



Hello April 2025

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School

(717) 334-1120

www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org

No School

**GMCS will be closed on
April 17-21, 2025 for
Spring Break.**





PSSA GRADES 3-6

PSSA Testing Window: April 22-May 09, 2025

PSSA Testing Make-ups May 5-9, 2025

Parents of all Students in Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6,

GMCS will participate in the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) from April 23, 2025, through May 2, 2025. Please see the schedule below for dates and grade-level participation.

- ELA - April 23, 24, 25 for Grades 3 to 6
- Math - April 29, 30 for Grades 3 to 6
- Science - May 1, 2 for Grade 5 only

All 3rd through 6th grade students are expected to participate in these assessments which are monitored by trained staff to ensure validity. Students should arrive by 8:30 AM each day. Students will need to bring a book to read if they complete the assessment before 11:00. Breakfast will be provided each day of testing. Please review the attached documents from the Pennsylvania Department of Education regarding Parent Information, the Code of Conduct for Test Takers, Frequently Asked Questions, and Calculator Usage.

All 3-6 students will have an opportunity to earn a fun day for positively participating and putting forth their best effort on the PSSA's. At GMCS we encourage our students to put forth their best effort and take pride in their work each day, and we extend these standards to the PSSA's.

<https://gettysburgmontessoricharterschool.hubbli.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/566/2024/03/FAQs-for-Parents-PSSA-Spring-2024.pdf>

Thank you,
GMCS

LET'S SHOW OUR SCHOOL
SPIRIT AS WE CONQUER
THE PSSA

APRIL 22-29

Tuesday, April 22

ORANGE you excited to rock the PSSA? Wear **ORANGE**

Wednesday, April 23

You are as **"BRIGHT"** as the sun! Wear **YELLOW!**

Thursday, April 24

CALM your mind by wearing **BLUE!**

Friday, April 25

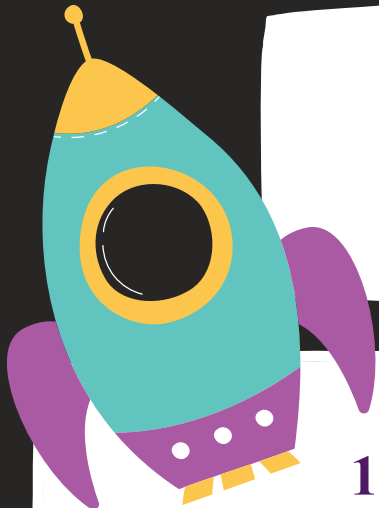
Go for the **GREEN!** Be **PROFICIENT!** Wear **GREEN**

Monday, April 28

PURPLE is power! You have the **POWER** to do a great job
on the PSSA! Wear **PURPLE!**

Tuesday, April 29

GMCS is **"RED-y"** for the test! Wear **RED!**



Science Fair Winners



1st Place

Jackson and Lelia



2nd Place

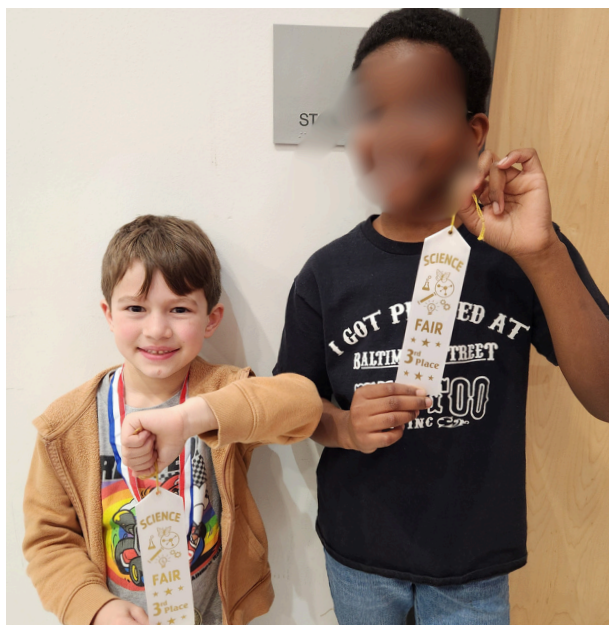
Debbie and Maya



Lower Elementary

3rd Place

Carson and Xavier



1st Place Emmett Dean

2nd Place Asher Rudy



3rd Place - Abbey and Lilyen



2025 GMCS CAREER DAY

What an outstanding Career Day! A huge thank you to our incredible community members who made this day possible:

Emily Fleming, Adams County Probation
Jessica Dean, Celebrate Gettysburg
PA State Trooper Brynn Markley
Andrea Shockaey, Adams Regional EMS
Sarah Mackey, Gettysburg FD
Sarah Dull, Members 1st
Jason Shoe, Shoe Ortho
Jeanna Ploski, Tonality Music Therapy
Keri Bechtel, STEM
Cassandra Milhimes, Rosensteel Insurance
Den Stock, The Stock Farm
Kate House, Empowerment Coach
Karen Solomon, Doodles and Joy
Sonya Best, Gettysburg Best
Logan Reeve, Thrive Performance

Your time, dedication, and passion inspire our students—thank you for making this day unforgettable!



**OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL
GO**



GMCS SUMMER CAMP



Dear Parent(s)/Guardians,

We are excited to offer GMCS Summer Camp, held at GMCS from July 21-24 and July 28-31, from 9:00-11:30 AM. A snack will be provided.

The camp is open to students attending GMCS in grades K-6 for the 2025-2026 school year. It's a great opportunity to prepare for the upcoming year while enjoying fun, enriching experiences!

New kindergarten students will be introduced to routines, procedures, and school-wide expectations by our teachers and staff.

Transportation: Parents/guardians must provide transportation.

Please submit the permission slip by May 19, 2025. Let us know if you have any questions!

You can reach us anytime
(717) 334-1120 or www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org



Dear Families:

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Allowing Kids to choose their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become bolder, prouder, and stronger readers. Plus, as always every book they buy earns rewards for our school!

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place from April 07 to April 11 at GMCS.

This year, say goodbye to cash and hello to eWallet—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then shop at our school's Online Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/gettysburgmontcharterschool>

Parents can shop on April 10, 2024, from 3:15 pm to 5:00 pm

The countdown to more book joy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

GMCS



GMCS ANNUAL RECYCLABLE ART CONTEST

It's time for our 8th 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!

Students will learn details about the project at the beginning of March. Project making will 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 4th, 2025**, as the display will be set up that afternoon. Projects will be on display in the library from **APRIL 7-16th**. Throughout the week of the **7th – 11th**, students will be judging the projects during art class. Winners will be announced on **FRIDAY, APRIL 11th** and they will receive a prize. Projects should be taken home on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16th**. Any projects that cannot be picked up will be kept in the art room for the following week.





Mobile Dentist

New Date April 7, 2025

The Family First Dental Team makes its second (and final) visit to GMCS for the 2024 - 25 school year on Monday, April 7, 2025. Students who participated in the fall dental program, will receive a second no-cost dental exam, cleaning, and X-rays (if needed) during the school day on April 7.

Any student registered for the fall visit is automatically included in the spring dental visit. If you do not want your child to have a dental exam on Monday, April 7, please notify the school nurse immediately.

If your child did NOT participate in the fall dental program, AND you would like to register your child for the dental exam and cleaning, please complete the registration form and return it to the school nurse by Monday, April 2, 2025.

Registration forms may be found online, or at the front office. Let the nurse know if you want her to send home a paper registration form in your child's backpack.

<https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/566/2025/02/New-Registration-2024-2025-Forms-PDF-1.pdf>

Please call or email Nurse Chapman with any questions about this program.
(717) 334-1120
achapman@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org



2025 Individual Order Form



Benefit Your Organization by Purchasing Your Tickets Here!

To order discounted *Hersheypark*® tickets for the 2025 season, complete this form with payment and return to the following mailing address.

Please make checks payable to: **Gettysburg Montessori Charter School**

Please send payment to ATTN: **Nicole Wilt**

Nwilt@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org

Deadline: **04/11/2025**

PARENT'S NAME		CHILD'S NAME			
MAILING ADDRESS (no PO Boxes)		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTY
EMAIL ADDRESS	PRIMARY PHONE ()		SECONDARY PHONE ()		

One Day Group Admissions

All Age Admission (ages 3+)	Full Price	Your Rate	Total Quantity	Total Cost
Ticket valid during 2025 operating season	\$87.80	\$45.00		\$

All Age Admission tickets for ages 3 and up. All tickets are valid for any one day during the 2025 operational season. Tickets are non-refundable. All tickets expire with the expiration date indicated on the ticket.

Gettysburg Montessori will distribute tickets on/or before the week of **April 21, 2025**
A distribution plan will be communicated.



2024-2025

YEARBOOK

\$25

New!

UPGRADE

- Personalization + \$5 on cover

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Enter passcode (case sensitive):

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****Orders & payment must be received by: Tuesday April 22nd****



Direct any questions to:

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410.756.2266 or 1.888.756.2266

www.Pictures-R-Us.com

kimk@pictures-r-us.com

YEARBOOK

Attention 6th Grade Parents



Dear GMCS 6th grade Families:

It is a PA State requirement that all 6th grade students have a physical exam.

