



## Great Expectations School News

### A Note from Director Rachael

Can you believe it's May already? Spring is an especially busy time at school, but we have made time during the past few weeks to lift up the work we do as educators by sharing our appreciation of and for each other. It has been heartwarming. Our learning community is blessed to be served by amazing paraprofessionals, teachers, administration, and support staff working together with families to "grow hearts and minds, one child at a time."

### Important Dates, Information & Events

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

#### May

9: MAP Testing begins

10: Wolves to Cascade State Park

12: Great Lunch Staff Appreciation Day (Updated Date)

17: Evacuation Drill

19: School Spirit Day: Celebrate Summer Day

20: Annual GES Plant Sale & Pancake Breakfast! See Sign Up Genius below to volunteer!

25: Step Up Day (Updated Date)

29: NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

31: Portfolio Night

## June

1: Beach Day - featuring a tailgate by Chris and Abbyzak

2: Last Day of Classes K-6, Graduation at 6:30

5,6: Otter Makeup Days

6-8: Teacher Workshops

## **Annual GES Plant Sale & Pancake Breakfast!**

Only two weeks until the GES Annual Plant Sale & Pancake Breakfast! Help is needed to make our school's only major fundraiser a success. Please consider signing up for this fun event, then stay for pancakes, socializing and plant shopping!

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

[Plant Sale Flyer](#)

## **In the Classrooms** (A Message from the Fawns)

Hello GES families,

The Fawns class is collecting spare change for our new playground. We are learning about money in math so this project will help us sort and count coins. Students and families can bring in spare change and put it in the container of your choice. You get to "vote" for your favorite parts of the playground by adding change to that bottle. The bottles will be on top of the lost and found at GES.



With permission from their family students can bring in spare change and add it to our Pennies for the Playground project.

[Pennies for Playground Poster.](#)

[Pennies for Playground Flyer.](#)

Thank you!

**Kindergarten enrollment is open for the 2022-2023 school year.**

Please share what you love about GES with friends, family, and co-workers and encourage families with eligible kindergarteners to enroll. Sharing your experiences can have a huge impact!

### **Yoga At GES!**

This school year, GES classrooms have had the opportunity to learn great yoga practices with locally famous instructor Carly Puch. Recently, Carly authored an article on the value of yoga in the classroom. Read her article by clicking the link below, and look for a few pictures of her teaching students in the upcoming GES yearbook!

MN Yoga Life article: <https://mnyogalife.com/yoga-in-schools/>

Find more information about Carly at her website: <https://www.consciouslycarly.com/>

## **Community Opportunities**

Summer [Baseball](#) and [Softball](#) and [Coaching & Baseball Clinic](#)

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

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