

Hello March 2023

**Early Dismissal
March 3 & March 17
at 12:00pm**



Gettysburg Montessori Charter School
(717) 334-1120

<https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org/>



GMCS

Nurse Update



When Should I Keep My Child Home from School?

A Checklist for Families:

Keep your child home if there is

- Fever: A temperature of 100 degrees or higher
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea: 2 or more episodes of watery/liquid stools
- Excessive tiredness or loss of appetite
- Severe sore throat
- Cough: that is productive or excessive
- Aches: headache, body aches, earache
- Irritability or crying that is unusual for your child
- Abdominal pain that continues for more than 2 hours
- Mouth sores with drooling or rash
- Pink Eye/Conjunctivitis: redness with irritation and goopy discharge
- Lice/Pediculosis: itchy scalp with lice or eggs on close exam
- Rash: from Ringworm, Fifth's Disease (only if there is fever), or Scabies
- Positive COVID Test

When to Return to School:

- After Fever....when temperature is normal for 24 hours without medication like acetaminophen or ibuprofen
- After a prescribed antibiotic...24 hours after the first dose of antibiotic, or with doctor note
- After stomach virus...24 hours after last episode of vomiting or diarrhea
- After pink eye...24 hours after treatment begins
- After lice...after lice treatment, bring along medicine label to nurse inspection; nurse will recheck in 7-10 days
- After scabies...24 hours after treatment started
- After positive COVID test...stay home Day 0 (the first day of symptoms or positive test) and for 5 more days, then return on Day #6, if symptom are improving

Remember:

Just like you, we want to see your child happy, healthy, thriving and...In School!

While some childhood and seasonal illnesses are inevitable, we thank you for helping to keep everyone as healthy as possible this school year. Limit the spread of contagious illnesses by keeping children home until free of fever, free of symptoms, receiving needed treatment, or with a note from the health provider.

TRANSPORTATION CONTACT INFORMATION For After School Hours

Bermudian Springs: Jennifer Heller 717-528-4113 x 1716

Conewago Valley: Bonnie Little 717-624-2157 x 1010

Gettysburg: Bill Bowling - 717-334-6254 x 1263

GMCS Bus: Fairfield Cashtown & Mt Holly

Linda Crider 717-637-7104 Cell# 717-729-6061

Hanover : Kim Smith -717-637-9000 x 6017

Littlestown: Lora Mace -717-359-4146 x 1272

Southwestern: Terri Wineholt -717-632-3822

Southwestern: Lori Rhodes -717-633-4777

Southwestern: Brian Herrell (Director) -717-633-4776

Spring Grove: Lori Stine - 717-225-4731 x 6024

Upper Adams : Shelley Hobbs -717-677-7191 x 2711



Bus Information



School Bus Rules:

Please go over these rules with your child.

- Students must be at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the stop time in the morning and the afternoon.
- Once on the bus, go directly to your seat and sit down facing the front of the bus.
- Changing seats is unacceptable unless told to do so by the driver.
- **Do not stand while the bus is moving.**
- Speak in a quiet voice. **No profanity, no fighting, and no bullying.**
- Have respect for the driver, so they can focus on driving.
- Have respect for the property of the bus. **Do not damage the bus.**
- No food, gum, or drinks are permitted on the bus.
- **ALWAYS REMEMBER TO BE KIND!**



New Website Live!

We've got a new look for 2023.

Our new site is ready to navigate.

www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org



PARENT NIGHT





GETTYSBURG MONTESSORI CHARTER

ENROLLMENT IS NOW ONGOING!

Kindergarten Enrollment:

GMCS is now accepting applications for the
23/24 school year.

Please have enrollment completed by March 31, 2023.

<https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org/admissions/>

Re-enrollment Forms:

Re-enrollment forms need to be completed by March 31, 2023 to secure your spot for the 2023/2024 school year. Please log into your FACTS Family Portal to completed this process. If you do not have a Family Portal or would like a paper copy contact Nikki @ 717-334-1120 or Nwilt@Gettysburgmontessoricharter.org

Report Cards: Report card will be posted on the Family Portal March 31, 2023. Please contact the front office if you need assistance accessing your portal.