If you have not already provided a completed 6th grade physical exam form to the school nurse, please schedule an appointment with your primary care provider.

This exam may be completed by the student's primary care provider (MD, DO, CRNP, PA), and it must be within the past year. Sports physicals can also be accepted. If the exam has been done, please email the form, have your physician's office fax it school, or send the hard copy into school. The form is available on the GMCS website or the nurse's office.

Also, please note that it is a PA State requirement for all students entering 7th grade to receive the Tdap vaccine (for tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis) and the MCV vaccine (for meningococcal). These vaccines are often given at the time of the 6th grade physical.


All school districts in the area follow the first day exclusion policy. If a student arrives for the first day of 7th grade without having received all the required vaccines (or exemption status), the student will be sent home from school until the vaccinations are up to date.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school nurse by email or by calling GMCS.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter!

PS: 5th grade families- if your child has an annual well-child check-up this summer, please ask to have the 6th grade physical exam form completed at that time, for the 2024-2025 school year.

Sincerely,
Nurse Chapman
GMCS phone 717-334-1129
GMCS fax 717-334-2634
achapman@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org





GMCS Proudly presents
Family Skate Night at Magic Elm
located in Hanover
Let's roll into Spring break
with some family fun!

Admission is free.
Skate rental is
\$3.00

Date: Monday, April 14, 2025
Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Location - 625 W Elm Ave,
Hanover, PA 17331

Please Note

***This is NOT a drop off event.**

Parent supervisors are required *

PLAYGROUND

PARENTAL OR GUARDIAN SUPERVISION REQUIRED FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - PLAY AT YOUR OWN RISK

General Playground Safety Guidelines:

Supervision: All students must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Equipment Checks: Please report any damaged or malfunctioning equipment to the office immediately.

Safe Play: Encourage students to play safely, avoid roughhousing, and be mindful of others.

Weather Awareness: Ensure students are dressed appropriately for the weather and limit outdoor time if conditions require it.

Dogs: Dogs are not permitted in the playground area.





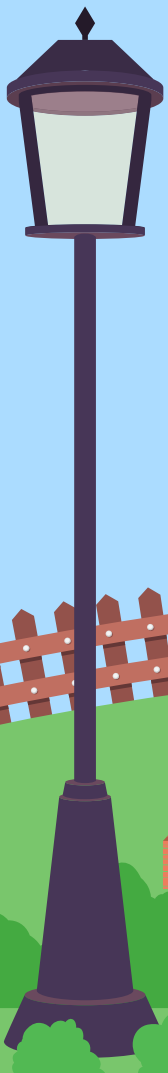
Look Ahead May

Early Dismissal

May 9 & May 30, 2025

No School on May 26, 2025

Last Day of School May 30, 2024





ANNOUNCING

Staff Appreciation Week

May 05-09, 2024

We invite all GMCS students and parents to participate in the week-long event honoring our amazing teachers and staff at Gettysburg Montessori Charter School during Teacher Appreciation Week will take place from May 05-09. 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 food sponsors. 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, in the last week of April. Please return the packets to the front office
Attention: Nicole Wilt by April 30, 2025



Scan. Pay. Go.

