



# Gray-New Gloucester Middle School

## Parents as Partners!

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### **7:15AM Parent Drop-Off/Bus Arrival Time**

We would like to remind parents that our school policy for morning drop off is 7:15AM. In order to keep students safe, we ask that parents **do not drop off their children until 7:15AM**. Staff supervision for students is not available before this time and as we approach possible school closings due to inclement weather conditions, there is a concern about the possibility of stranded students.

### **Conference Time!**

Next week will be our 1st quarter conferences. There will be a common night on Tuesday. UA teachers will be available on that evening as well. Please contact your student's teachers if you need to schedule a conference.

### **Middle School Apparel**

We will be selling Middle School apparel again this fall. Order forms will be available at Parent - Teacher Conferences or in the main office. Orders prior to Thanksgiving week will be delivered in time for Christmas.

### **Important Dates to remember!**

November 11<sup>th</sup> no school  
November 22-26<sup>th</sup> no school

### **Picture Retake Day!**

The G-NG Middle School picture retake day with Lifetouch has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2010 beginning at 7:45AM. Order envelopes will be available in the main office on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 for any students wishing to order portraits for the first time. Students having retakes because they were not satisfied with their original portraits, should hand the photographer their unwanted portrait packages at the time of their retake sitting and a new package will be ordered for them with the new picture.

### **Camp Middle Moose!**

CMM brochures and applications are available now in the main office. The dates for CMM are August 14<sup>th</sup>-August 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please see Ms. Allocca or Mr. Lynch.

### **Parking Information**

When dropping your students off or picking your students up please refrain from parking in the front circle parking area. This is a bus area only. We have had issues with buses being blocked in or unable to park because of cars in this area. It is also unlawful to pass a parked school bus that has its lights flashing.

### **National Game Day**

On November 13 the New Gloucester Public Library will host Nation Game Day. Get an introduction to chess or come to play. A multitude of other board games will also be available including games suitable for 5 years of age and older. Play 2 games of anything and be entered into a drawing for a gift certificate to Walden Books. Light refreshments will be served.

### **Notes from the Health Office:**

By now, we should have all medical paperwork and medications brought to the health office. As of November 4, we still have about 30 students with medical conditions that have not turned in any paperwork. This must be done as soon as possible for student health and safety. If your child requires an inhaler, benadryl, epipen or has a condition that we need to be aware of, please contact the health office. Please remember, per school policy, students are not allowed to carry medication in school without written permission from their healthcare provider and knowledge of the school nurse. For more information, please call the health office at 657-9430. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

### **Action Steps for Parents to Protect Your Child and Family from the Flu this School Year**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends 4 main ways you and your family may keep from getting sick with the flu at school and at home:

1. *Practice good hand hygiene* by washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing.
2. *Cover your mouth and nose* with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder; NOT into your hands.
3. *Stay home if you or your child is sick* for at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever\* or signs of a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicine). Keeping sick students home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing with others.
4. *Get your family vaccinated* for seasonal flu and 2010 H1N1.

\*A fever is a temperature taken with a thermometer that is equal to or greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

### **The Book Fair is Coming!!**

**Monday 11/8 7:30-2pm**

**Tuesday 11/9 7:30-8pm\*\*\*\*\*common night for conferences!**

**Wednesday 11/10 7:30-2pm**

**Friday 11/12 7:30-noon!**

### **End of Day Dismissal Reminder**

If you are planning on picking up your student at the end of the day we need you here by **1:40**. We dismiss our “pick-ups” before the buses are called. *Please be on time* and have a form of *identification* to show. Thank you for your cooperation on this very important matter. If you don't arrive on time or call ahead, you will need to just catch up with your child at their bus stop.

### **Hannaford Helps Schools**

We will be participating in the Hannaford Helps School program again this year. This program has help our school earn about \$800.00 over the past 2 years. We have used the funds to help support student activities like Wellness Day, Student of the Month, and last year's Leadership Symposium. A brochure explaining how this program works is available from our school office. We appreciate any support that your family can give the Middle School through this program. You can drop your slips off at Hannaford in Gray or send them in to our school office.

### **Weekend Edition of “Figure it OuT!!”**

Email answers to [scarbonneau@msad15.org](mailto:scarbonneau@msad15.org)

Mrs Carbonneau teaches at two different schools. When she drives from Gray - New Gloucester Middle School to Lewiston High School she always leaves at the same time. She finds that when she averages 45 miles per hour she is always 18 minutes late. When she drives 60 mph she is always 9 minutes early. How many miles apart are Mrs. Carbonneau's two schools, and how fast should she drive so that she'll be right on time?

### **HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR ~**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 6**

**AT GNG HIGH SCHOOL**

**9AM-2:30PM**

**Come join the fun at our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Craft Fair. We have over 52 tables filled with homemade jams, stained glass, dolls, toys, jewelry, knitted hats, mittens, scarves, bird-houses, dried flower arrangements, and a make-it and take-it table for the kids.**

**Come for a great homemade hot lunch and/or homemade baked goods.**