



GEORGIA ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
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Dear GEMS Families,

November is a month that represents being thankful for all we have in life. Our school community is grateful for your continued support and involvement in all we do at school. We appreciate you!

Below are reminders and events that are upcoming:

**Picture Retakes:** Retakes are November 4th from 9:00-12:30. If you are going to have retakes taken, you will need to send the original packet of pictures and the fee in with your child.

**Food Drive:** The GEMS Annual Food Drive for the Georgia Food Shelf is underway now through November 18th. Non perishable food donations can be sent in with your child or dropped off at the main office. If you would like to send in cash or a check donation, checks should be made out to “The Georgia Food Shelf”. Thank you for your support.

**Early Pick-Up & Requested Dismissal Changes:**

- To help minimize the amount of classroom disruptions during the school day:
  - Send a note to school with your child if their regular dismissal schedule needs to change (pick up versus bus, bus versus pick up, early pick up during the school day, etc.). If your plans change during the day, call the office so that we can relay the message to the classroom teacher.
- End of school day pick up locations:
  - Preschool: preK playground
  - K-4 students: 1/2 playground
  - 5-8 students: Middle school entrance unless there is a younger sibling, then they go to the 1/2 playground.
- Early pick up location:
  - Main office entrance: call the main office when you arrive so that we can walk your child out to you.

**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.
- If you are notified that your students is a close contact and have questions,
  - Regarding timeline for return, testing, or other information, contact your school nurse.
  - Regarding the learning plans during your child’s quarantine, contact your child’s teacher.
- What happens when there’s a COVID case at school? Check out this [flow chart](#) for more information.

### GEMS Calendar: A Look Ahead

Mon., Nov 8	Tues., Nov 9	Wed., Nov 10	Thurs., Nov 11	Fri., Nov 12
		<b>Early Release Dismissal @ 12:45</b>		
Mon., Nov 15	Tues., Nov 16	Wed., Nov 17	Thurs., Nov 18	Fri., Nov 19
		<b>End of Trimester 1</b>		
Mon., Nov 22	Tues., Nov 23	Wed., Nov 24	Thurs., Nov 25	Fri., Nov 26
<b>No School Teacher In-Service</b>	<b>No School</b>	<b>No School</b>	<b>No School</b>	<b>No School</b>

Best,

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Georgia Elementary and Middle School Principals