



# OCTOBER

*GmCS newsletter*

## IMPORTANT INFO:



**Early Dismissal**

**October 08, 2025 at 12 pm**

**No School**

**October 13, 2025**



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10/01- BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 4-5:30 PM
- LEAP LEARNING CLUB
- COFFEE FUNDRAISER
- 10/31 - COSTUME DAY

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School  
(717) 334-1120 <https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org>





# GMCS OPEN HOUSE

**October 1, 2025 4 pm to 5:30 pm**

**The Book Fair will be open from 3:30pm - 5:30 pm.**

What is an Open House? An Open House is a school event where parents and students are invited to come in, tour the classrooms, and meet the teachers. It's a chance for families to: Get a feel for the learning environment and learn more about Montessori Works. Hear about curriculum, expectations, and classroom routines. Meet teachers, specialists, and support staff. Ask questions in an informal setting.

## **Information Sessions Schedule in Multipurpose Room**

4:30–4:50 PM — Upper Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade

4:50–5:15 PM — Lower Elementary K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

5:15–5:45 PM — Special Education with Mrs. Black

5:45–6:00 PM — RTI with Mrs. Stauffer and Mrs. Kansagra

**Montessori Meet-Up** 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Weather permitting, we'll have K & K concession on site and plenty of time to enjoy the playground together! Bring your appetite, your smiles, and your sense of community spirit.

**K & K** concession truck will accept cash or card for your convenience.

# FALL SPIRIT WEEK

October 27 to October 31, 2025

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27**

Flannel Day  
or Fall colors

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28**

Everything Pumpkin day!  
Wear pumpkin-themed  
clothes. Show the pumpkin  
love and orange it out!

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29**

Ghoulish Pj's Day!  
It's Pajamas day. Wear your  
favorite Halloween or any  
PJ's today!

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30**

Spooky Day - head to  
toe Halloween



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31**



Costume Day - must be weapon free  
and we must be able to see the  
students' faces.

In addition, GMCS will hold our  
School Parade on Friday at 1:20 pm.  
Families are welcome to come and  
watch your students walk in the  
parade. RSVP link and more details  
will be shared via email later this  
week.

We look forward to celebrating





# GMCS

## Trunk or Treat October 29, 2025

We're looking for donations and decorated cars to make this event a success! If you'd like to host a trunk, we are accepting the first 20 cars to sign up.

When: October 29, 2025  
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Where: GMCS Parking Lot. Bring your family, dress in costume, and enjoy decorated trunks, candy, games, and community fun. We can't wait to see our students and families in their Halloween best!

Contact Nikki Wilt to reserve your spot @  
[Nwilt@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](mailto:Nwilt@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org)







# Front Office Reminders

## October 2025

### Attendance

There are small steps that all parents can take to monitor and limit absences, thereby enhancing their child's academic success. At Gettysburg Montessori Charter School, we strive to be consistent with our policy in order to ensure your child's academic success at school.

- If possible make appointments for your child before or after school. If a student leaves early, or comes in late due to an appointment a doctor's note is required in order for the appointment to be excused.
- Please email your absence and doctor's note to [Info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](mailto:Info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org)
- If a student is out for 3 consecutive days, a doctor's note is required. If a student has missed 10 days of school, cumulatively, a doctor's note is required for every absence beyond 10 days.
- Tardies add up! If your student regularly arrives late or leaves early (even if it's 5 minutes), this time will add up to a half or whole day of school missed.

**[FIND MORE TIPS](#)**





# Transportation Reminder October 2025



## Changes to Transportation or After-School Routines

- **To ensure student safety and clear communication, any change to a student's after-school routine (for example: riding a bus instead of being picked up, or being picked up by someone different) requires written or verbal permission from the parent/guardian.**
- **Deadline for Notification: All changes must be submitted to the office no later than 1:00 PM on the day of the change.**
- **How to Notify: Parents/guardians may notify the office by phone or email.**
- **Email Requirements: Include the specific date(s) the change will occur. Address the email to your child(ren)'s teacher, [info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](mailto:info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org)**






