September 2017

Principal
Assistant Principal
Intern Asst. Principal
Ms. Lynn Gillette
Mr. Richie Hutchinson
Ms. Beckie VanDrongelen

Principal’s News

Greetings!

We have had a FANTASTIC start to the 2017-2018 school year at GMMS! Our staff are committed to building positive relationships with our students while also teaching them procedures that will help our school function in a healthy and productive manner. Our dedicated staff fully understand that a strong foundation for our students’ learning is creating an emotionally safe environment for our students, staff and spend time in classrooms, hallways, and the cafeteria during lunch periods, it is clear that GREAT things are happening to make GMMS a wonderful learning community.

We Thank You for partnering with us this school year. Your expectation of your child to be in school, on time every day, helps us to maximize our opportunity to serve them and provide them the best education possible. Our students’ attendance is critical to their learning success.

THANK YOU for all you do to help us help your child have the very best school year yet!

We are GRATEFUL to be EAGLES!

Kindest regards,

Lynn

Lynn Gillette, Principal
George McGovern Middle School
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Work with grit, persevere, and be kind to others!
Welcome 7th grade Students and Parents!!

*MATH* students will begin their year working with positive and negative numbers (integers). We will develop effective strategies to add, subtract, multiply, and divide integers in this unit.

*MAP SKILLS* will be enhancing their knowledge of maps. Students will learn how to use a global positioning system device more commonly called a GPS. All students will get hands on experience with a GPS. There will be two field trips around the school property to do Geocaching. We will continue to add vocabulary words to better communicate like a geographer. Students are also getting the opportunity to journal about current events after watching a 10 minute news broadcast.

We will also review the order of operations including some negative numbers.

**Cougar Team PRO Teachers:**
- Mrs. Hieronimus—Math and Directed Math
- Mrs. Huwe—Language Arts
- Mr. Flock—Social Studies
- Mr. Josephson—Science and Accelerated Science
- Mr. Sannes—PE and Health
- Ms. Zephier—Native American Connections
- Ms. Hancock—Math (6th and 7th grades)
- Ms. Roder—ELL and Immersion Reading
- Mrs. Henrichs—R.I.S.E.
- Ms. Cota—ELL and Immersion Science

**Viking Team PRO Teachers:**
- Mrs. Dossett—Language Arts/Acc. Language Arts
- Mr. Moulton—Social Studies & Acc. Soc. Studies
- Ms. Wenzel—Math, Acc. Math, & Algebra
- Mr. Helget—Science
- Ms. Larson—ICT
- Mrs. Olafson—Res. Math
- Mrs. Flock—System 44
- Mrs. Honkomp—READ 180
- Mr. Herrboldt—Res. Language Arts
- Mrs. Erickson—R.I.S.E.
Greetings from the Eighth Grade Teams
Coyotes and

We, the staff of the eighth grade teams of McGovern Middle School, extend a warm welcome to you, our incoming eighth grade students and parents. It is going to be a fantastic year! We love the fresh start of a new school year, and want you to know that as a staff we are enthusiastic and dedicated to making this an exciting and enriching year for you.

Students, after a fun and relaxing summer, we are eager to get back to what we do best, teaching and guiding you to new levels of learning and independence. We hope that you are eager to get back to school, too. We will give you our best, but your motivation and attitude toward learning will determine how much you grow and how positive your last year of middle school will be. We need to work as a team-students, parents and staff-to live up to all the potential and opportunities this special year has to offer. We are ready; are you? Let’s work together to make this our best year ever!

