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# THE GOODVIEW GRIZZLY GROWL – Keeping you Informed

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## PRINCIPAL’S PONDERINGS:

Can you believe the first quarter has come and gone already? Here it is Fall 2017! There was a time when I was complaining about the heat of summer! Now I’m digging out my gloves and earmuffs! Good reminder for us all. As this colder weather and wind moves in, please take some time to dig out the warm clothes for our young friends. Their chattering teeth and goose bumps are alarming reminders of the changing temperatures.

Thank you all so much for the support you’ve shown at the school-wide events over the last quarter! What an active social calendar we have! From Grandparents’ Day, to SCA Speeches, to Trunk-or-Treat, we’ve had a blast! Check out page two to see what is planned for the second quarter!

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## FOOD FOR KIDS

Fun Fact – This community organization currently serves 115 GES students by sending home grocery sacks of food each weekend! The food packed is carefully chosen and meets any food sensitivity needs reported by the families. While families’ information is kept private, volunteers do help to sort the bags by homeroom (counting only the number of bags needed per homeroom) and delivering them. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade community helpers also help to deliver the bags to the homerooms. We couldn’t do this without so many helpers! Thank you to all!

If you would like to help, but can’t get to school to volunteer. Don’t fret! Please consider donating a jar of peanut butter! It is the goal of the Food for Kids program to add one jar to each bag, each week. We can help! We’ll have a tub near the cafeteria where students can drop off the unopened jars for the volunteers to collect when they bring the Food Sacks each Thursday. Please, donate as you are able.

For more information or to send a charitable donation: Food For Kids P.O. Box 674 Bedford, VA 24523 It is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. Call: 540-297-4034. Also, they’re now on Facebook. Check them out!

## POLICY REMINDERS:

- Transportation – If your child is going home with another student both children will need notes from both parents. If students are riding to a different location, they will also need a note.
- Smoking – Smoking is prohibited on school grounds, including parking lots. We do have children enrolled with breathing concerns that are exacerbated by allergens such as cigarette smoke. Thank you for understanding.
- Clinic – Please do not send medications with your children. They are to be delivered to the school by an adult in the original packaging.
- Visitors – When visiting the school (for lunch or early release of students, etc.), please remember to bring a photo ID with you. It is required to gain entry to the building beyond the main office.
- Absences – Continue to send in notes. Doctor notes are preferable, but notes written by parents are also helpful. It could be the difference between excused or unexcused absences.

## ATTENDANCE EMPHASIS

At the conclusion of this semester, some exciting things will happen for our students! With an emphasis on the importance of attending school regularly, school staff and administration have been working on measures to reinforce good school attendance patterns. Some of the planned activities you’ll hear about include:

- Lunch with administrators for those with perfect attendance to date (no tardies or absences)
- Special guests will visit for a lunch period in December and speak to children about the importance of being at school, making future plans, etc. During this period, prizes will be drawn for cool gear!

**Have you applied to be a substitute, yet? ☺**

## HEALTH REMINDERS:

As the cold and flu season approaches, please help us remind students to:

- wash their hands frequently,
- avoid putting their hands, toys, school supplies in their mouths,
- do not share food/drink items, and
- cough into your shirt or crook of your arm.

## IMPORTANT UP-COMING DATES:

### November

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fire Drill with Stewartville Fire Department Demonstration in Gym (PK - 3)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Author Visit (12:30 K-2; 1:30 3-5)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:00-8:45 SCA Speeches in the Gym (grades 3-5)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> No VPI (VA PreSchool Initiative)
- 6<sup>th</sup> 12:00-7:00 Parent/Teacher Conferences – School Closed for Students
- 7<sup>th</sup> Election Day - School Closed for Students and Teachers
- 8<sup>th</sup> Picture Make-Up/Re-take Day (Photographer to take candid photos in classrooms)
- 9<sup>th</sup> 5:00 School Board Meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> 2nd grade performs during the day to practice for Veteran's Day Performance
- 14<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting: 2nd Grade Veterans Performance (Cafeteria) AND Minute to Win It Game Night (GYM)
- 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM AEP Read to Me Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Kids' Square Children's Museum
- 20<sup>th</sup> VPI Thanksgiving Feast in Classroom
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Thanksgiving Holiday - School Closed
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving Holiday - School Closed
- 24<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Holiday - School Closed

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> No VPI
- 6<sup>th</sup> VPI Field Trip to Hotel Roanoke and Transportation Museum
- 8<sup>th</sup> Ensemble Field Trip to "The Nutcracker Ballet," Lunch, and Festival of Trees in Roanoke
- 12<sup>th</sup> Ensemble Performs during the day
- 12<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting: Ensemble Performs AND Pictures with Santa
- 13<sup>th</sup> Preschool Winter Craft Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 - 10:00 PreK Event at GES Alphabet Knowledge Family Event (Room B12 and Cafeteria)
- 14<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 8:00 Ensemble Dinner Theatre
- 20<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to the Jefferson Center to see "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"
- 20<sup>th</sup> End 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- 20<sup>th</sup> Schoolwide Sing Along
- 21<sup>st</sup> First Day of Winter Break!

### January

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Last Day of Winter Break!
- 3<sup>rd</sup> End 1<sup>st</sup> Semester
- 12<sup>th</sup> No VPI

## SAFETY SHOUT-OUTS:

Since the first day of school, the children and staff have experienced three lockdown drills and five fire drills! All have done a remarkable job. I encourage you to have your child talk about these experiences with you. These preventative measures, which we hope to never rely on, are there to protect us in the event we have to use them.

You can help ... The Red Cross gives us some great reminders about Bus Safety:

- Get to their bus stop early and stand away from the curb while waiting,
- Do not to talk to strangers or accept rides from someone they don't know
- Board the bus only after it has come to a complete stop and the driver or attendant has instructed you to get on.
- Only board your bus and never an alternate one.
- Always stay in clear view of the bus driver and never walk behind the bus.
- Cross the street at the corner, obeying traffic signals and staying in the crosswalk.
- Never dart out into the street

<http://www.redcross.org/news/article/Keep-it-Safe-When-You-Head-Back-to-School>

You can also help by reviewing the following BCPS Bus Safety Rules with your child(ren). Reviewing these rules could help avoid distracted drivers and/or disciplinary referrals!

- Students should remain seated at all times until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Appropriate language should be used on the bus, as in school. Students should speak to peers and drivers as if their teachers and/or parents were seated with them on the bus. 😊
- Respect the drivers. A driver's number one priority is to get the students to and from school safely each day. Students, therefore, should obey the driver's commands quickly and unquestionably.