# Transportation Information



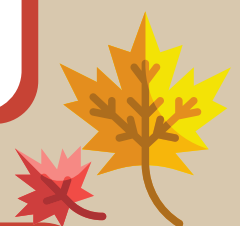
## BUS RULES

Stay seated (back to back/bottom to bottom)  
Keep your hands to yourself  
Use whisper voices  
Use kind words  
Always listen to the bus driver




## Bus Conduct Consequences

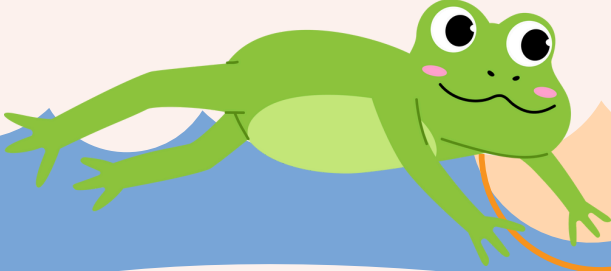

1st offense: Verbal warning and parent notification  
2nd offense: Lunch Detention and parent notification  
3rd offense: 3-day bus suspension  
4th offense: 4-day bus suspension  
5th offense: 5 day bus suspension  
6th offense: 10 day bus suspension  
7th offense: 15 day bus suspension  
8th offense: Loss of bus privileges for the remainder of the school year



## Changes in Transportation :

Please call the school by 1:00 pm.  
No changes will be made after 1:00 pm.

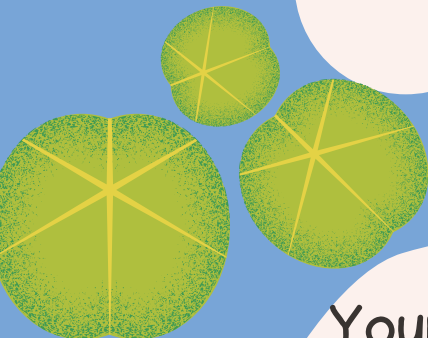




GMCS presents...


# LEAP: LEARNING ENGAGEMENT AND PLAY

## WHY JOIN LEAP?



Your child will have the opportunity to participate in hands on, engaging, and educational after school activities, aligned with state standards!

First Day:  
11/4/25



We teach in two groups, K-2 and 3-6!

Tutoring will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30!

## WANT TO JOIN IN?

Fill out the attached flyer or email

[mharmon@gettysburgmontessori.org](mailto:mharmon@gettysburgmontessori.org)







# LEAP Sign Up

## Student/Parent Information

Student Name:

Parent Name:

Grade:

Teacher:

Parent Email:

Parent Phone #:

Circle which days you would like your child to come for LEAP:

Tuesdays

Thursdays

Tuesdays and Thursdays





# DONATIONS NEEDED



As you tidy up closets this fall, we welcome donations to help stock our school's health room supply closet.

We are especially in need of:

- Elastic waist pants
- T-shirts
- Sweatshirts

Please ensure items are clean and clearly labeled with the size on the outside of the bag. Add a note that says "Health Room Donation."

Your generosity makes a difference—thank you for supporting our students in this simple but meaningful way!

Warmly,  
GMCS







## Coffee Fundraiser

We are raising funds with Common Ground Coffee Company for Students Activities. Orders are due to us by Monday, October 27th, and will be available for pick up the week of November 5, 2025. Please send the order form with Cash or PayPal to the front office. Please call the front office with any questions.



common ground coffee co.

### Coffee and a Cause

#### Common ground coffee co.

is a family-owned specialty-grade coffee company with a focus on fundraisers. Our fundraisers are profitable, simple and run year-round generating funds for non-profit organizations.

- 16oz bags of fresh roasted coffee
- Co-branded labels for your specific fundraiser
- Year-round ordering online



**Scan. Pay. Go.**

First Name :	Last Name :
Email :	Grade/Age :
phn :	Organiser :
Sale Ends :	Delivery Date :

#	Customer Name / Address/Phn	Email Address
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For more information on our flavors and blends,  
please visit us at [www.cgcoffee.com](http://www.cgcoffee.com) or scan



