

## Geist Montessori Academy

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### Dr. Sue's News

Dear Parents and Families,

I want to thank all you for a great first week of ISTEP. We really appreciate your diligence with getting the students to school on time, and having them ready to go each day. Although we do not totally believe in a one-shot test, it is important to us that our students have the best experience possible. Again, we appreciate your help in making that possible.

I would also like to address a growing issue with carline. Please make sure you are not dropping off students after 8:30 at North and 8:45 at South. Every day we have students walking into the building without any parents or staff members helping them inside. This is incredibly dangerous, and we are very lucky that no one has gotten injured to this point. If you arrive at the school in the morning, and no adults are outside, please do not park along the curb. You must park in a space and walk your student(s) inside. This is for their safety, and it is very important. Thank you!

Lastly, I want to let everyone know that GMA is starting a new fundraiser for Carson. He is a GMA student that is currently in the hospital, and we are supporting him by selling special bracelets. They are \$2.50 each, and the proceeds go to help him and his family through this tough time. If you would like to purchase a bracelet, please contact the front office.

-Dr. Sue

### The Inside Scoop

- **ISTEP Make Up Tests ( March 6<sup>th</sup> – March 10<sup>th</sup> )**
  - Our first round of testing is complete, but we still have students finishing make up tests. We will still be in testing mode next week, so please make note that we still can't have any visitors in the building.
- **Dine To Donate (March 8<sup>th</sup>)**



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### Upcoming Events

- **March 6<sup>th</sup> – March 10<sup>th</sup>**
  - ISTEP Make Up Tests
- **March 8<sup>th</sup>**
  - Dine to Donate (Puccini's)
- **March 13<sup>th</sup> – March 17<sup>th</sup>**
  - IREAD 3 Testing
- **March 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>**
  - Student Lead Conferences
- **March 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>**
  - Early Release

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The GMA Friday Lunch Specials

### Next Pizza Lunch Day

March 10<sup>th</sup>



**Questions?** Contact Miss Angela at [atowse@gma.k12.in.us](mailto:atowse@gma.k12.in.us)

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Next Chick-Fil-A Day

April 21<sup>st</sup>



**Questions?** Contact Jennifer at [jfdatc@yahoo.com](mailto:jfdatc@yahoo.com)

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- The Dine to Donate for this month will be at Puccini's on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 PM-Close, at the Fall Creek Rd. location. Get out there and enjoy some amazing food, and help GMA at the same time!
- **IREAD 3 Testing ( March 13<sup>th</sup> –March 17<sup>th</sup> )**
  - With the first round of ISTEP being complete, our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will now begin their IREAD 3 testing. It will take place at the South Campus, so please remember that visitors are not allowed in the South Campus this week.
- **Student Lead Conferences (March 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> )**
  - Every spring semester our GMA students are given the chance to show their hard work and progress by leading their parents through a student lead conference. Please be sure to attend during this important event, so your student(s) can show you all the wonderful things they have done this year.
- **Early Release Days (March 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> )**
  - To allow for more time to hold our student lead conferences, we will be releasing the students early on March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. The North Campus will dismiss at 12:00 and the South Campus at 12:15. Normal carline procedures will still apply.
- **Chess Club**
  - We had our first week of Chess Club last week, and it was a great beginning. The Upper El and Middle School meet on Tuesdays, from 4-5. The K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade meets at the South Campus on Wednesdays from 4:15-5:15. If you are interested, please go to [www.cloudcityyouth.com](http://www.cloudcityyouth.com) for more information.
- **Crouching Tigers Leadership Program**
  - The Crouching Tigers Leadership Program prepares students for life after elementary school. Meeting once per week, character skills are taught through dynamic, interactive lessons incorporating martial arts and self-defense. They will be offering a weekly class for our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at our South Campus starting in March. There will be flyers coming home with more information very soon, but if you are interested you can find more info on their website at [WWW.CROUCHINGTIGERS.COM](http://WWW.CROUCHINGTIGERS.COM).
- **Yearbooks**
  - Yearbook order forms went home in January. If you are planning to buy a yearbook this year, all orders are due no later than March 10<sup>th</sup>. If you need more information please contact Miss Angela at [atowse@gma.k12.in.us](mailto:atowse@gma.k12.in.us).
- **GMA Stickers**
  - GMA is now selling special car stickers. They are \$3.00 each and they look great on your ride. Check it out!

