



GEMS

Graham Elementary and Middle School

2019

Parent Newsletter

November

Important Dates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
17 November	18	19 2:45-3:15pm Commu- nity Meeting - K-2nd Grade	20 Student Led Confer- ences - K-8th Grade	21 Student Led Con- ferences - K-8th Grade	22 9:15am Music Class Concert & Art Show- K-4th Grade 2:45-3:15pm Commu- nity Meeting - 5th-8th Grade	23	
24	25 No School - PD Day Student Led Confer- ences - 5th-8th Grade Student Led Confer- ences K-4th Grade	26 No School - PD Day	27 No School - Thanksgiving Break				30
1	2 First Day of Tri- mester 2	3 2:30pm Awards Cere- mony - K-4th Grade	4 6:00pm Enrollment Information Session	5	6 2:45-3:15pm Commu- nity Meeting - 5th-8th	7	
8	9	10 2:45-3:15pm Commu- nity Meeting - 3rd-4th Grade	11 6-7:30pm Celebra- tion of Learning - K- 4th Grade	12 6-7:30pm Celebra- tion of Learning - 5th-8th Grade	13 2:45-3:15pm Commu- nity Meeting - 5th-8th	14	
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Save the Dates Winter Break - Mon. Dec. 23 - Fri. Jan. 3 No School PD Day - Mon. Jan. 6.</p> </div>							

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K

In math students are learning to describe 2D and 3D shapes with their attributes. We've added I, G, D, F, and L to our letters for Skills Block. In modules and labs, we are still becoming experts on toys, while we identify what characters are learning through text. We are also using our imagination to make detailed drawings of our favorite toys. In crew we are busy preparing for Student Led Conferences! SLC's which will take place on November 25-26. Your child can't wait to share what they have learned so far!

1st

Graders went on fieldwork to COSI and talked to a scientist to deepen their learning about the patterns of the sun, moon, and stars during Modules and Labs. In math, students are working in small groups to master subtracting to 10. Students are also working in small groups in skills block to become great decoders of CVC words. The HOL we're working on is Thoughtfulness: I can show thoughtfulness by using kind words and a kind tone.

2nd

Graders are learning all about schools around the world. They are communicating with pen pals in Ghana and working on a book to compare GEMS to their pen pal's schools. In math, students are learning all about place value. They are using different models to represent numbers in order to be able to efficiently add and subtract. In crew, they are reading *Superflex* and the *Unthinkables* to help them become flexible thinkers and independent learners. They are excited to present their student-led conferences November 25-26, perform in the concert on November 22, and publish their writing at the K-4 Celebration of Learning on December 11th.

3rd

Graders are closely reading informational text about Thailand, Zimbabwe, and Finland. They are becoming experts on how those countries access books and they are learning basic multiplication facts. They are further understanding that multiplication can be shown as a number of groups OR as a number of things in a group.

4th

Graders are working on metric measurement conversion in math. They are continuing to strengthen reading skills by improving fluency and reading with more accuracy. They have been productively working in small groups and trying to help support one another as we learn.

Attendance

Attention Parents/Guardians

Attendance

Attending school daily is critical to student success. Ohio's House Bill 410 law requires a preventative approach to excessive student absences. An Attendance Team has been established to work with students and families to help improve daily attendance. Note* - Missing as few as 2 days per month is considered chronically absent! We want to see your student in school every day!

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 must be submitted within two weeks of an address change. If evidence is not provided, requests for additional documentation or a home visit may occur.

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Music: Students are preparing for our fall concert! Each grade is learning songs about the outdoors, fall, or giving thanks! **The concert is Friday, November 22nd, 9:00-9:30am.** Along with the concert, 4th grade is working on learning about the lyrics of music and how we can connect those to our emotions. 2nd grade is working on music and games from their pen pal schools in Ghana. 1st grade is learning about how to tell a story with music and use instruments to create the story. Kindergarten is working on loud vs. soft and using instruments to create those opposites.

Physical Education: Third grade is finishing the trimester playing the game of team handball. This game requires teamwork and cooperation for success. 7th and 8th grades are finishing their time in PE playing net and wall games.

Art: Is working toward our expedition final products. In Kindergarten we are starting to create drawings of recognizable things out of shapes. First graders are creating artwork inspired by space. Second graders are creating textiles from Ghana. Fourth grade is learning how to create a high quality illustration and investigating the qualities of different art materials. We will have artwork displayed on November 22nd during the fall concert.

GRAHAM ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

WINTER SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

DECEMBER 9-13

THIS WOULD BE A GREAT TIME TO STOCK UP ON NEW BOOKS FOR WINTER BREAK! EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE WILL SUPPORT THE SCHOOL, YOU CAN HELP US FILL OUR CLASSROOM LIBRARIES AND BUY OTHER CLASSROOM SUPPLIES.

All students will get a chance to visit the book fair with their class or crew on Monday-Thursday. They can also request to visit throughout the day on Friday. Check with your child's teacher to find out which day they will be visiting.

Family members are invited to shop on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00 during Celebrations of Learning and Friday from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE FAIR IN PERSON, WE INVITE YOU TO VISIT OUR ONLINE FAIR AT SCHOLASTIC.COM/FAIR.