**We have teamed up with Bag the Bounty food drive. There is a donation box located in the front office.**



# FOOD DRIVE



**NOW THRU OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>**

## Participating Food Programs

Adams Rescue Mission • Benders Evangelical Lutheran Church  
 Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen • God's Meal Barrel • John's Meals  
 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church • New Hope Ministries • Pathstone, Inc.  
 Ruth's Harvest – Fairfield • Ruth's Harvest – Gettysburg • Ruth's Harvest – Littlestown  
 Safe Home – Hanover YWCA • SCCAP Food Pantry  
 Under the Horizon Blessing Boxes • Upper Adams Food Pantry  
 West Point Retreat – East Berlin

## COLLECTION POINTS

ACNB Carroll Valley  
 ACNB East Berlin  
 ACNB Lincoln Square  
 ACNB Littlestown  
 ACNB McSherrystown  
 ACNB New Oxford  
 ACNB North Gettysburg  
 ACNB North Hanover  
 ACNB Operations Center – V-Twin Drive  
 ACNB South Hanover  
 ACNB Upper Adams/Biglerville  
 ACNB West Gettysburg  
 Adams County Children's Advocacy Center  
 Adams County Office for Aging – Gettysburg  
 Bermudian Springs School District  
 Carroll Valley Library  
 Destination Gettysburg  
 Fairfield School District  
 Fairfield Senior Center  
 Gettysburg Day Spa  
 Gettysburg Library  
 Gettysburg Presbyterian Church  
 Gettysburg Times  
 Hanover YWCA

Harbaugh Thomas Library – Biglerville  
 Hollabaugh Bros. Market  
 Kennie's Market – Biglerville  
 Kennie's Market – Gettysburg  
 Kennie's Market – Littlestown  
 Littlestown Library  
 Littlestown Senior Center  
 Littlestown YMCA  
 McSherrystown Senior Center  
 New Oxford Area Library  
 North Hanover YMCA  
 South Hanover YMCA  
 St. Francis Xavier Catholic School  
 The Arc of York & Adams Counties – Deatrick Commons  
 Trone Memorial Library – East Berlin  
 United Way of Adams County  
 Upper Adams Senior Center  
 Upper Adams School District  
 Weis Market – East Berlin  
 Weis Market – Gettysburg  
 WellSpan Health  
 York Springs Senior Center  
 YWCA Gettysburg-Adams

## MOST WANTED ITEMS

Single Serving Items  
 Canned Fish & Meats  
 Canned & Boxed Meals  
 Chunky Soups & Stews  
 Canned Fruits & Vegetables  
 Rice & Pasta • Boxed Cereals  
 100% Fruit Juice • Cake & Muffin Mixes  
 Peanut Butter & Jelly  
 Shampoo & Conditioner  
 Bath Soap & Deodorant  
 Baby Food & Diapers  
 Powdered/Shelf-Stable Milk  
 Dish & Laundry Detergent  
 Cleaning Products  
 Toilet Paper & Paper Towels  
 Toothpaste & Brushes



# We need your help!

We need your help honoring our veterans  
GMCS students will be honoring veterans during the  
week of November 11, 2025.

As a special patriotic tribute, students will write  
letters thanking veterans for their service and for  
defending the freedoms we all enjoy.

If you know a veteran, please send their name and  
mailing address to Nicole Wilt at  
[nwilt@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](mailto:nwilt@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org) by  
November 1, 2025.

Thank you for helping our students show gratitude  
in a meaningful way.

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# **NOVEMBER LOOK AHEAD**

No School  
November 07, 2025

No School  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
November 28 to December 1, 2025

hello  
FALL





GETTYSBURG MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL

# Laser TAG

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST • 5-9PM**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO GETTYSBURG MONTESSORICHARTERSCHOOL!



- PARKOUR!
- LASER TAG!
- PIZZA!
- MOVIES!
- VIDEO GAMES!
- AND MORE!

**SAVE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT BY  
CALLING OR TEXTING  
(717)698-5298**

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REGISTER  
HERE!



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# Save the Date

**Parent Teacher Conferences 11/03 to 11/07**

**Parent Night Out 11/01**

**Report Cards post online 11/07**

**Veterans Day 11/11**

**World Kindness Day 11/13**

**Gift Catalog Fundraiser 11/01-11/30**

**Skating Party at Magic Elm 11/25**

**Mobile Ag Lab 11/10-11/14**



*ALWAYS REMEMBER*

*TO BE KIND . . .*