



NOVEMBER

GMCS newsletter

IMPORTANT INFO:

Early Dismissal

November 12, 2025 at 12 pm

No School

November 07, 2025

November 26 to December 1



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 11/11 VETERANS DAY
- LEAF - TUTORING CLUB
- FUNDRAISER
- MOBILE AG LAB
- GMCS SKATE NIGHT

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School

(717) 334-1120 <https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org>





TRANSPORTATION

newsletter

IMPORTANT INFO:

Dear GMCS Families,

A huge thank you to you all for your patience and support! We truly appreciate it. As the school year continues we strive to ensure smooth and safe drop off and dismissal procedures. If you have any questions regarding transportation, feel free to reach out to Ms. Laci at lsmith@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org & info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org. You can also call 717-334-1120.

Important Reminders:

- Goodbyes in advance: Please say your goodbyes, hugs, and kisses while waiting in line—not once your vehicle has stopped in the drop-off zone.
- If there is a change in your student's transportation plans please call or email the office before 1:00pm with the change.
- Be ready: Your child should be unbuckled, backpack in hand, and ready to exit when you pull into the drop-off zone.
- Stay in line: Do not pull ahead of cars or buses unless a staff member directs you.
- Practice patience: A little extra time and grace go a long way for everyone.
- It is a rule of all transporting districts, that students are not allowed to ride the bus home with another student. Students may ride together as car riders if we have a note from both families stating such.



BUS SAFETY PLEDGE
I PROMISE TO BE SAFE
ON THE BUS.
I WILL LISTEN TO MY DRIVER,
STAY IN MY SEAT,
USE KIND WORDS AND
RESPECT EVERYONE AROUND ME.
TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A
EVERY BUS RIDE SAFE.





SCHOOL BUS SAFETY RULES:

- No eating or drinking on the bus.
- Stay in your seat and face forward, **NEVER** stand when the bus is in motion.
- Do not lean into the aisle. The aisle must stay clear.
- Keep your hands to yourself.
- Use whisper voices.
- Do not say inappropriate words or use inappropriate gestures.
- Use kind words.
- No vaping.
- No fighting.
- Do not throw anything on the bus.
- Do not litter or damage any property on the bus.
- Always listen and respect your bus driver.



Bus Conduct Consequences

The severity of the bus offense will determine the

appropriate sanction including potential suspension and/or loss of bus privileges.

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



ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT GMCS

Attendance is a crucial component of academic success. Students who attend school regularly have a greater chance of achieving their goals. Each day in class is another opportunity to learn, grow, and move forward.

Good attendance benefits students not only in school, but also as they move into college and future careers. By showing up consistently, students maximize their learning potential and build strong habits for success.

On October 27, 2025, GMCS held a special raffle to celebrate students with perfect attendance during Term 1. A total of 89 students were entered for the chance to win a set of Hershey Park tickets!

Congratulations to all of our GMCS students for their excellent attendance. Keep it up—every day counts toward achieving your goals tomorrow. #AttendanceMattersAtGMCS

Hershey park ticket winners



We're excited to announce our Beef Jerky Fundraiser in partnership with Stoney Point Snacks! Each student will be sent home with a fundraising packet! Every sale helps support GMCS programs and student activities.

The poster features a background image of beef jerky on a wooden cutting board. In the center, there is a black shield-shaped logo with a red border. Inside the shield, there is a graphic of a deer head at the top, two crossed knives in the middle, and two animal heads (possibly a dog and a cat) at the bottom. Below the graphic, the text "STONEY POINT SNACKS" is written in a serif font. Below the shield, there are three red chevrons pointing downwards. At the bottom of the poster, there is a white rectangular box containing the logo for Gettysburg Montessori Charter School, which consists of seven colorful hands (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, and pink) holding a white heart. Below the hands, the text "GETTYSBURG MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL" is written in a bold, sans-serif font, and below that, the tagline "Inspiring a Love of Learning" is written in a smaller, italicized font. At the very bottom of the poster, the text "BEEF JERKY FUNDRAISER" is written in a large, bold, red, sans-serif font.

