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Happy Friday GEMS Families!

We want to thank you and our community for supporting our school budget. The budget enables us to support the continuation of our existing programming and help us continue to be GEMS strong! We also acknowledge and appreciate how many of you revised your normal drop-off routines to accommodate our voters that morning. We are blessed with great families and a great community

Return to School

Starting next week, all students in Kindergarten through grade 6 will return to school for five days! Grades 7 & 8 will begin to alternate Wednesdays and we have a space to provide support and activities for students that have signed up to ‘opt-in’ those days. If your needs change for this schedule, please email Julie Conrad at jconrad@fwsu.org so that we can plan accordingly and ensure adequate space and support for those changes.

Calendar

Mon., May 3	Tues., May 4	Wed., May 5	Thurs., May 6	Fri., May 7
Pk - 6 In-person	Pk - 6 In-person	Pk - 6 In-person	Pk - 6 In-person	Pk - 6 In-person
7 & 8 - "A" Inperson	7 & 8 - "A" Inperson	7 & 8 - "A" Inperson	7 & 8 - "A" remote or "opt-in"	7 & 8 - "A" remote or "opt-in"
7 & 8 - "B" remote or "opt-in"	7 & 8 - "B" remote or "opt-in"	7 & 8 - "B" remote or "opt-in"	7 & 8 - "B" Inperson	7 & 8 - "B" Inperson
	School Board Mtg 6:00 p.m.		Recovery Plan Community Engagement at 6:00 p.m.	

SBAC Testing (Grades 3 - 8)

Each year, we are required to test all students in grades 3 - 8 in mathematics and literacy. Additionally, grades 5 & 8 complete a science assessment. Students will completing this testing requirement in the next few weeks. [Please read this important letter with information regarding our testing schedule.](#)

Nurse's Newsletter Updated Guidance and Tick Information >> [Link Here](#)

No More Meal Delivery

Starting May 2nd, students will either be in school to receive their meals, or families can pick up student meals from the kitchen if they are at home/remote. If you need assistance, please contact either the front office or our food partners, Genuine Foods at <https://www.genuinefoods.com/fwsu-vt>

Thursday, May 6th at 6 PM: Community & Parent Engagement for Recovery Planning

Every district in the state is working on creating our Recovery Plans for the next two years. The Recovery Plan focuses on three areas:

1. Student Engagement: Attendance, Truancy, and Re-engaging our Learners
2. Social Emotional Learning: Mental and Physical Health and Wellbeing.
3. Academic Success in Mathematics and English Language Arts.

As we make this plan, we want to invite you to share your ideas! Please join us as we hope to continue to partner and engage with our community in creating the best possible educational experience for our Georgia students. [Link to the flyer](#)

Placement and K Screening - Coming Soon

Generally, by this time in the school year we have solicited information regarding student placement for the future school year. We will be sending out that information after April break as we continue to plan accordingly for next year.

Last Day of School

The FWSU board voted at the board meeting on Tuesday to set the last student day of school this year as of Friday, June 11th. Teachers will continue on the 14th through the 16th. As more information is expected from the AOE around graduations at the end of this month, we will share more about our 8th-grade graduation celebration plans after we receive that guidance.

Summer Learning Opportunities

As part of our SU Recovery Plan, we will be providing summer learning opportunities to ALL GEMS students this July. We have just hired our Summer Learning Coordinators and will communicate more information in the upcoming weeks. We are still working on critical details but we are planning on providing Summer Learning for three weeks starting July 12th on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

Next Year Calendar

The 2021-2022 school year calendar was approved by the FWSU board. You will notice a number of early release days in the calendar. This will be an important time for teachers and staff to work together towards our Recovery Plan and meet the individual needs of all our students after this past year. We are actively working to create a plan to offer enrichment activities for all grade levels, including possibly an activity bus, so as to minimize any impact on our working families. [LINK HERE](#)

Thank you!

Regards,

Steve Emery and Julie Conrad
Georgia Elementary Middle School Principals