



In The Middle

Greenfield Middle School

November 2025

Happy November GMS Families!

October came and went in a flash! Throughout October we celebrated Unity Day, danced the night away at our 4rth Annual Harvest Dance, and held our Fall parent/teacher conferences. Throughout the month of November, we will end the first Quarter and begin the second Quarter, have our first Quarter awards ceremony, trot into Thanksgiving Break by holding our Annual Turkey Trot, continue to hold high expectations, consistently review behavioral and academic expectations, and continue to build community in the classrooms and school wide.



As a reminder, daily attendance is imperative to a child's academic and social-emotional growth. **Students are expected to be in Advisory by 7:45 a.m. each day and remain in school until 2:10 p.m.** Being on time for school is just as imperative for a child's academic and social-emotional growth. The administrative team at GMS sends attendance letters to students who have missed: 5, 10, 15, or 25+ days. GMS Administration will continue to reach out to schedule meetings with families and identify ways in which we can support students with daily attendance.

See you in the drop-off line,
Michelle 🚧
GMS Principal

A Message From Associate Principal Gates

As we move into November, we want to remind everyone how important consistent attendance is for your child's success. Every day in class counts, students who are present and on time are more connected, confident, and ready to learn.

Attendance Tip: Try setting a "school night routine. Sunday - Thursday: " Have your child pack their bag, pick out clothes, and set an alarm before bedtime (maybe two 😊). A calm morning helps make on-time arrivals easier and helps your student start the day off right!

Let's finish the fall strong with great attendance and great effort.

November Dates to Remember

- 🍁 11/3, 2nd Quarter Begins
 - 🍁 11/4, No School - Teacher In-Service
 - 🍁 11/4, GMS PTO Meeting, 5pm - GMS Cafeteria
 - 🍁 11/11, No School - Veterans Day
 - 🍁 11/13, First Quarter Awards Assemblies
 - 🍁 11/26, Annual Turkey Trot! (more details will be shared closer to the date)
 - 🍁 11/26, Early Dismissal - 11:10am
 - 🍁 11/27-28, Thanksgiving Break
 - 🍁 12/2, Return to School
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GMS Goes Orange for Unity Day!



November's Advisory Theme

GMS Advisories focus on a new social-emotional skill each month. November's Advisory theme is **Self-Management**. Throughout the month, students will participate in Advisory lessons and activities that focus on **the ability to manage one's emotions, thoughts and behaviors effectively in different situations and to achieve goals and aspirations**. Teams collaborate to share their understanding of the monthly theme through bulletin board displays, community-building activities, and being positive role models and members of the school community.



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GMS Team Updates

5th Grade Team

It was wonderful seeing so many families at parent/teacher conferences. We look forward to working with all of you throughout the rest of the school year!

The fifth grade advisories have been focusing on the theme of self-awareness and how we are all connected as a school community.

Many students are making new friends at the middle school and adjusting to the new environment well. In advisories, we play games and learn about one another through shared activities.



6th Grade Team

In ELA, students are diving into argument writing using excerpts from Roald Dahl's memoir, *Boy: Tales of Childhood*. They are learning to analyze Dahl's early experiences and form their own well-supported opinions on the ideas and events he describes.

In Math we are learning how to solve real-world problems by finding equivalent ratios using double number lines and tables. Students will use tables in future courses to represent functional relationships.

7th Grade Team

In ELA, students have completed reading *Red Scarf Girl* by Ji-li Jiang. We are writing our first essay about how Ji-li has changed throughout the course of the story due to her experiences living through the Chinese Cultural Revolution. We will be starting our second unit, and we are reading the play *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry.

October was a busy month in math! We finished up our first unit about scale drawings and are now working on proportional relationships. We have also welcomed the new math teacher, Jennifer Murray!

In Science we have wrapped up our thermal energy unit and are moving onto matter cycling! In this unit we will learn about how matter travels through trophic levels and what happens to it when it is used by plants, animals, fungi and bacteria!



Unified Arts

PE: Students wrapped up the quarter with a few different units. They participated in a week of dodgeball games, which allowed them to integrate the skills they learned in their target games unit. In addition, they completed a volleyball unit, where they were able to showcase their passing,



setting, and serving skills. Lastly, 6th and 7th graders worked in small groups to design new games for the class. Each group got to be PE teachers for a day, explaining their games to the rest of the class and officiating as their classmates participated in their creative activities.

Student Services Team

The end of October marks the end of the first quarter! We encourage you to review your student's grades with them and discuss their triumphs and challenges. Ms. Shona is available to meet with your student to set academic goals and monitor progress as we enter a new quarter.