**STONEY POINT
SNACKS**



**GETTYSBURG
MONTESSORI
CHARTER SCHOOL**
Inspiring a Love of Learning

BEEF JERKY FUNDRAISER

GMCS

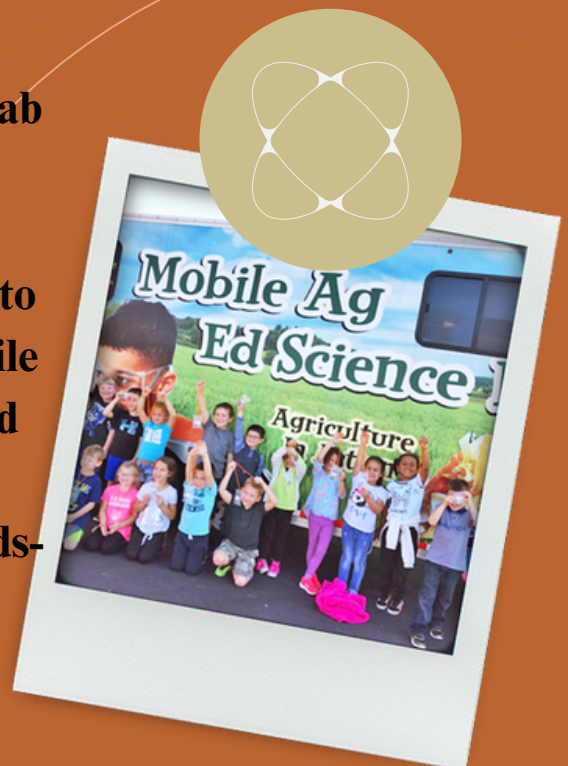
News

Join
Us
Now

Parent - Teacher Conferences
are scheduled for **November 03-07**
Please contact your teachers to schedule a
conference.

Mobile AG Lab **November 10 to November 14**

The Mobile Agriculture Education Science Lab is a 40-foot mobile classroom that travels across the state of Pennsylvania bringing an interactive field trip style experience directly to schools and students in grades K-8. The Mobile Ag Lab is equipped with over 30 STEM-based science experiments and lessons, a certified teacher, and all the supplies needed for a hands-on learning experience.





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\$500,000

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Dear Parents,

Educational technology and funding changes daily. To keep up with these changes and expenses, our school is partnering with Weis Markets® in their annual Weis 4 School™ program. Register your Weis Rewards™ card online at weis4school.com. By participating in this program, we can earn money for our school by simply shopping. Once you register, you're in the program and you do not need to register again this school year. Please share this information with your friends and family. The more interest and enthusiasm we generate, the greater the benefits to our school.

Thank you for your support.



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WORLD KINDNESS DAY



On Thursday, November 13, 2025, GMCS students will join together to celebrate World Kindness Day!

The day will include:

- **Anti-Bullying Assembly** – promoting respect, empathy, and the power of kindness.
- **“You Be You” Rock Painting** – a creative activity where students will design kindness rocks to spread positivity throughout our school community.

We look forward to a meaningful day of celebrating the importance of kindness, acceptance, and being true to ourselves.



ALWAYS REMEMBER



TO BE KIND



LET'S CELEBRATE
World
KINDNESS WEEK
NOVEMBER 11 - 15

Monday, November 10

Peace, love & kindness! "Tied together with Kindness".
Wear your tie dye, tie, bowtie, bow, hair tie scrunchie.

Tuesday, November 11

Red, White and Blue Day

Wednesday, November 12

Bright and happy! Wear bright colors today and proclaim
that our future is bright when we are kind!