Your Coyote Team Teachers:

Mrs. Case--Social studies-Team Leader
Mr. Knapp--Math
Mrs. VanMaanen--English Language Arts
Mrs. Schroeder--Science

Mrs. Freese--English Language Arts -- Team Leader
Mr. McIntyre--Social Studies
Ms. Kunkel--Math
Mr. Rank--Science

Eighth Grade Supply List

- 3-inch three ring binder (with zipper or flap if possible)
- 2 packages of wide-lined loose-leaf paper
- Lots of pens, pencils and erasers
- 2 college ruled spiral notebook
- 1 highlighter
- 5 folders with pockets
- 2 large boxes of tissues for PRO
- Notebook of graph paper for math
- Wood pencils (#2—for art class)
YEARBOOK ORDERS
2017-2018
Cost $15.00
Each Yearbook
Turn in to your
Students Pro-Time
Teacher
$15 cash or check
Write on envelope:
Students Name
Parents Name
Grade of student

~ ~ Parent Reminder ~ ~

You have the right to ask for information about the qualifications of the teachers who are working with your child. As the federal law requires, we will be happy to give you further information about:

* Whether your child’s teachers are certified for the grades or subjects they are currently teaching.

* Whether the South Dakota Department of Education has decided that your child’s teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or certified under state regulations because of special circumstances.

* If your child’s teacher is certified to teach in another grade or subject.

* Whether your child is being served by an Education Assistant and, if so, what their qualifications are.

MEAL PRICES FOR 2017 – 2018 SCHOOL YEAR

BREAKFAST

ELEMENTARY
$1.85
ELEMENTARY REDUCED
.30
ADULT
2.15

MIDDLE SCHOOL
$1.85
MIDDLE SCHOOL REDUCED
.30
ADULT
2.15

HIGH SCHOOL
$1.85
HIGH SCHOOL REDUCED
.30
ADULT
2.15

LUNCH

ELEMENTARY
$2.65
ELEMENTARY REDUCED
.40
ADULT
3.55

MIDDLE SCHOOL
$2.85
MIDDLE SCHOOL REDUCED
.40
ADULT
3.75

HIGH SCHOOL
$2.85
HIGH SCHOOL REDUCED
.40
ADULT
3.75

MILK
STUDENTS
.30
ADULTS
.35
The fall sports season is now underway. Our 7th and 8th grade boys and girls have been practicing before and after school to prepare themselves for the season. If you would still like to participate in Football, Volleyball, or Cross Country please see Mr. Flock. It is not too late to be an Eagle Athlete!!!! There is a Google Classroom page for athletics. I put schedules and announcements for students on there. Have your child share this with you at home. The code to join is k8f6ew4

Good luck and work hard!! We will be cheering for you all!!

Please be sure transportation home is arranged and planned ahead of time.
Volleyball Practice: Pick up from George McGovern at 5:30 PM
Volleyball Game: Pick up from the location of the game at 6:00 PM
Football Practice: Pick up from George McGovern at 5:45 PM
Football Game: Pick up from George McGovern at 7:00 PM
Cross Country Practice: Pick up from George McGovern at 5:30
Cross Country Meet: Pick up from location of meet at 5:30

The ASP Bus will be available for transportation home only after practices. Games and meets end too late so parents will need to pick your child up. (see above)

Reminder that ALL Middle School sporting events are FREE to attend.
Music Staff

Band – Jason Rygg
Jason.Rygg@k12.sd.us

Band – Marian Beck
Marian.Beck@k12.sd.us

Chorus – Barb Myers
Barbara.Myers@k12.sd.us

Chorus – Erin McFarland
Erin.McFarland@k12.sd.us

Orchestra – Andrew Travers
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GMMS MUSIC

Get Involved in Band, Chorus and Orchestra!!!

Greetings from the GMMS Music Department! We welcome you back for another year of spectacular music making! Concert and event dates are listed on our website:

https://sites.google.com/site/mcgovmus

The GMMS Music Department offers a variety of performance based classes to further develop student understanding and performance abilities in their chosen areas. In each grade (6th, 7th & 8th) there are classes in band, chorus and orchestra. Each area also offers an auditioned performance group that meets before school twice a week. All music groups at GMMS are known for their dedication and hard work. Students have developed a reputation of being great performers who all have a great attitude about music.

It is not too late to sign up for chorus, band, and orchestra if it is not on your schedule! See a music teacher or your counselor if you want to add a class.
“Take Them ALL!”

To view online catalog & to register:
www.sf.k12.sd.us/our-district/community-education or call – 605-367-7999
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