We are also excited to welcome a new school adjustment counselor to the team- Haley Greland. You can expect to hear from her soon if your student is on her caseload and she will be present throughout the day for all students

Afterschool Clubs!

Student Council - Mondays, 2:15-3:20pm

Art Club - Mondays, 2:15-3:20pm

Fantasy Book Club - Tuesdays, 2:15-3:15

Garden Club - Tuesdays, 2:15-3:15pm

Dodgeball Intramurals - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:15-3:20pm

Late Bus runs: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. Pick-up at GMS at 3:20pm

November Lunch Menu

November 2025 GPS LUNCH MENU Middle & High School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pancakes & syrup Egg Patty, home fries orange slices	Election Day- No School 4	Beef hot dog 5 oven fries Baked Beans watermelon	Grilled Chicken sandwich 6 honey glazed local carrot coins, grapes	Pizza 7 salad w local kale and romaine
Mozzarella Sticks 10 mixed vegetables	No School- Veterans Day 11	Chicken enchilada empanada 12 ranchero beans	Orange Chicken 13 w/ Rice, Broccoli, Fortune Cookie, Mandarin Oranges	Meatball Sub w/ Marinara & Mozzarella, 14 green salad
Ciabatta grilled cheese sandwich 17 tomato soup	Hamburger/ black bean burger 18 carrot sticks smiley fries	Chicken Patty Sandwich 19 Assorted vegetables, fruit	Turkey, 20 Mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, roll, local cider, apple crisp	French bread pizza 21 Salad and assorted vegetables
Black bean Quesadilla w/ local kale 24 assorted fruit & vegetables	Chicken nuggets, 25 whole grain dinner roll, curly fries, kale chips	Early release K-12 26 Deli wrap apple, carrots & ranch, chocolate chip cookie	No School Thanksgiving Break 27	No School Thanksgiving Break 28
Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5

DAILY ALTERNATES
Available Daily:
Sunbutter & Jelly or
Cheese Sandwich
Monday
Pizza
Tuesday
Meatball Sub
Wednesday
Nachos
Thursday
Cook's Choice
Friday
Chicken Patty
Harvest of the Month:



Fun Fact: Lacinto kale is also called "Dinosaur" kale, due to its lumpy leaves that resemble reptile skin!

If students do not take a meal, they may purchase milk separately for \$0.60

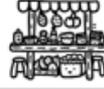
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IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- ALL GPS students qualify for FREE breakfast and lunch under CEP through School Year 2026-2027!
- All meals are served with milk and assorted fruits & vegetables
- Menu subject to change

November Events at GPL

Sunday CLOSED	Monday Open 9:30am-8pm	Tuesday Open 9:30am-8pm	Wednesday Open 9:30am-8pm	Thursday Open 9:30am-5pm	Friday Open 9:30am-5pm	Saturday Open 9:30am-2pm
 <p>The final season of Stranger Things begins on November 26 and we can't wait! All month long, enter our Stranger Things Viewing Kit raffle. We'll pull the winning ticket on Wednesday, November 26 at our Stranger Things Party!! Raffle tickets available on Francesca's desk, 1 per day.</p>						1 Friends Book Sale 10am - 1pm 
2	3	4 Healthy Food vs. Junk Food Taste Test 3-4pm 	5 Wednesday Resources 2:30-4:30  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Pizza • Homework Help • Job and Volunteer Assistance 	6	7 Oddly Satisfying Crafts 2:30-4:30 PAINTING 	8 Farmer's Market 10am - 1pm 
9	10 Teen Advisory Board 3-4 pm 	11  Library CLOSED	12 Wednesday Resources PLUS: Zine Making for Managing Emotions 	13 Teen Room Café 2:30-4:30PM 	14 Oddly Satisfying Crafts 2:30-4:30 POM POMS 	15
16	17	18	19 Wednesday Resources PLUS: Learn about creative and manufacturing careers 	20	21 Oddly Satisfying Crafts 2:30-4:30 RUBBER STAMPS	22
Mural Installation: Teen Room Closed - find us in the Makerspace!						
23	24	25 Teen Room Café 2:30-4:30PM 	26  12 - 3pm 	27  Library CLOSED	28  Library CLOSED	29
30						

 = free pizza thank you to  LIBRARY INITIATIVE FOR TEENS AND FRIENDS

Children's Programs November 2025

GPL Children's programs are FREE and open to all families with children ages 0-12.

