



Great Expectations School News

Chilly Greetings, Families!

Thank you for sending your child in warm layers on these bitter cold days. We do spend time outdoors each day (with modifications) until the windchill is -46 degrees. When the sun is out, the kids don't even seem to notice that it is cold. They are too busy having fun!

Important Dates, Information & Events

- [jmc family login link](#) (for lunch, fees and back to school forms)
- **Monday Song Circle** is a joyful space where students will learn the fundamentals of music through singing, percussion, and movement. The class is accessible to all; designed to reveal our vital relationship with music as individuals and members of a community. The songs we learn deeply reflect our wide variety of emotions and experiences, encouraging us to embrace all aspects of life. Please join us in learning the basics of music and experience its transformative potential.

Instructor: Ben Nichols

Free to GES students, thanks to Covid Remediation funds

For all K-8 students

Begins Monday Feb 6th, at GES from 3:30-4:30

Sign up with benjaminnichols13@gmail.com

February:

9: Vision Screening

14: Hearing Screening

16: Board Meeting 4:00-6:00 pm

17: **No Students:** Professional Development Day

20: **No School:** Presidents Day

22: 100th Day of School

22: Bus Driver Appreciation Day (Show your driver some care!)

23: School Spirit Day: Decade Day

23: Otters to Studio 21

March:

3: Last Day of 2nd Trimester

12: Daylight Savings Time Starts: Clocks ahead 1 hour

14: Evening Conferences

15-16: Compass Music Workshop: Nanilo

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22: Evening Conferences

23: School Spirit Day: PJ Day

24: **No School:** Independent Workday

27 thru 31: **No School Spring Break**

Community Opportunities

- Grand Marais Playhouse auditions for Alice in Wonderland:
Monday, February 6, 5:30 - 7:00PM at the ACA
Auditions open for grades 6 to adult
More audition information at <https://www.grandmaraisplayhouse.com/alice>
- The **After-School program at the YMCA** will be available Monday-Friday starting the first week in February! [Register here](#)
- [YOUTH CLASSES](#) AT THE GRAND MARAIS ART COLONY
- [WINTER FEST](#) Family fun at Tettegouche State Park - 2/18
- Sawtooth Mountain Clinic Topic of the Month – [Eating Disorders: When Food Becomes Foe](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

No time to volunteer? You can still help GES raise funds by saving your aluminum cans and dropping them in the trailer in the side parking lot. The trailer was filled and emptied once per week before the snow and every few weeks since. That's a lot of cans! Your help is appreciated!

In the Classrooms

WTIP Interview with Lynx South - Have you heard the interview on WTIP? Students did a great job sharing ideas about their app idea! <https://wtip.org/ges-students-working-to-solve-invasive-species-in-cook-county>

Besides studying volcanoes in science, the Lynx are also learning to write code!



The Otters announce try-outs for our talent show, GES Idol in this morning's all school gathering!



Community Health

Covid Testing - Fridays 3:45-4:15 at the Community Center

Please register in advance [online](#)



Winter Lunch Menu

- **Great Lunch Changes:** Great Lunch, in cooperation with GES, is happy to announce that we are on the final stretch of becoming part of the National School Lunch Program. We would like to thank all the lunch staff, administrative staff, and Great Lunch board members that made this program change possible. It will enable a stable lunch program that supports healthy eating for all students, teachers, and staff. Families and students will see very little change in the program through the transition, thanks to Chris and AbbyZak and their hard work to make the transition as seamless as possible. Lunch payments will continue to go through JMC. If your family pays their lunch account by check, the checks will need to be written to GES rather than Great Lunch beginning Monday, February 6th. If you need assistance with JMC or would like to provide feedback on the lunch program through the transition, please continue to email great.lunch@greatexpectationsschool.com, as we will be actively supporting the administrative staff as the final details are ironed out. Thank you all for your patience and participation in the transition.

Andrea Orest
School Board and Great Lunch Board Member

As always, please call the office if you have any questions on school-related items. We are happy to assist!

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