Thursday, November 13

Keep Calm and be Kind! Wear Pj's

Friday, November 14 - Red Shirt Day





RED SHIRT DAY

Let's all wear red on Friday, November 21, 2025, to show our support and raise awareness for education for children and youth experiencing homelessness!

The Education for Children and Youth (ECYEH) Awareness Week raises awareness of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, focusing on providing educational stability and consistency to students experiencing homelessness in Pennsylvania.



The goal of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is to ensure that each homeless child or youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, and extra-curricular activities, as provided to other children and youths. The Gettysburg Montessori Charter School will ensure that children and youth who are homeless are free from discrimination, segregation, and harassment. Any information regarding each student's homeless status shall be handled in a confidential and professional manner by school and system personnel.



FID DAYS (FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTION DAY)

25-26 School Year

Schedule

Schedule for FID Days

- 10:30 AM — Morning Announcements & Class Kickoff
- Students in 1st through 6th grade should log into Google Classroom at 10:30 AM to view the morning announcements and take part in their morning meeting.
- Afterward, teachers will share instructions for the day's assignments and activities.

Technology Support:

- If your child needs a hotspot for FID participation, please contact the office.
- Parents are encouraged to request a hotspot before a FID occurs to ensure access.

Reminders

- Students should not complete FID packets before a FID is announced.
- The packet must remain available in case technology is not accessible on a FID.
- If technology is unavailable, students are required to complete all assignments for each day at home in order to receive credit.

Attendance

- Students will be marked absent until the school receives:
- Written notification of their participation/attendance in the FID and
- The completed packet, returned on the first school day following the FID.
- If a student is absent during a FID, the absence will be recorded as unexcused unless GMCS receives a proper excuse from a parent/guardian.

DELAYS AND CLOSING



Please check our website for weather delays & closing information at gettysburgmontessoricharter.org. Emails and text alerts will be sent and information is posted on WGAL.

Contact
info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org
if you are not receiving alerts.



GMCS Proudly presents
Family Skate Night at Magic Elm
located in Hanover

Let's roll into Thanksgiving break with some family fun!

Student admission & skate rental are free.

Date: November 25, 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 ***

DONATIONS NEEDED



*GMCS is accepting donations for local nursing homes.
Items will be collected through December 12, 2025.
Donation box is in the lobby.*

Help spread Joy throughout this season.

-tissue paper and construction

-paper for crafts

-picture books

-dot to dot books

-body wash

-lotion

-deodorant

-hairbrush

-table top organizer

-pens

-wordfinds

-crayons

-colored pencils

-ChapStick

-glue sticks

-bottle glue for crafts



2025 HOLIDAY SHOP



Dear GMCS Families,

After careful consideration, we have decided not to host a Holiday Shop during school hours this year. Instead, families are invited to shop together after school on **December 16th, 17th, and 18th from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM** while supplies last.

We look forward to sharing this festive time with you!

With gratitude,
GMCS Administration



Dental & Physical Exam

Kindergarten and entering students: Physical Exams, Vaccinations Records and Dental Exams

3rd Grade: Dental Exam

6th Grade: Physical Exam

All students entering the public school system are required by the state of Pennsylvania to have a physical exam, vaccination record (or exemption) and dental exam on file with the school.

In addition, all **3rd graders** are required to have an additional **dental exam** completed, with a form provided to the school.

Also, all **6th graders** are required to have a **physical exam**, with the form provided to the school.

Thank you so much to everyone who has turned these forms into the school. We know it's a busy time of year and appreciate your efforts! If you are still working on making appointments or picking up completed forms - thank you! It's not too late. These forms are still needed for the 2025-2026 school year.

The forms are available on the GMCS website or can be picked up from the school. If you have any questions or can provide the date of an upcoming appointment when forms will be completed, please call the school nurse at 717-334-1120.

Thank you!
Nurse Zinn & Snyder



Mobile School Dentist Program

ENROLLMENT – QR Flyer

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Our **Family First Health Mobile Dental Team** will visit your child's school during the school day to provide dental care. The school will have information on the exact dates we'll be there. After each visit, we'll send a **paper** home with your child that explains what we did and if more care is needed.