Report Card key

Progress Mark Key	
NC	Student has not completed assignments
No Mark	This skill or topic has not yet been introduced to the student
B Beginning	Beginning to develop the skill. Not yet able to demonstrate proficient work. (0%-69% accuracy)
I Improving	Progressing towards proficiency. Able to demonstrate some skill Independently and/or proficient skill with teacher direction or assistance. (I-70%-79% accuracy) (I+ 80%-89% accuracy)
P Proficient	Meeting or exceeding grade-level expectations for skill proficiency. Demonstrating quality independent work consistently. (90% - 100% accuracy)
*	Our class has completed or is currently studying this unit through group lessons and independent practices



Reading Strategies to Support Your Student at Home

Who: Parents and Guardians

What: As a part of "Read Across America", we invite you to join us to review reading strategies that you can use at home to help support the growth of your student in reading. Child care will be available.

When: March 2, 2023 from 3:45-4:30

Where: Gettysburg Montessori Charter School

How: Please RSVP using the link below

<https://forms.gle/j5RmeAoKxvKVjtG49>

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On your mark - READ

You are invited to participate in our GMCS Reading Challenge.

Our school goal is to reach GOLD in each classroom by March 31.



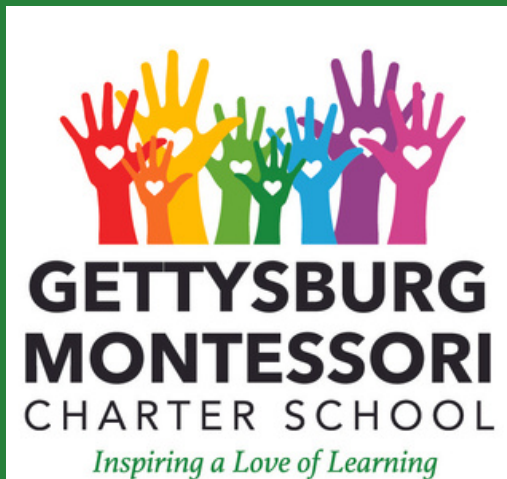
If we can complete this school-wide goal, all students will get Freezy Pops everyday for a week!! Students, who reach gold by March 31 will receive a voucher for free skates for our Reading Challenge Skate Night April 06, 2023.

Fill in the boxes with the book title and parent / teacher initials each week. Return to your teacher when your sheet is completed.

Students will receive bronze, silver and gold medals for each sheet completed. Happy Reading!

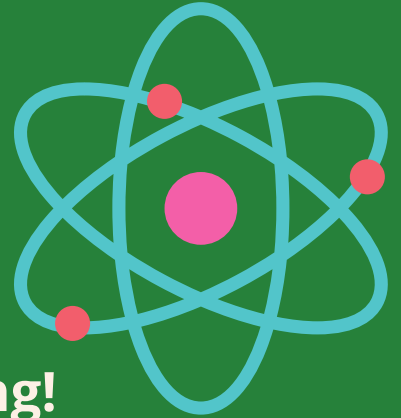
School FUNDRAISING

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School would like to thank you for your participation in our Fundraiser for the 2022/2023 school year. We truly appreciate your support. All the money raised is put towards the student activities and field trips.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH



Science Fair :

Come see what we have been discovering!

Thursday, March 16, 2023, 4pm to 7pm.

Students, Parents and Friends are welcome.

Come enjoy great giveaways and photo booth, with lots more.

Ag Literacy Week :

Ag Literacy Week is March 13 to 17. This year's book is "The Day the Farmers Quit". The students will enjoy listening to a read aloud with this story and corresponding fun activities to promote agriculture.

GMCS ANNUAL RECYCLABLE ART CONTEST

It's time for our 6th annual recyclable art contest! Every spring, all students are given the opportunity to build something made from recyclable materials such as cans, milk jugs, toilet paper rolls, cardboard boxes and more! Students may also include found objects like twigs, rocks, and leaves. Projects may also be painted. Over the years, I've seen the most incredible and ingenious designs created by our amazing students, such as robots, animals, bird feeders, interactive games and more. The possibilities are endless!

Students will be informed about this project in art class during the first full week of March. Project making should take place outside of school and should be brought in upon completion. Students may pick up entry forms from the art room. Entry forms should either be attached to the bottom or back of the projects. Projects must be completed and brought to school by **FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH, 2023**, as the display will be set up that afternoon. Projects will be in display in the library during the week of **April 17th through the 21st**. Throughout that week, students will be judging the projects during art class. Winners will be announced on **FRIDAY, APRIL 21st** and they will receive a prize. Projects should be picked up on **FRIDAY, APRIL 21st** to be taken home. Any projects that cannot be picked up will be kept in the art room for the following week.