We will be able to accept cash, credit cards, and e-wallet (this is our favorite option - see the other side of this flyer to learn more!)

Come to Our
BOOK FAIR!

Book Fair eWallet



A safe, convenient payment option for students. After the Fair, any unused funds are released back to the cardholder.

What?

Book Fair eWallet is a secure, cash-free, **digital payment** option.

Who?

Parents create a free account for their **student** and set a spending limit.

Where?

Students use their eWallets to shop the **in-school Book Fair**.

When?

Parents can **set up eWallets as early as two weeks prior** to and through the last day of your in-school Fair. Students can **shop with their eWallets any day of the Fair**.

Why?

Because **parents don't always have cash on hand** to give their kids. (And let's be honest ... kids sometimes misplace their money.) And it's a great way for extended family and friends to participate in the Fair, too.

How?

Since eWallet is already enabled for your Book Fair, all you have to do is:

1. **Learn about it.** Get details from your Toolkit **At a Glance** page.
2. **Spread the word.** Share your homepage link to let everyone know Book Fair eWallet is available at your school. Send home informational flyers and share the news on social media. Find resources in the Fair Files section of your Toolkit. Search keyword: **EWALLET**

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5th

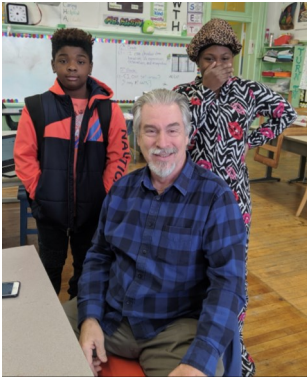
Graders are creating their argumentative planet definitions in art and humanities. Additionally, we will be visiting the OSU planetarium for fieldwork!

6th

Graders have been working on their final products. They have been editing and perfecting their narratives and creating words to represent their experiences with the habits of learning in papier-mâché. In English, we are planning ways students can take the lead on our upcoming Celebration of Learning!

7th

Graders have been writing podcasts about how immigration has changed from the early 1900s to today. They practiced reading their podcasts with Boyce Lancaster from WOSU to get feedback on their “radio voice.” We are wrapping up recording the podcasts at Musicologie in Grandview and will begin editing next week!



8th

Graders have been studying the four food chains: industrial, local sustainable, organic, and hunter-gatherer. They are writing an argumentative essay about which food chain would best feed a growing world population. They learned about the history of coca-cola and how it connects to our changing farming practices from Bart Elmore, a Professor from The Ohio State University. We will be wrapping up our expedition with a visit to the Arabidopsis Biological Resource Center at OSU.

Thanksgiving Basket Donations Needed!

GEMS is collecting donations for Thanksgiving baskets for our families. If you are able to donate some food items or your time, please email Rosa Dixon at dixon.2@gemsschool.org or sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/ThxGEMS>. If your family would benefit from a basket, you can email Rosa Dixon at dixon.2@gemsschool.org. A letter also went home with students that can be filled out and returned.

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.

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Silent Auction Items Needed

We are seeking items for the Have a Heart silent auction. Items could include gift cards, art work, jewelry, crafts, event tickets, and more! As you shop and talk with your friends and family please think about items that might help with this wonderful event. Please contact Jennifer Waddell, waddell.1@thecharlesschool.org or 614-643-5068 with any questions or to donate items.

Funds raised at Have a Heart will support expeditions.

GEMS Family Crew

At GEMS we know that involving students' families as much as we can is a great way to help kids grow. GEMS Family Crew will help facilitate volunteering and fundraising activities through out the year. If you are interested in learning more about participating in this group please contact Jennifer Waddell at waddell.1@thecharlesschool.org.

[Click here to join the GEMS Family Crew Facebook page.](#)

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Have you Liked GEMS on Facebook? Click here to Like GEMS



Save the Date For

Have a Heart

Celebrating 20 years of Experiential Education and Honoring our Board members, past and present

Saturday, April 4, 2020 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

at

New Location

The Boat House at Confluence Park

679 West Spring Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

Please contact Jennifer Waddell, waddell.1@thecharlesschool.org or 614-643-5068 with any questions.

Anti-Bullying Form

Please check out our online anti-bullying form to report bullying or other incidents. The link can be found on the parent tab on the GEMS website. [Or by clicking here.](#)

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Save the Date

Support GEMS On Tuesday, December 3, 2019

#GI ING TUESDAY

[Click here to support GEMS!](#)

Help GEMS Raise Money For Expeditions!

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

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 call 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!

Enrollment Information!

Please be sure to spread the word to friends and neighbors about our upcoming enrollment information sessions. If you know of students who might be interested in attending The Graham School, The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University, or GEMS, please let them know about our upcoming enrollment information sessions.

Wednesday at 6:00pm

December 4 January 22

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The Graham School
3950 Indianola Ave.

The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University
1270 Brentnell Ave.

GEMS
140 E. 16th Ave.

For more information please visit the school's websites

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Please join us for the
**Celebration of Learning
&
Resource Fair**

At COLs students, family, and staff come together to celebrate the accomplishments, learning, and hard work completed that trimester.

Our resource fair will have items for your family such as coats, non-perishable food, and community resource information to browse.

We hope to see you there!

Grades K-4 Wednesday 12/11

Grades 5-8 Thursday 12/12

6-7:30 pm

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