Sunday CLOSED	Monday Open 9:30am-8pm	Tuesday Open 9:30am-8pm	Wednesday Open 9:30am-8pm	Thursday Open 9:30am-5pm	Friday Open 9:30am-5pm	Saturday Open 9:30am-2pm	
	November Scavenger Hunt: Dinosaurs 	(RE)LAUNCH PARTY!  Sat., Nov. 15, 2025 10am-1pm			 1000 Books Before Kindergarten <small>AT THE GREENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY</small> A free reading program for families with children ages 0-5 • Program sign-ups • Bilingual Music with Tom & Laurie • Astrid Sheckels book reading + MORE!		1 10am-1pm Friends of the GPL Book Sale
2	3 3:30-5pm Lego Club (drop-in)	4 10am Book Babies 2pm-8pm Kids Vote! (drop-in) 3pm Tween & Teen Nutrition Taste Test (Makerspace)	5 10am Toddler Time	6	7 9:30-11:30am Drop-in playgroup 3:30-4:30pm Meet a Therapy Dog	8  10am-1pm Greenfield Recycling Button Making 	
9  Follow us on Facebook @GPLChild	10 3:30-5pm Lego Club (drop-in)	11  Library CLOSED	12 10am Toddler Time 3:45pm Tween Advisory Board Meeting (ages 8-12)	13	14 9:30-11:30am Drop-in playgroup	15  10am-1pm 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Relaunch Party!	
16	17 3:30-5pm Lego Club (drop-in) 5:30-7:30pm Family Board Game Night (drop-in)	18 10am Book Babies	19 10am Toddler Time	20 3:45pm *NEW* Kids' Graphic Novel Book Club Meeting (ages 8-12)	21 9:30-11:30am Drop-in playgroup	22  10am-1pm Thanksgiving Craft	
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****An adult is required to be present with children under 8 participating in GPL programs.****

November Programming -

- **Kids Vote! (drop-in)- Tuesday, Nov. 4 from 2-8pm-** It's Election Day! Cast your vote for your favorite picture book, graphic novel, chapter book, or which baby animal is the cutest. Recommended for ages 3-12.
- **Tween & Teen Nutrition Taste Test (Makerspace) - Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 3pm-** In this interactive class, students will discover the perks of whole and minimally processed foods while sharpening their food detective skills to spot the healthiest options! Ages 8-18. Registration required. Register through the events calendar on greenfieldpubliclibrary.org or by calling the library at (413) 772-1544.
- **Meet a Therapy Dog (drop-in) - Friday, Nov. 7 from 3:30-4:30pm** - Kids can meet and spend time with certified therapy dogs in the Children's Room. Great for ages 3-12.
- **Tween Advisory Board Meeting (ages 8-12) - Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 3:45pm** - An afterschool gathering (with a snack) to talk about programming for older kids at the library. This month enjoy a board game or craft from the craft card and get a sneak preview of new tween books.
- **Family Board Game Night (drop-in) - Monday, Nov. 17 from 5:30-7:30pm** - Join us for Family Board Game Night at the library. Enjoy a fun evening of games, laughter, and quality time with loved ones—no registration needed, just drop in and play! Great for ages 3-12.
- **Kids' Graphic Novel Book Club Meeting (ages 8-12)- Thursday, Nov. 20 at 3:45pm-** A monthly book club for fans of graphic novels! Pick up a copy of the book in the Children's Room in the month leading up to each meeting, then join us for a talk, activities, and help us pick our next book. This month's book is *Squire and Knight* by Scott Chantler.

**1000 Books
Before Kindergarten**
BY THE GREENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY



1000 Books Before Kindergarten (RE) LAUNCH PARTY!

Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025 10am-1pm

Join us for a FREE fun-filled time with music, snacks, and reading to restart our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program for families with children ages 0-5. Sign up for the program at the event or any time after and work toward 1000 books at your own pace. Those who sign up will receive one book bag per family and one free bilingual (eng/esp) book per child.

Ongoing Programming -

- **Lego Club (drop-in) - Mondays 3:30-5pm** - Use library LEGOs to complete challenges or free-play and make your own creations! Age 3+ recommended.
- **Book Babies - Tuesdays at 10am** - Bounce, sing, read, and meet other babies and caregivers. Recommended for 0-18 months. 30 minutes.
- **Toddler Time- Wednesdays at 10am** - Join us for stories, songs, and activities focused on early literacy. Recommended for 18-36 months. 30-45 minutes.
- **Drop-in Playgroup - Fridays from 9:30-11:30am** - Free play with a mix of toys and activities for little ones ages 0-5. A story or two (or a few!) will be offered at 10:30am.

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