MEET THE 2023 YEARBOOK CLUB

Hello GMCS, It's the 6th graders of the 2022-2023 school year! The teachers have put a lot of trust into us this year by allowing us to help with things like writing and doing announcements every morning, creating yearbook pages, taking pictures, and helping with the school store. This year anyone interested in the yearbook had to apply and we are honored to have been chosen! We absolutely love helping everyone and helping as much as we can. You just can't help but smile when you see kids that are happy. We also would like to say how much we appreciate all of the support from teachers and GMCS friends! Yearbook club has been working as hard as they can to make your 2022-2023 yearbook look appealing! The 2023 yearbook club is always caring and helpful to anyone in the club at any time needing help on the yearbook! We are so happy we were only the 2nd 6th grade group to do yearbook club.

Sincerely, The 2023 6th grade yearbook club <3





Yearbook Sale

**Yearbook orders are due by
April 17, 2023.**



**2022-2023
YEARBOOK**

\$23

ORDER ONLINE

Go to:

order.pictures-r-us.com/yearbook

Click on GMCS Yearbook

Enter passcode (case sensitive):

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2 Payment Options Available:

- Paypal (you do not need an account)

- Mail Payment - to our office.

Please include your order# &
Student's Name, Grade & Teacher's Name

****Orders & payment must be received
by: Monday April 17th****

Direct questions to:



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HERSHEYPARK
GROUPS

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School

To order DISCOUNT tickets for 2023 (valid during the 2023 season) please
complete this form with payment and return to mailing address, A
Front Office / **Nicole Wilt** by: **April 7, 2023**

2023 Group Order Form

Please submit Cash or PayPal

Contact: **Nicole Wilt** at Nwilt@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org



Purchase Hersheypark Tickets Here!

PARENT NAME: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PRIMARY EMAIL: _____

Tickets will be available for pick
up the front office.

You will receive an email by
GMCS will distribute tickets
on/or before the week of **May 1,**

ADD-ON Discount Meal Tickets to your order @ \$14.99
each. Pre-purchase and save \$1.96 off the regular price!
Meal ticket is valid at select locations and includes one
entrée, one side, and beverage.

(Select locations only – Please see Hersheypark.com for more details)

Hersheypark Admission Tickets Valid for one
operational day between April and the expiration date.
No refunds or ticket extensions will be offered.

Quantity	Type	Gate Price	YOUR Price	Savings	TOTAL
	Hersheypark Admission (All Ages 3 & up) Valid April – January 1, 2024	\$ 85.80	\$ 42.95	XX% discount	\$
	Meal Tickets	\$16.95	\$14. 99	\$1.96	\$



GRAND TOTAL

\$



Look Ahead April

No School

GMCS will be closed on
April 07 & 10, 2023 for Spring
Break.



ANNOUNCING

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 1 - 5, 2023

We invite all the GMCS Students and Parents to participate in the week long event to honor our special teachers and staff at Gettysburg Montessori Charter School during Teacher Appreciation Week May 1-5. We would love your involvement to make our teachers and staff feel extra special. Please consider donating towards appreciation events.

We are looking for Raffle Basket items as well as sponsors for the following days. If you would like to contribute money, please donate via PayPal or cash. Please contact the front office / Nikki Wilt with any questions or to sponsor a day.

Top Secret packets will be sent home with your child, the last week of April. Please return the packets to the front office

Attention: Nicole Wilt by April 29, 2023

Monday, May 2:

PIZZA

Tuesday, May 3:

DONUTS AND PASTRY

Wednesday, May 4:

LUNCH PROVIDED

Thursday, May 5:

BREAKFAST PROVIDED



Scan. Pay. Go.



Save The Dates

THINK SPRING!

GMCS Skate Party : April 6, 2023

Hershey Park : Tickets due by April 07, 2023

Recyclable Art Contest : April 17-21, 2023

Spring Book Fair: April 17-21, 2023

Yearbook : Orders due by April 17, 2023

PSSA Testing Window : April 24- May 12, 2023

Please contact the office with any questions.