Save The Dates

Staff Appreciation Week: May 05-09, 2025

ASPCA Collection: May 1-17, 2025

GMCS Reunion: May 09, 2025

Field Day: May 16, 2025

Music Drama Club Event: May 08, 2025

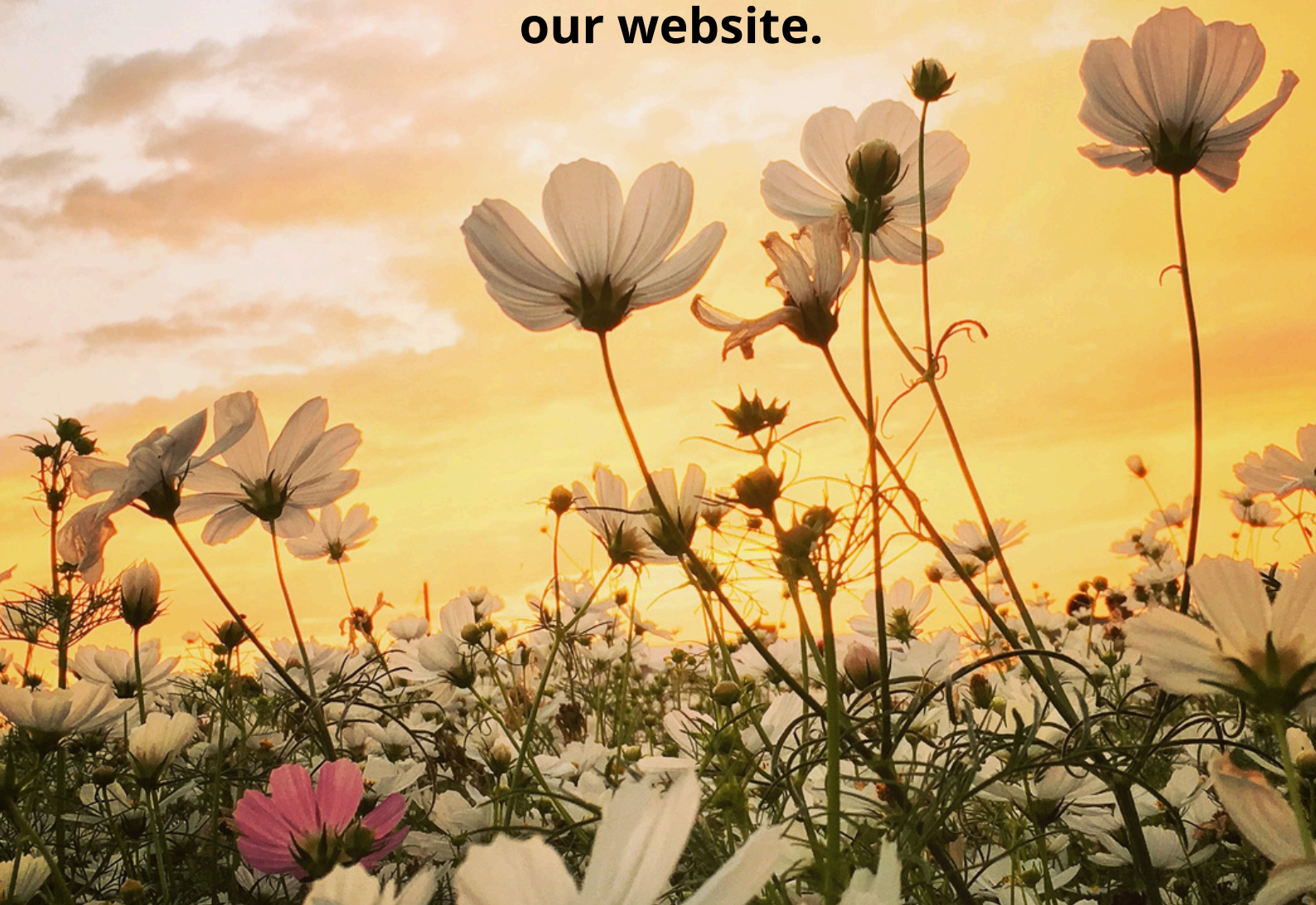
Kindergarten Graduation: May 29, 2025

6th Grade Graduation: May 29, 2025

Last day of school - Half day - May 30, 2025

School Calendar

**GMCS 25/26 School calendar can be located on
our website.**



Gettysburg Montessori Charter School Calendar 2025-2026

August						2025
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August 11-20 Room Prep /
Professional Development
Aug 20 First Day of School

September						2025
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Sept 1 No School / Labor Day Holiday
Sept 10 Early Dismissal 12:00
Sept 19 No School / Teacher Report

October						2025
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Oct 08 Early Dismissal 12:00
Oct 13 No School/Teacher Report
Oct 24 End of marking period

November						2025
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Nov 07 No School / Teacher
Report – Parent-Teacher
Conference
Nov 26-28 No School
Thanksgiving Holiday

December						2025
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Dec 01 No school
Dec 10 Early Dismissal 12:00
Dec 22 – Jan 02
No School/Winter Break

January						2026
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Jan 01-02 Winter Break
Jan 16 End of marking period
Jan 16 Early Dismissal 12:00
Jan 19 No School/MLK Day

February						2026
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Feb 12 Early Dismissal 12:00
Feb 13 No School
Feb 16 No School / Teacher Report

March						2026
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March 11 Early Dismissal 12:00
March 24 End of the marking period

April						2026
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April 2-6 No School Spring Holiday
Apr 20-30 PSSA Testing
Apr 15 Early Dismissal 12:00

May						2026
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May 1-8 PSSA Testing
May 25 No School
May 29 Last Day / Dismissal 12:00

June						2026
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Professional Development 06/01-06/05

	First day of school
	No School
	No School / Teachers Report
	PSSA Testing Window
	Marking Period Ends
	Early Dismissal for Students
	Last Day of School