



Four Corners Elementary School

October Newsletter

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Thank you to Families

As our first month of school draws to a close, I want to send out our sincere thanks to all the adults supporting students to get to school on time every day. Every day of school matters, and we are grateful for the role our families play in helping students make the most of each one.

In order to emphasize the importance of daily attendance, we will be introducing Attendance Celebrations for the class with the highest attendance percentage each month. Students from the winning class will be able to enter into a drawing where we will choose a name at random to select a prize to take home.

We are also continuing with our school theme of "Bee Here & Bee Amazing!". This helps us to focus on attendance and great behavior for learning. Each month, classroom teachers will nominate one student to receive the Bee Amazing Certificate. The award recipients are then invited to have lunch with the principal, and their certificates are posted on the bulletin board by the cafeteria for all to see.

Please continue reading to get caught up on the following topics:

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Important Dates in October

- **October 8 - Meet the Superintendent at 5-6 p.m.**
- **October 8 & 9 Early Release (11:55) for Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- **October 12 - No School**
- **October 16 - All-School Assembly at 8:45 led by Grade 1 students**
- **October 21 - Unity Day, wear Orange to show your support for Bullying Prevention**



GPS Social Media

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New School Signs Installed!

Thanks are due to Hale Custom Signs for the beautiful new signs on Bernardston Road and at the driveway on Ferrante Ave (pictured).

Nurse's Corner

Dear Families,

Welcome to a new school year! As your school nurse, I want to share a few important reminders to help keep our students safe, comfortable, and prepared while they are at school.

Medication at School

If your child needs medication during the school day, please make sure:

- All medications are brought to the Health Office in the **original pharmacy-labeled container**.
- The pharmacy label must include the **correct medication name, dosage, and directions**.
- A **medication order signed by your child's healthcare provider** must be provided to the school.
- A **parent/guardian consent form** must also be completed and signed.
- Please do not send medication to school in a baggie, envelope, or other unlabeled container. If you have questions about medication requirements or need the appropriate school forms, please contact the Health Office.

Updated Health Information

Please provide the Health Office with any **updated health forms, physical examination records, immunization records, or other relevant medical documentation** when there has been a change or when updated records become available. Keeping your child's health records current allows us to provide appropriate care and ensure that we have the most accurate information available.

Allergies and Health Concerns

Please communicate any **allergies, medical concerns, or health conditions** that may affect your child during the school day with both the **school nurse**.

Extra Clothing

Accidents and unexpected messes can happen at school — especially during outdoor play, lunch, recess, field trips, or other activities. Please consider keeping a **complete change of clothes in your child's backpack**.

An extra set of clothing can include:

- Shirt
- Pants/shorts
- Underwear
- Socks

Please label clothing with your child's name when possible. As the seasons change, remember to replace extra clothing with appropriately sized and weather-appropriate items.

Please review our school illness policy:

Thank you for helping us keep your child healthy, safe, and ready to learn. Please feel free to reach out to the Health Office with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Nurse Brittany

Britut1@gpsk12.org

PTO News

Hello 4C Families!

Welcome back! We are starting the year with a PTO Presents on Friday, September 25th. Ed, The Magician!

Have any used Halloween Costumes laying around? 4C will be accepting donations now until October 6th. Families can then look through costumes during Conferences, 10/8 & 10/9. Costumes must be clean and in good condition.

We will have our Pumpkin Sale again this year in the upper parking lot of the school, on October 3rd from 10-1 or until sold out!

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6th in the 4C library at 5pm, unable to make it? Join via zoom! All are welcome to join us! Can't feel like you can fully commit monthly? We have a volunteer on call sign up list. Send us an email at fourcornerselementary.com or check us out on Facebook for more information and zoom link!

Jennifer Dowd- PTO President

Friends of DSFC Facebook Group

Staff Spotlight



Kate Pomeroy

Role: Special Education Teacher

Years in GPS: I was a student teacher at Four Corners last year, and this is my first year as a full-time teacher.

Favorite Team or Event: The Patriots and my brother's soccer games

What I love about Four Corners: I really love how the students look out for each other.



Ben Demerath

Role: Music Teacher

Years in GPS: It's my first year with Greenfield Public Schools!

Favorite Team or Event: Right now, it would be the Red Sox with the playoffs fast approaching. Hopefully we'll be doing the same with the Revs, Pats, Bruins and Celtics before the school year ends!

What I love about Four Corners: Four Corners reminds me of my own elementary school back when I was growing up here in the Valley. Everyone has been so welcoming and it's clear this is a wonderful community to be a part of!

Library News



BEHIND THE SHELVES



Library News



My name is Rachel Dowd and I am returning for my third year as the Elementary Librarian at Federal Street, Four Corners, and Newton. I am thrilled to offer weekly library time to your student(s)! Feel free to email me with any questions at racdow1@gpsk12.org.

September Read Aloud Selections



Reminder



Third and fourth graders are able to bring one library book home each week. Please help remind your student to return their book. Thank you!

October Lunch Menu

October 2026 Menu – GPS Elementary Schools

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Oven roasted chicken, local roasted butternut squash, mashed potato, garlic knot	2 Wild Mike's Pizza Bites Salad
5 Flatbread pizza with pesto, sliced tomato, mozzarella	6 Hot dog, baked beans, potato salad	7 Fish and chips (baked fries), apple slaw, whole grain roll	8 Early release bag lunch–Deli sandwich, fruit, carrots and dip	9 Early release bag lunch–Deli sandwich, celery & dip, local apple
12 No School– Indigenous People's Day	13 "Wings bar" (variety of flavored chicken tenders), garlic bread, Asian-style cabbage slaw	14 Hamburger, optional cheese. Broccoli and dip	15 Popcorn chicken, sweet potato waffle fries applesauce	16 Wild Mike's pizza stick, salad
19 Eggplant parm over pasta. Chickpea salad	20 Ramen noodle bowl with chicken, veggies. edamame	21 Steak grinder with onions, bell peppers. Carrots	22 Chicken burrito Mexican street corn	23 Pizza, salad
26 Breakfast for lunch– Egg round with cheese, french toast stick, hash brown rounds, oranges	27 Mini chicken corn dogs sweet potato fries	28 Chicken Cesar wrap cauliflower	29 Pasta with marinara & meat sauce	30 Wild Mike's pizza bites, salad

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ALL STUDENTS RECEIVE FREE MEALS UNDER
THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION



Free Breakfast & Lunch,
available for all students,
every day!

Alternative Meals available
every day:
Sunbutter & Jelly or Cheese
sandwich

Daily alternates
Monday: Nacho kit

Tues: DIY Pizza Kit

Wed: Breakfast Sandwich

Thurs: Bagel and Yogurt

Friday: Chicken Patty
sandwich

*All meals served with
assorted fruit, vegetables,
milk*

-A milk with no meal: \$0.60

Project Bread Food
Resource
hotline: 1-800-645-8333

Harvest of the Month- look
for **local apples** on the
menu!



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