



Great Expectations School News

Happy New Year, GES Families!

The long winter break was wonderful, but it is so good to be back together as a learning community. Students and staff are renewed and energized for continued growth and learning! See below for important information for the coming days.

Important Dates, Information & Events

[jmc family login link](#) (for lunch, fees and back to school forms).

- **What:** **AFTER SCHOOL DANCE PROGRAM!**
Who: GES 5-8 graders
When: 8 week course on Tuesdays, beginning January 10th, 3:30-4:30 pm
Why: The goal is to get kids moving their bodies and working through emotions through choreographed dance routines. This will also help build confidence, feel empowered and connect with fellow peers. Most of all it will be FUN!
Teacher: Angel Kelly
How: Contact Angel to register your child:
angel.kelly@greatexpectationsschool.com

- [Revised 2022-23 School Year Calendar](#) (as of 12/13/22)
 - 13: Storytelling Campfire (See volunteer opportunities, below!)
 - 16: NO SCHOOL - MLK Day
 - 19: School Board Meeting 4:00-6:00 pm
 - 23: NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
 - 27: School Spirit Day - Favorite Character Day
- February -
- 7 and 9: Vision Screening
 - 17: NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
 - 20: NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day
 - 21: 100th Day of School!
 - 22: Bus Driver Appreciation Day
 - 23: School Spirit Day: Decade Day
- March -
- 3: Last Day of 2nd Trimester
 - 14: Evening Conferences
 - 16: Evening Conferences
 - 22: Evening Conferences
 - 23: School Spirit Day: PJ Day
 - 24: NO SCHOOL - Independent Workday
 - 27 thru 31: NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

Community Opportunities

- YMCA Dance programs start January 16th! [Registration](#) is open now.
- After-school care is available for preschool-5th graders on Mondays and Wednesdays. The program starts Monday, January 9th. [Register today!](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Hello families!

We are looking for a handful of volunteers to help at Storytelling Campfire Day on Friday, January 13th from 1p-3:30p. Please sign up here if you are able!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DAAAE2EA31-storytelling>

Thank you for your continued support of our school community! If you have questions, please contact Rachael at Rachael.lehman@greatexpectationsschool.com.

GES Volunteer and Fundraising Committee

In the Classrooms

The Bear Cubs kicked off the new year with a snowshoe hike! They had a great time stomping over untouched snow. The highlight was climbing a big snow pile across the street. All classes are planning snowshoe hikes or ice-skating field trips in the coming weeks.



Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Picture of Lynx South ([See competition announcement!](#))



[January lunch menu](#)

Thank you for remembering to send a snack with your child each day. Milk will continue to be available for students during snack time. If you would like to help other families, healthy snack donations are being accepted at school. Monetary donations to Great Lunch would also be greatly appreciated and can be sent to:

Great Lunch
PO Box 1002
Grand Marais, MN 55604

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email us at great.lunch@greatexpectationsschool.com. Thank you for your understanding and for your continued support.