Dental problems are one of the main reason kids miss school. This program helps kids get dental care without missing much of their school day. The school works with **Family First Health Mobile Dental Program** to plan the day so it's easy for everyone. We will **bill** your insurance if you have it. If not, we may be able to help you find coverage. Students enrolled in the program will get the following care, as needed: dental exam(s), X-rays, dental cleaning(s), fluoride treatments, protective sealants, and oral health education.

For your child to participate in the **2025-2026** program year, you must complete a separate **enrollment form** for each child. You can do so easily online with a smart phone, tablet, or computer. Forms must be submitted in advance of the first visit to your child's school.



Scan this
QR code
with a
smart phone's
camera



-OR-



Type this web link into an internet browser

<https://familyfirsthealth.jotform.com/251734387844063>

If you don't have a device or internet, ask your school nurse for a paper form to fill out and return to them.

We're happy to help your child stay healthy and smiling!
If you have **questions**, please call any of our **Family First Health** Dental Sites.



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ORDERS DUE BY:

11/17/2025

REGISTER,
SHARE, &
SHOP @

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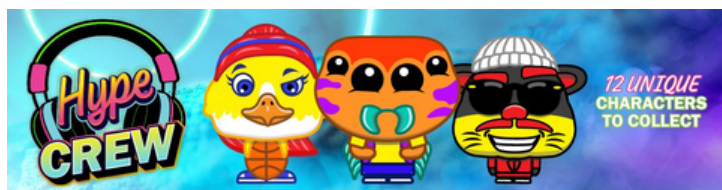
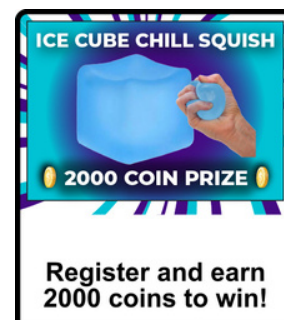
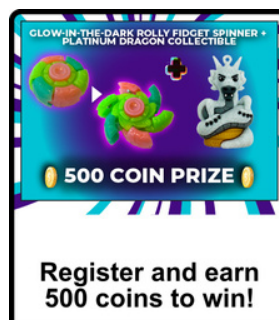
With your help, we will be raising \$2,500 for student funds. We are asking every student to REGISTER & SHARE with 5 or more supporters to reach our group goal! We are counting on these funds for the benefit of every child. This funding does not come from other sources so your participation, at any level, is critical. Thank you for your support!

Make sure to play the Register. Share. Win. Game after you create your account.

GROUP CODE
VHXWC

HOWTOPARTICIPATE

1. REGISTER today at [ShopFund.com/reg](https://shopfund.com/reg). WIN from over \$100,000 in prize giveaways.
2. SHARE with 5 or more supporters with the online tools.
3. Out of state family/friends can support shopping online with ship-to-home option.
800+ items available online PLUS take your order form to work, practice & other places to raise more!



Questions? Contact Nicole Wilt at (717)334-1120 or email nwilt@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org

RETURN COUPONS TO TEACHER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

SIX (6) CHANCES TO WIN

15 ITEMS SOLD	20 ITEMS SOLD	25 ITEMS SOLD
Seller	Seller	Seller
Teacher	Teacher	Teacher
Parent Signature	Parent Signature	Parent Signature
3 ITEMS SOLD	6 ITEMS SOLD	10 ITEMS SOLD
Seller	Seller	Seller
Teacher	Teacher	Teacher
Parent Signature	Parent Signature	Parent Signature



Look Ahead December

**Early Dismissal
December 10**

**Winter Break Holiday
No School
December 22 - January 02**



Save the Date

Winter Concert

Tuesday, December 09, 2025

Winter Spirit Week

12/11 to 12/20

