Middle School Matters

October 11, 2019

Monday 10/14 Day 2	Tuesday 10/15 Day 3	Wednesday 10/16 Day 4	Thursday 10/17 Day 5	Friday 10/18 Day 6
Monday 10/21 Day 1	Tuesday 10/22 Day 2	Wednesday 10/23 Day 3	Thursday 10/24 Day 4	Friday 10/25 Day 5

Dates to Make Note of:

Oct. 11 - Back to School Dance, 7th & 8th Graders—7PM-9PM
Oct. 14 -18 - GVMS Spirit Week!
Oct. 16 - Patriot Pride
Oct. 17 - Kimmel Center Trip - 8:15AM-3:30PM
Oct. 18 - Homecoming Parade @ HS 6:00PM, Football Game @ HS 7:00PM
Oct. 21 - Spirit Day - Boys Soccer - 3:15PM
Oct. 23 - Photo Re-take Day
Oct. 23 - VFW Essays due today to Social Studies teachers!
Oct. 31 - Last Day of Term 1 Marking Period

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

Grade 6: Grace Curtis, Colleen McGorry, and Shakti Senthil Kumar
Grade 7: Camille Derval, Sophia Hall and Shivika Varshney
Grade 8: Samarth Puri, Elena Six and Connor McGuire

Please help support the **Great Valley Middle School PTO** by continuing to participate in our **"JUST WRITE A CHECK"** campaign.

Your contribution will play a crucial role in helping to preserve unique educational programs that extend our students learning experiences beyond the classroom walls. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity and for assisting us in enriching your child's Great Valley Middle School experience.

You can use the PayPal Donate icon located on the PTO webpage :
www.gvmspto.org/just-write-a-check

GVMS SPIRIT WEEK

Monday: GV Pride Day
Tuesday: Philly Jersey Day
Wednesday: Movie/Show Character Day
Thursday: Old Trend Day
Friday: Color Wars:
6th grade: WHITE; 7th grade: BLACK; 8th grade: BLUE

THE AMAZING RACE

Once again, GVMS is happy to announce that this year's 8th grade class will have the opportunity to enjoy a celebratory field trip in Historic Philadelphia.

While the trip is not until June 8th, **an informational meeting will be held in the Choral Room at GVMS on Tuesday, October 29th starting at 7PM sharp.** Please plan on attending if you would like to learn more about the entire field trip. Parents who would like to chaperone the trip are encouraged to attend this meeting as well.

Watch your emails for more information about the upcoming trip!

Points of Interest

- **The Student Council sponsored Fall dance for our 7th and 8th grade students** is being held **tonight from 7-9PM**. The cost is $5. Canned soda and bottled water will be sold for $1 each. These proceeds will be donated to the Four Diamonds Foundation. Thank you to our PTO for donating the snacks!
- The **GVMS Great Pumpkin** contest is back! Donate a canned food item and you can guess the weight of the pumpkin. The closest guess wins the Giant Pumpkin. Student council officers will have the pumpkin on display in the main lobby before school during the month of October.
- **Attention all Middle School Students**, are you making a difference through volunteering? We would like to recognize your contributions by encouraging you to apply for the **2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**. This awards program provides our school with an opportunity to celebrate the spirit of volunteerism throughout the student body by recognizing students who have distinguished themselves through community service. Please complete your application on line and visit the website for further information, at: http://spirit.prudential.com or www.nassp.org/spirit. **Completed applications must be submitted to the school Principal by November 5, 2019.**
- **It's essay time at GVMS once again!** The Paoli Chapter of the VFW and the Great Valley Chapter Of the Daughters of the American Revolution are each sponsoring these contests. The Patriots Pen Essay (VFW) is titled "What Makes America Great". This essay is **due on Wednesday, October 23rd**. The Daughters of the American Revolution Essay is "The Voyage of the Mayflower". This essay is **due on Friday November 8th**. If you are interested in participating in this contest, please be sure to hand in your essays to Mr. Cinciripino in Room 6 by the deadlines! This contest is open to all students. Please see your Social Studies teachers for additional details.
- **Box Tops for Education has some BIG changes!** The traditional Box Tops to clip will be phased out, and digital box tops will replace them. You may still find some of those traditional Box Tops in your stores for a short while. For more information on Box Tops for Education, please visit: https://www.boxtops4education.com/How%20To%20Earn Thank you for continuing to support this program!
- **Summer Reading Book Donations:** If you would like to donate your Summer Reading Book, please give it to your ELA teacher or drop it in one of the collection boxes around the school. These books will be lent out to the students in need to use next summer. Thank you for all who have donated Summer Reading books so far!

On Monday, November 4th at 5:00PM, the GVMS PTO will be ***singing the praises*** of our fabulous GVMS Teachers and Staff at the **Annual Teacher/Staff Appreciation Dinner**!

Please help us by signing up to make a monetary donation towards the main dish, donate a gift card, and or bring a salad/ dessert or volunteer at the event.

Please sign up here:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080944A9AA22A75-gvms

You may also make a monetary donation by sending a check made out to GVMS PTO to the office or through Paypal by clicking here: https://www.gvmspto.org/teacher-appreciation-dinner

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