la tarjeta a otra persona.

Si tiene alguna pregunta,
comuníquese al 1-866-244-0071.

¿Cómo puedo usar estos beneficios?

Estos beneficios se pueden usar para comprar alimentos en colmados / minoristas que aceptan la Tarjeta de Dirección de Ohio (también conocida como tarjeta EBT).

Si el niño es un usuario actual de SNAP:

- » Para fines de mayo, los beneficios de P-EBT pueden agregarse a la cuenta de SNAP en la que el niño está activo.
- » Si el niño no pudo ser pareado con su cuenta activa de SNAP, se le enviará una tarjeta P-EBT a nombre del niño.

Si el niño no es un usuario actual de SNAP:

- » A mediados de junio usted debe recibir por correo una tarjeta precargada de P-EBT. La tarjeta estará a nombre del niño, no del padre o tutor. Se incluirán instrucciones sobre cómo activar la tarjeta.

Summer Meal Information

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

All children ages 1 through 18 are eligible to receive free meals during the summer months at participating program sites. Individuals age 19 through 21 who have been identified as having mental or physical disabilities and are following Individualized Education Programs (IEP's) through their current enrollment in educational programs are also eligible for free summer meals. Below is a sample of locations available for the summer of 2019. For a full list of locations, or a location near to you, call 1-866-3-HUNGRY(486479), or visit <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student->

Supports/Coronavirus/Supporting-Whole-Child-Nutrition

A+ Arts Academy Maybury Campus – 2633 Maybury Rd. Columbus, OH 43232
Africentric Elementary School - 3223 Allegheny Avenue Columbus, OH 43209
Asbury Elementary School- 5127 Harbor Blvd Columbus, OH 53232
Berwick Plaza-2745 Winchester Pike. Columbus, OH 43232

Todos los niños de 1 a 18 años son elegibles para recibir comidas gratis durante los meses de verano en los sitios del programa participante. Las personas de 19 a 21 años que han sido identificadas como discapacitadas mentales o físicas y siguen los Programas de Educación Individualizada (IEP) a través de su inscripción actual en programas educativos también son elegibles para comidas de verano gratuitas. A continuación se muestra una muestra de ubicaciones disponibles para el verano de 2019. Para obtener una lista completa de ubicaciones, o una ubicación cerca de usted, llame al 1-866-348-6479, o visite

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus/Supporting-Whole-Child-Nutrition>

When you shop at Kroger, Giant Eagle, and/or Amazon you can help GEMS raise money for expeditions!

Kroger - GEMS has a New School Number! Must Re-Enroll!

Go to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com or call 1-800-837-4483 to enroll in the program. If you enrolled last year you must re-enroll each year to help GEMS. Add GEMS to your card. You can search for GEMS by name or use our school code: FD086 New school code! Must re-enroll to help GEMS!). Shop! Every time you shop and use your Kroger Rewards Card GEMS gets rebates. Kroger totals those rebates and sends GEMS a check.

Giant Eagle

Go to: <https://www.gianteagle.com/schools/apples-for-students> to sign up online or by calling 1-800-474-4777. Add GEMS to your card. Our school ID number is 5512. Shop! Every time you use your Giant Eagle Advantage Card GEMS earns money.

You shop. Amazon gives to GEMS!

When you make a purchase on Amazon Smile they will now donate 0.5% of your total purchase to GEMS. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-4350069> to get started!

RESIDENCY VERIFICATION NOTIFICATION

Per House Bill 21 community schools are now required to perform a monthly review of student files and randomly select families for residency verification. Please be sure to contact the school immediately in case of an address change. Proof of residency will need to be submitted within two weeks of an address change. If evidence is not provided requests for additional documentation or a home visit may occur.

GEMS is a School-wide Title 1 program, enabling us to receive Federal Funds to ensure that our students receive the support they need to reach and exceed grade level goals particularly in reading and math. We welcome parent involvement in planning, review and improvement of Title 1 programs including the family engagement policy and the schoolwide program plan. Please contact Debbie Addison at addison.2@gemsschool.org with any questions.

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider."