



GEORGIA ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
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Dear GEMS Families,

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We continue to work safely together to keep our students learning in our school five days a week. We appreciate your flexibility as we analyze internal settings and make weekly changes within our systems (classroom, cafeteria, etc....). Please know that we are meeting daily, with school nurses, and are holding discussions with FWSU administrators to ensure we are making best decisions for our students and staff each and every day. Our goal is to continue in-person instruction, Monday through Friday, throughout this year. We appreciate your support!

Below are reminders and events that are upcoming:

**BOTTLE DRIVE at FALL FEST** - Please support our 8th grade student's fundraising efforts by dropping your bottles off this Saturday at the Georgia Fall Fest!

**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! **524-6358**

**Technology Agreements (5-8 only)** - Please remember to read, sign and send them to your child's teacher. There are two copies. Keep one copy and another is the school copy.

**Middle School Morning Drop-off** - We have opened the lower lot as a Middle School drop-off point for families dropping students in grades 5 through 8 only. Students will need to walk up the sidewalk the length of the building to enter the Middle School Entrance. Families with students in both elementary and middle school should continue to follow the drop-off loop. **Students should not be dropped off at this space until 7:50!**

**Busing:** As we move further into the school year, we want to remind parents that our busing option is available to families. Many of our buses are operating with far fewer students, especially in the mornings. If your needs change, please contact the front office so we can make and communicate changes to Terricel and assign specific seats to students and family members.

**School Pictures:** Order forms will be sent home next week.

Tuesday, 09/28	Wednesday, 09/29	Thursday, 09/30	Friday, 10/01
Pepin AM	Farmer	Howrigan	Dattilio
Sweet AM	Hendrickson	Morse	Matas
DeVarney AM	Heth	King	Moulton
Leclair	Sullivan	Crepeau	Young
Lee	Lambert	Mrs. Demar	
Mackenzie	Sikorsky	Guralnick	
Alarcon	Mandigo	St. Peter	
Mr. Demar	Clark	Gary	
Hardy	Sarnowicz	Pepin PM	
Coppenrath	Lagace-Hazeltine	Sweet PM	
	Metayer	DeVarney PM	

**Open House Curriculum Night:** Open house is for Parents/Guardians only (No kids) and we require all to sign in & masks no matter your vaccination status to keep us safe. The open house will start at 6:00 p.m. in the library and end by 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Grade	Date
3rd Grade	Wed., Sept 22nd
5th and 6th Grade	Mon., Sept 20th
7th Grade	Mon., Sept 27th
8th Grade	Tues., Sept 21st

Thank you to all parents who have already attended this week!

**Four Winds Volunteers:** If you are interested in becoming a parent volunteer, or would like further information about the Four Winds program please communicate with Aimee Laferriere or Andrea Senesac at [gemsfourwinds@gmail.com](mailto:gemsfourwinds@gmail.com)

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

### GEMS Calendar: A Look Ahead

Mon., Sept 20	Tues., Sept 21	Wed., Sept 22	Thurs., Sept 23	Fri., Sept 24
<b>5/6 B&amp; G Soccer</b> @ Fairfield  <b>8 B Soccer</b> @ Fairfield  <b>5th &amp; 6th Grade Open House</b> (Library @ 6:00)	<b>7/8 G Soccer</b> Home v Fairfield  <b>8th Grade Open House</b> (Library @ 6:00)	<b>3rd Grade Open House</b> (Library @ 6:00)  FWSU Board Meeting (FWSU @ 6:00)  4th Grade Field Trip 9:00-2:30	<b>7 B Soccer</b> Home v Berkshire <b>7/8 G Soccer and 8B Soccer Game @ MVU</b>	
Mon., Sept 27	Tues., Sept 28	Wed., Sept 29	Thurs., Sept 30	Fri., Oc1
<b>7/8 G Soccer and 7B Soccer Game</b> Home v Enosburg  <b>7th Grade Open House</b> (Library @ 6:00)	<b><i>Picture Day!</i></b>  <b>7/8 G Soccer and 8B Soccer Game @ Sheldon</b>	<b><i>Picture Day!</i></b>  <b>Early Release Day</b> (Dismissal @ 12:45)	<b><i>Picture Day!</i></b>  <b>Cross Country @ St. A City</b> <b>7B Soccer Game</b> Home v FNESU	<b><i>Picture Day!</i></b>  <b>5/6 G Soccer</b> Home v. Fairfield

Best,

Julie Conrad and Steve Emery  
Georgia Elementary and Middle School Principals