

THE PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Parents,

We just ended our first marking period/quarter of the school year, and November parent conferences are coming up around the third week of November. Teachers have or will have sent out to you a way to sign up for those conferences. We look forward to sharing out your child's progress at school!

Our Gibbs PTA Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 7th at 6pm in our Gibbs Media Center. We will be reviewing our Gibbs School Improvement Plan Goals with parents. Global Children's Center will provide free child care for all school-age children in the Gibbs Cafeteria. We want to also thank our generous PTA for organizing the Boosterthon fundraiser! The children really enjoyed this event! This is the largest fundraiser for our PTA for the school year, and we appreciate your support! The profits were \$21,000+!

Our Flag Ceremony will be on November 13th at 10:15 a.m. in our Gibbs Gymnasium. Our grade 4/5 Chorus will perform and a speaker will join us from the American Legion organization. We pay tribute and celebrate the contributions of our veterans and current active-duty military. Parents are welcome to join us. Students in fourth and fifth grade that are not participating in chorus will be joining us in the audience.

Our school counselor, Mr. McCord, and our homeroom teachers, continue to implement social/emotional lessons and restorative practice strategies with our students. This week, we celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week. It's okay to not be okay! We encourage self-care and promotion of mental health with read alouds, scavenger hunts, chalktalk prompts at recess, broken crayon coloring activities, jump away from tobacco, alcohol, and drugs sack races, and much more!

We will be adding an Open House date to the November calendar soon. This will be an opportunity for parents to come to school during specific timeframes and see our typical day. More information to come!

Please note the important dates below.

Thank you so much for all of your support and have a great month!

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Important November Dates!

1st: No School for Students

1st-3rd: Continued Mental Health Awareness Week

3rd: Fall Harvest Classroom Parties (party time TBD by the teacher)

5th: Daylight Savings Time, Fall Back by one hour!

7th: Gibbs PTA Meeting in Media Center at 6pm; Global Children's Center provides free childcare for school-age children

9th: Report Cards Available on Synergy Parent Vue and distributed

10th: MAP Family Reports Distributed by this Date; Individual Picture Retakes; Fire Drill at 12:55pm

13th: Flag Day Ceremony at 10:15am in Gymnasium

15th: Grade 2 Student Field Trip to Strathmore Music Center, 11:15am-2pm

17th: Gibbs PTA Fall Dance, 6-8pm

20th: No PEP nor PreK Classes; K-5 Early Dismissal at 1:20 p.m.; Gibbs PTA Staff Appreciation Luncheon; Parent Conferences

21st: No PEP nor PreK Classes; K-5 Early Dismissal at 1:20 p.m.; Parent Conferences; PIE DAY for Staff

22nd: MCPS Schools and Offices Closed

23rd and 24th: No School for Holiday!

