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- **June**: Enrollment Information Session 6:00pm
- **August**: Back to School Night
- **September**: First Day of School 8:45am-3:30pm

### Bus Information for the 2019-20 School Year

- All returning GEMS families **do not** need to complete a new online application for the 2019-20 school year.
- All returning GEMS families that have moved or plan to move over the summer will need to complete an online application.
- All **new** GEMS families will need to complete an online application. [Click here to complete the online application.](#)

Please contact CCS transportation at 614-365-5074 with any questions or concerns regarding CCS transportation routing or issues with the application system.
2019-2020 Registration Packet Due TODAY!

2019-2020 Registration Packets were sent home with your student(s). We ask all of our parents/guardians to complete the registration packet every year for the safety & well-being of the students. These forms are required by the Ohio Department of Education and our sponsor (ESCCO) to be updated annually or when there is a change in information regarding the student.

**Please note: your student’s enrollment at GEMS is not guaranteed for the 2019-20 school year until all necessary forms are returned.** All forms are due today to secure your student’s enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year.

[Click here to print another copy of the Registration Packet.](#)

In addition to the Registration Packet, we are mandated by the Ohio Department of Education to obtain a new proof of residency every school year. This can be a copy of a utility bill, lease agreement or mortgage statement. Proof of residency must be submitted on or before the first day of school. Utility bills must be dated on or after July 1, 2019.

Graham Elementary and Middle School is a public community school that is open to all Ohio students. The school has high costs each year supplying items such as technology, paper, printer ink, and class supplies that allow our students to have significant class experiences during their time at GEMS. We are asking our families to help with these expenses by making an annual school contribution of $35.00. You can pay with credit card, cash, check or money order in person or by mail.

If you have any questions or concerns or if your student will not be returning to GEMS next school year, please contact Sarah Salvatore at ssalvatore.1@gemsschool.org or at 614-253-4000. Thank you for your prompt response and continual support of our school.

**Art:** During the last weeks of school, students in art had fun creating final projects! Kindergarteners enjoyed making watercolor paper flowers while second grade worked on mixed media mask illustrations based on world cultures. Second graders also finished the year by making recycled sculptures! First, third, and fourth grades finished their final products for their celebrations of learning and got to share them with families.

**P.E.:** GEMS participated in our annual Jump Rope Program for the American Heart Association and participated in a Kids Heart Challenge! The students learned new jump rope skills and different ways to keep their hearts and minds healthy. Together we raised more the $969.00 for the American Heart Association!
Summer Lunch Program

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 you, call 1-866-3-HUNGRY (486479), or visit http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Food-and-Nutrition/Summer-Food-Service-Program.

- Columbus Mennonite - 35 Oakland Park Ave Columbus, OH 43214
- Maple Grove United Methodist Church - 7 W. Henderson Road Columbus, OH 43214
- The Hardy Center - 1743 E Lakeview Ave Columbus, OH 43224
- Ohio Stadium - 411 Woody Hayes Dr. Columbus, OH 43210
- Rosewind - 1400 Brooks Avenue 183 Hawkes Ave Columbus, OH 43223 Columbus, OH 43211
- Gladden Community House - 183 Hawkes Ave Columbus, OH 43223
As part of our Celebration of Learning, the fifth grade classes taught second graders how to use the dichotomous keys they created to identify different ant species!

Twelfth Night Production

This year, for the annual Shakespeare production, GEMS 5th-8th grade students put on a production of Twelfth Night, a show about love and mistaken identity.
Congratulations 8th Grade Graduates!

7th Grade families met at Glen Echo Park for their Celebration of Learning (May 21). They studied the creatures in the vernal pool using dichotomous keys and the 7th grade field guides.

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](http://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. You can search for GEMS by name or use our school code: AD234. **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: [www.gianteagle.com/about/apples-for-students](http://www.gianteagle.com/about/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](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 session. 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 session.

**Wednesday at 6:00pm**  
June 12  
AT  
The Graham School  The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University  GEMS  
3950 Indianola Ave.  1270 Brentnell Ave.  140 E. 16th Ave.

For more information please visit the school’s websites  
www.thegrahamschool.org  www.thecharlesschool.org  www.gemsschool.org

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.
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 ADDRESS CHANGE. IF EVIDENCE IS NOT PROVIDED REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION OR A HOME VISIT MAY OCCUR.

Nurse Notes

Vaccination requirements for next year:
- All incoming 7th graders will need a TDap and one dose of the Meningococcal vaccination (MCV4).
- All students in grades 7-10 are required to have one dose of the Meningococcal vaccine (MCV4).

Please take time over the summer break to make sure your student is up to date in their vaccinations. Franklin County Public Health has free vaccination clinics. Click here for more information https://myfcph.org/health-wellness/shots/

Click here to check out the job opportunities at The Graham Family of Schools!

Anti-Bullying Form

Please check out our new 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.

*Attendance*

Attending school daily is critical to student success. Ohio’s new House Bill 410 law requires a preventative approach to excessive student absences. An Attendance Team has been established to work with our 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!