



GEORGIA ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL
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Dear GEMS Families,

As we begin the final month of 2021, we have an opportunity to think about all that we have accomplished together as a school community, including the essential support that we have provided together for our students.

Emergency Notification System Test Call:

- Last night a call, email and text message was sent out at 6:00 p.m. to test our Emergency Notification System. Georgia School uses a rapid notification and communication service for communicating with Pre-K to Grade 8 parents in the event of school closings, school delays, emergency information/closings and on occasion, general information that needs to be sent out. If you did not receive this test communication, please let Corrina know by calling the school or email her at cfavreau@fwsu.org.

Health Updates:

- If you receive a positive COVID result for your child, please contact your school nurse, Terry Shaw (Pk-4) or Melissa Waterhouse (5-8), **and** Corrina Favreau.

TEST TO STAY at GEMS

- Test to Stay is for students that are not fully vaccinated, **WITHOUT** symptoms, and **ONLY** for cases associated with in-school contact. Your child **MUST** continue to quarantine outside of school/school-sponsored activities.
 - Test to Stay is a daily test starting at 6:45 a.m. and ends at 7:45 a.m. No late tests will be administered.
 - Test to Stay requires that a student is tested **EACH** school day as communicated by the school nurse.
- **We highly encourage all families of unvaccinated students to complete both the opt-in forms to Test to Stay program:**
 - [Consent Form](#)
 - [SimpleReport](#)

Unvaccinated students that are NOT participating in the Test to Stay program MUST quarantine.

Report Cards

Elementary: We are excited to share that we have a new report card for our Elementary School (Pk-4) and that we will be using it for our first trimester, December 3rd, and for the remainder of the year. The formatting, reporting, and scoring key will be identical for all students in all grade levels. Teachers will address student learning behaviors, content areas (Math, Literacy, and STEM) and Unified arts (Art, Music, and Physical education) all on this report card. The VELS ([Vermont Early Learning Standards](#)) are our foundational approaches in sharing where your child is on the continuum and it should be noted that these standards used are benchmarks that should be achieved by the end of a student's school year.

Middle School: Middle School report cards will be mailed this Friday for the first trimester. Middle School reports based on each student’s proficiency or competency in their classes. Additionally, we assess student progress on the Transferable Skills which are skills we expect students to show evidence of in all of their classes.

GEMS Calendar: A Look Ahead

Mon., Dec 6	Tues., Dec 7	Wed., Dec 8	Thurs., Dec 9	Fri., Dec 10
	School Board Meeting @ 6 pm	Early Release Day Dismissal at 12:45		
Mon., Dec 13	Tues., Dec 14	Wed., Dec 15	Thurs., Dec 16	Fri., Dec 17
Mon., Dec 20	Tues., Dec 21	Wed., Dec 22	Thurs., Dec 23	Fri., Dec 24
	PTCO Meeting 6:30 @ Library		No School Winter Break	No School Winter Break
Mon., Dec 27	Tues., Dec 28	Wed., Dec 29	Thurs., Dec 30	Fri., Dec 31
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Best,

Julie Conrad and Steve Emery
 Georgia Elementary and Middle School Principals