

Geist Montessori Academy

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Dr. Sue's News

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back parents, students and families. It is hard to believe this is the end of our first week! Everyone seems to be settling in nicely and we are off and running on another great year.

I am really proud of all of our students and families for doing such a great job building our cohesive community. Our returning, as well as our new families, have really come together quickly, and we are seeing some great community building at every turn. Please continue to come together, as this is such a critical part of our GMA community.

Also, everyone is doing a great job in carline at both North and South. Please continue to follow the instructions of the teachers, drive slowly, and always turn right out of the parking lots. If everyone does their part carline goes much faster and safer for everyone.

Thank you parents and families for all that you do, and please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have at sfries@gma.k12.in.us.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sue



GEIST MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Upcoming Events

- August 21st
 - PTO Meeting
 - August 29th
 - Fall Picture Day
 - September 3rd
 - Labor Day
 - September 13th
 - Kindergarten Super Hero Run
 - September 14th
 - Super Hero Run
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[The GMA Hot Lunch](#)

Next Pizza Lunch Day
August 15th 2018



Questions? Contact Katyann at
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The Inside Scoop

- **PTO Meeting (August 21st)**
 - The PTO will be holding their first meeting of the school year on Thursday, August 24th in the Pre-K room at 4:15 in the South Campus. This is a great opportunity for any and all parents to get involved with some great projects and programs that make GMA great.
- **Fall Picture Day (August 29th)**
 - Smile! It is time for your kiddos to put on their best smiles for fall pictures. Order forms will be coming home in the next couple of weeks. Picture orders can be placed online or by using an order form and including cash or check on picture day.
- **Labor Day (No School) (September 3rd)**
 - After a great start to a new school year, we already have a nice long weekend! Enjoy your family time and we will see you all on the 5th.
- **Superhero Run (September 13th/14th)**
 - The Superhero Run is the one big fundraiser the PTO puts together each year. The past several years, it has generated enough money for the PTO to operate all school year long! Packets will be coming home soon, please take some time to read through all the instructions. All packets are due Friday August 25th, and if you need a new one, please contact the office asap. We can all be GMA super heroes if we do our part!
 - The Kindergarten will be starting our Superhero Run activities off for us on Thursday, September 13th and the rest of the school will participate on Friday the 14th. The students should come to school dressed as their favorite superhero, ready to run and have fun!
- **Carline Tips**
 - We want to thank you all for helping us make carline as safe and quick as possible. Over the past several days we have all done so well, but we wanted to send some quick reminders. Please make sure you are turning right out of the parking lot at both campuses. This helps keep traffic flowing quickly and safely. Be sure not to let your children out of the cars until GMA staff gives you the all clear, and please make sure your children are buckled in their seats until it is time to get out. Also, Parents are coming too early to get into carline. We sometimes use the area outside to do outdoor activities in the afternoon; however, we cannot do this if there are cars in car line at 3:00. If you do come early, please do not sit and idle your car. Lastly, please stay alert at all times, as this will help you to better follow staff instructions and to watch for children as they enter or exit their vehicles.
- **Early Pick Up**
 - If you need to pick up your student(s) before dismissal, please make sure you park in the school parking lots and enter the building to sign them out. If they are being signed out before the school day is complete, it will be counted as an early release, and it should only be done in the case of an emergency or special appointment. Please only do so as needed.
- **Carpool Map**
 - If you would like help with picking up and dropping off your student, please sign up for our carpool map. This system will allow you to connect with other GMA families in your area to coordinate a carpool. If you have questions, or you would like to sign up, please contact the office. The office is currently finalizing the 2018-2019 Carpool Map.

Reminders

- **Material Fees**
 - We would like to thank all of our families that have paid their material fees. They are a vital part of each school year, as we use them to purchase everything the students need in the classroom. Without these fees, we would not be able to properly start our school year. If you have not yet taken care of your

materials fees, please contact the school as soon as possible. We rely on these fees to provide students all the supplies they need for the school year. We still have several families who have not paid. We are able to take payment over the phone, on our website, or in person via cash, check, or charge. Please remember, that you are getting a Montessori education that usually costs around \$13,000 per year for free. We rely on our material fees to help replace and obtain materials for the classrooms. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Karinda at kholland@k12.in.us.