



# HELLO FEBRUARY



## No School

GMCS will be closed on  
February 16 & 19 in observance  
of Presidents' Day

## DELAYS AND CLOSING

Please check our website for weather  
delays & closing information  
at [gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org).  
Emails and text alerts will be sent and  
information is posted on WGAL.

Contact:

[info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](mailto:info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org)  
if you are not receiving alerts.

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# MONTESSORI MOMENTS HIGHLIGHTS

## 5/6 Farm Show Field Trip



# WHEN SHOULD YOU STAY HOME?

## SICK DAY OR SCHOOL DAY?

Wondering when you should keep your child home from school and when it's OK to send them? Help prevent the spread of germs by washing hands and surfaces, and keeping sick kids home from school.

### FEVER

Any fever over 100.4 should be kept at home until 24 hours fever free without any medicine. You should not give your child fever-reducing medicine before school.

### VOMITING & DIARRHEA

Vomiting and diarrhea should be kept home until at least 24 hours with no more symptoms.

### PINKEYE

Pinkeye looks like a red eye, lots of goopy drainage, and intense itching. It is very easily transmittable. Pinkeye must be treated for at least 24 hours with prescription medication from a doctor before returning to school.

### COUGH & COLD

Obvious, disruptive coughs and colds should be kept home until under control. Not only is the student unable to concentrate but they are preading germs to everyone else.

### HEAD LICE

Any student with live active lice must stay home until treated and lice are no longer present. Proof of treatment should be brought to the nurse. Students may come to school with nits but nits should be removed nightly until all clear.

### GENERAL ILLNESS

You know your child best. If they are under the weather and you think they would benefit from staying home and not spreading germs or getting some rest then that is what you should do.

### IT'S A SCHOOL DAY IF:

It's ok to go to school if you have things like allergies, rashes, bug bites, injuries, chronic illnesses (asthma, sickle cell, epilepsy), or if the doctor has cleared your child and says it's ok. If you're not sure then call your school nurse.



**Our school is starting to move to food free classrooms for birthday celebrations due to health and allergy reasons. There are plenty of ideas for a Happy Birthday at school without food.**

**Some ideas include:**

- 1. Supply a craft - Bring in a craft (enough for the class) to complete.**
- 2. Pass out goodies - Bring non-food items for the class like stickers, pencils, pencil toppers, bouncy balls, bookmarks, crayons, etc.**
- 3. Show and tell - The birthday student gets to bring something in from home and share with the class.**
- 4. Have a bubbly recess - Bring small bottles of bubbles and have the class blow bubbles at recess.**
- 5. Share a book - Bring in the child's favorite book for themselves or the teacher to read to the class.**
- 6. Sign a shirt - Bring in a solid color t-shirt or a special birthday shirt that classmates can sign and wear for their birthday.**







## **Food Service Message**

**As the food service provider for your children's school I would like to reintroduce myself.**

**My name is Michelle Michael (Michael's Concessions) The business was established in 1998 providing food services for federal government cafeteria operations, state park seasonal concessions and private catering. Eventually expanding to summer school catering and public school catering.**

**I take pride in offering the freshest highest quality products available in the market at a reasonable rate. I have been the food service provider for Gettysburg Montessori Charter school since the opening of the new facility in 2016.**

**We have formed partnerships with local organic farms and produce vendors to buy local and provide many fresh fruits and vegetables that are served on a daily basis. We also use a limited amount of prepackaged fruits. These are carefully picked to ensure we are using the healthiest options. Examples: Applesauce unsweetened, no artificial flavors, gluten free. Mandarin oranges in 100% fruit juice, BPA free and no artificial flavors.**

**Rest assured that we do not fry any menu items. Even our burgers are baked not fried to ensure the healthiest result possible.**



# KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Open Enrollment



## PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE EVENT

**Who :** Families of children entering Kindergarten for the 24/25 school year

**What :** Tour our school and meet the GMCS community. Learn about Montessori education and transportation options from local school districts.

**When :** February 07, 2024 5:30 to 7pm & March 04, 2024 5:30 to 7pm

**Where:** 888 Coleman Road, Gettysburg PA 17325

**RSVP:** Please respond with your name and choice of date by January 23, 2024, Click [HERE](#) to sign up or call 717-334-1120.

