



GEIST
MONTESSORI ACADEMY
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THE GMA GAZETTE

A bi-weekly newsletter from Geist Montessori Academy



Share our School!

We are off to a great start to the school year at GMA! Our teachers and staff have been working hard to help students get into the routine of being back at school, building community in the classrooms, and setting expectations for all students to succeed. We are all working together to continue creating a strong school community for everyone.

We have openings for new students to join our school in all grade levels from 1st-8th grade. Our Pre-K and Kindergarten enrollment is currently fully, and we are on a waitlist for those age levels.

The highest compliment we can receive is the referral of your friends and family members. Share our school with those in your circles to help us reach our enrollment goals and build our school community! Tell your own GMA story and bring more families to join yours at our school!



Upcoming Events



8/10-12 Fall NWEA assessment window, K-8th grade

8/10 First PTO meeting of the year, 5:30pm at GMA

8/23 Skating party at The Roller Cave, sponsored by Student Council

8/31 Board of Directors meeting, 5:30pm at GMA

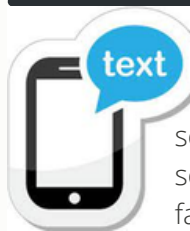
8/31 PTO meeting, 6:00pm (following the Board meeting) at GMA

9/2 eLearning Day for students, Staff PD Day

9/5 Labor Day, no school



Download the **2022-2023 Academic Calendar** [here](#)



Opt-In to Receive Text Alerts

GMA uses a mass-communication system called *OneCall* to send out school-wide communications such as *The GMA Gazette*, weather related school delays/closings, announcements, reminders, and more. All families are added to this system automatically at the time of enrollment using the email address provided on the enrollment application.

You may also opt-in to receive alerts via text/phone call when appropriate. If you have already been receiving text/phone alerts from last year, there is no need to opt-in again. However, if you are new to GMA or did not receive text/phone alerts last year, you may wish to opt-in for this year.

To make this easy for you, we have created a phone alert that will dial the cellular phone number in our system to deliver the information you need to opt-in for this service. We do not share your number with anyone. This is strictly for us to share important/urgent information within our school community.

If you need to add a cell phone number for your family to this alert system please email Ms. Beth at blarock@gma.k12.in.us or call the front office. Then you will need to follow the opt in instructions below from that phone number.

To opt-in:

Text the word Alert to 22300



Who Should I Contact?

As we begin a new year at GMA, it may be helpful to keep this contact list handy for future questions that you may have.

Reporting my child absent	Call the Attendance Line at 317.813.4626 and choose option 1
Specific questions about my child or the classroom routines	Email your child's teacher directly
Questions about special area classes	Mr. Brian, PE - bhole@gma.k12.in.us Mr. Nick, Music - nweber@gma.k12.in.us Ms. Taylor, Art - tspeer@gma.k12.in.us
Questions about PowerSchool	Mr. Patrick, Director of Technology - plove@gma.k12.in.us
Questions about paying fees, tuition, or how to make a tax-deductible donation	Ms. Stephanie, Operations Manager - sedwards@gma.k12.in.us
Questions about The Grove, our extended care program	Ms. Jessica, Extended Care Coordinator - jscholl@gma.k12.in.us
Questions about our PTO	Ms. Vicki, PTO Secretary - vkortz@gma.k12.in.us
General questions about GMA	Ms. Beth, Registrar - blarock@gma.k12.in.us
Questions regarding Special Education	Ms. Jessica, SpEd Coordinator - jhickman@gma.k12.in.us
Questions for School Administration	Ms. Jen, Executive Director - jgosch@gma.k12.in.us Ms. Jamie, Assistant Executive Director - jrahmany@gma.k12.in.us

2022-2023 Materials Fees

The 2022-2023 Materials Fee will remain the same as it has been for the last two years. As a reminder, all fees should be paid in full by the October 1 deadline. Families who wish to make payment arrangements may do so by emailing our Operations Manager, Ms. Stephanie, at sedwards@gma.k12.in.us.

2022-2023 Materials Fees

- Pre-K: \$110
- K-6th grades: \$230
- 7th & 8th grades: \$300 (\$230 Materials Fee + \$70 Technology Fee for Chromebook rental)

You can pay your family's fees through our online system [here](#). Applications for financial assistance through the state's Curricular Materials Assistance program will be sent home with students within the first two weeks of the school year. Families will be notified of qualification for that program by September 2, 2022.



Community Service Opportunity - Helping Kentucky Flood Victims

After seeing the devastating aftermath of the devastating floods in Kentucky, we want to do all we can to help those most impacted. Ms. Stephanie will be traveling to Southeast Kentucky next weekend to volunteer in the cleanup efforts in two separate counties.

If you would like to contribute to supply donations, Ms. Stephanie will pack her car full and take all donations with her. A list of specific items that are desperately needed at this time is included on the next page. Donations can be dropped off at school Monday-Thursday, August 8-11. Questions should be directed to Ms. Stephanie at sedwards@gma.k12.in.us.

Items Needed for Kentucky Flood Victims

HIGHEST NEED:

- Box fans (used, in working condition, or new)
- Tarps (used, in good condition, or new)
- Phone Chargers
- Flashlights & batteries

IN NEED OF:

- Cleaning supplies (bottles of cleaning products, sponges, buckets, disinfectant wipes & spray, trash bags, disposal gloves, rubber gloves mops, masks)
- Diapers & wipes
- Disposable plates, cups, cutlery
- Pet food & pet supplies
- Deodorant
- Soap & Body wash
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Hairbrushes, combs, hair ties
- Facial cleansing wipes (baby wipes, makeup wipes, etc.)
- Disposable razors & shaving cream
- Feminine hygiene products
- First aid kits & items included in first aid kits
- Hand sanitizer & face masks

Please do NOT donate the following items:

- Cases of water
- Food
- Household items or furniture
- Clothing

***If you would prefer to donate cash to be used to purchase needed supplies,
you can Venmo Ms. Stephanie @Stephanie_Edwards.***

Please indicate your donation is for this project by including "Kentucky Flood Victims" in the notes.

Stephanie Edwards

@Stephanie_Edwards



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