



GEORGIA ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
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Dear GEMS Families,

We are happy to share that we are posting daily highlights of activities and learning opportunities in grades Pk-8. Please visit our [Georgia Elementary and Middle School Facebook page](#) to see all the exciting learning that is taking place!

Below are reminders and events that are upcoming:

**Early Dismissal on Wednesdays-** The following dates have been set for early dismissal from school @ 12:45. Thank you for your flexibility in your family's daily schedule. This allows us to look deeper into student assessments and to plan accordingly for every individual providing them "What they need" Here are the dates for early dismissal: **10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 12/08, 01/12, 01/26, 02/09, 03/09, 03/23, 04/06, 05/04, 05/18**

**Substitutes Needed!** - Our school has a **CRITICAL** need for substitute teachers this year. If you are able to substitute, even if only on a limited basis, please contact Jen in the front office! **524-6358x1** or at [jfollensbee@fwsu.org](mailto:jfollensbee@fwsu.org) . Download [this flyer](#) for more information.

**Evacuation Drill:** On October 6<sup>th</sup>, GEMS will be practicing an evacuation drill. The drill will begin as a fire drill, once attendance is complete students will calmly walk to the back of the school to load the assigned grade level buses. After the buses are loaded, the drill will be completed. We will not be leaving the school grounds for this drill. In the event that a true emergency existed and it was deemed necessary to leave school grounds, we would evacuate to our designated location site. Practicing these drills annually prepares all students and staff.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:**

- Elementary School (K-4) conferences are October 14<sup>th</sup> through October 25<sup>th</sup>. The conference sign up link will be shared in next Wednesday's newsletter, in addition to teachers sharing it through SeeSaw.
- Preschool conferences will be scheduled in November.
- Middle School (5-8) conference information will be shared soon.

**October Menus:** [Hot Lunch Menu](#) [Cold Lunch Menu](#) [Breakfast Menu](#)

**Health Updates:** FWSU School Nursing Newsletter "[What to do if your child feels sick](#)"

### GEMS Calendar: A Look Ahead

Mon., Oct 4	Tues., Oct 5	Wed., Oct 6	Thurs., Oct 7	Fri., Oct 8
<b>Home Soccer Games</b> 7/8 Girls and 7th Boys	<b>Home Soccer Games</b> 5/6G, 5/6B & 7th Boys	Evacuation Drill  <b>Home Meet</b> Cross Country	1st Grade Field Trip	<b>Away Soccer Games</b> 5/6B @ SATEC
Mon., Oct 11	Tues., Oct 12	Wed., Oct 13	Thurs., Oct 14	Fri., Oct 15
<b>No School</b>	<b>Home Soccer Games</b> 7/8 Girls and 8th Boys  FWSU & GEORGIA Carousel Board Meeting GEMS @ 6 pm	<b>Earl Release Day</b> 12:45 <b>Home Soccer Games</b> 5/6G & 5/6B	<b>Away Soccer Games</b> 5/6G & 5/6B @ Grand Isle	<b>Home Soccer Games</b> 7th Boys & 8th Boys  <b>Away Soccer Games</b> 7/8G @ Camel's Hump

Best,

Julie Conrad and Steve Emery  
 Georgia Elementary and Middle School Principals