[ENROLL NOW](#)



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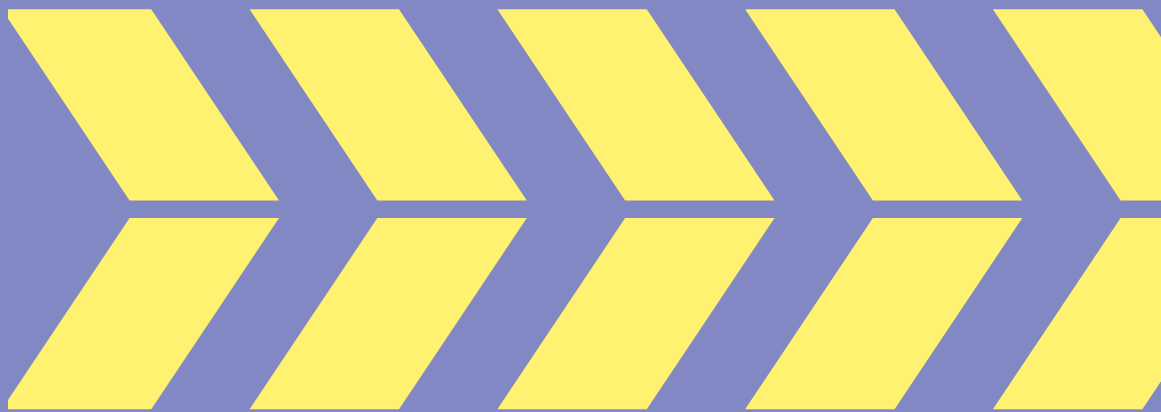
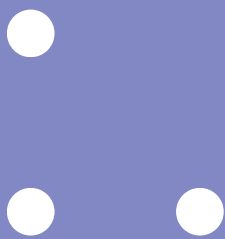




**Hello Families,**

**We are raising funds with Gertrude Hawk Chocolates for GMCS. Catalogs and more information will be sent home with your child.**

**Orders are due to us by Tuesday, February 20 and will ship the week of March 18.**



# GOT TALENT? AUDITION!

OPEN  
TO ALL 2ND TO  
6TH GRADE...  
AND STAFF  
WHERE

WHEN

MUSICIANS, SINGERS,  
DANCERS, ACTORS,  
COMEDIANS,  
MAGICIANS, ETC.

SIGN UP AT THE FRONT  
OFFICE WITH MRS. NIKKI  
BY FEBRUARY 23, 2024

AUDITION WILL TAKE  
PLACE THE WEEK OF  
2/26 TO 03/02.



# MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER!

## Sign up at the Front office

### GMCS TALENT SHOW Audition Form

Performer/ Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

Group Members \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your act: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the title and artist of your music (if you are using music) :

\_\_\_\_\_

Stage needs: Microphone      Piano      Other \_\_\_\_\_

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I agree to abide by all the guidelines. I understand that all submissions/  
performances may be recorded, whether by video, audio or other means.

Performer's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# **Look Ahead March**

**Early Dismissal  
March 1 at 12:00pm**

**No School  
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March 28- April 1, 2024  
for Spring Break.**



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# **READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK**

***MARCH 4 TO MARCH 8***

Join us in celebrating  
with a fun spirit week!

**Monday: Cat in the Hat Day! (Wear a fun hat!)**

**Tuesday: Fox in Socks Day!  
(Wear crazy or fun socks!)**

**Wednesday: Character Book Day  
(Come dressed up like a character from  
Dr. Seuss book)**

**Thursday: Oh, The Places You'll Go Day!  
(Wear a college jersey or shirt!)**

**Friday: One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish Blue Fish  
Day! (Wear a red or blue shirt!)**



# Save The Dates



## **Ag Literacy Week:**

March 11-15, 2024

## **Science Fair :**

Thursday, March 14, 2024

It is open to all grades.

Anyone in grades K-2 who would like to participate or would like more information may contact Mrs. Bechtel - our 3/4 science/ social studies teacher at [kbechtel@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](mailto:kbechtel@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org).

All 3/4 graders and 5/6 graders will be required to submit a project and will receive information in science class.

## **Kindergarten Enrollment:**

GMCS is now accepting applications for the 24/25 school year. Please have enrollment forms to the front office by March 31, 2024.

## **Re-enrollment Forms:**

Re-enrollment forms need to be completed and returned to the front office by March 31, 2024. Forms need to be completed and turned in by the due date to secure your spot for the 2024/2025 school year.

## **Report Cards**

Report card will be posted on the Family Portal March 27, 2024.

Please contact the front office if you need assistance accessing your portal.

## **Talent Show**

March 27, 2024