

# FEBRUARY

## *newsletter*



## IMPORTANT INFO:

**Early Dismissal**

**February 12, 2026, at 12 pm**

**No School**

**GMCS will be closed**

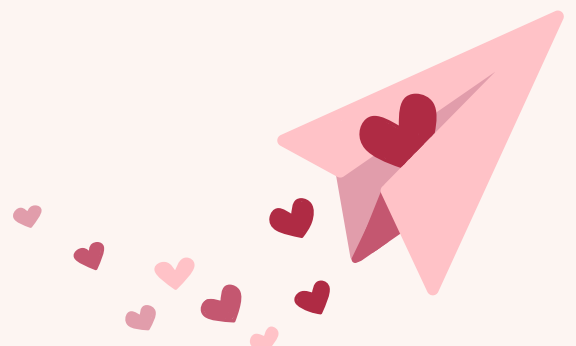
**February 13 & 16, 2026**

**Observance of Presidents' Day**

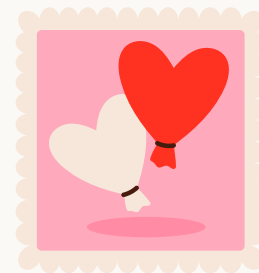


## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 2/16 - Open House
- 2/11 - Valentine's Day Party
- 2/13 & 2/16 - No School



# GMCS ENROLLMENT



Reminders | 2026/2027

## **Kindergarten Enrollment – 2026–2027 School Year**

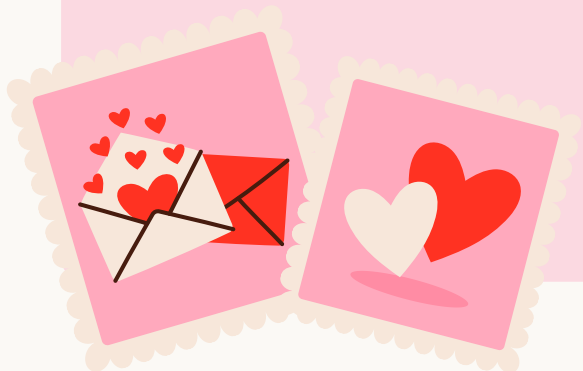
GMCS is now accepting kindergarten applications for the 2026–2027 school year.

✦ Enrollment forms must be submitted to the front office by March 31, 2026. Sibling applicants will not be grandfathered in if forms are not received by this deadline.

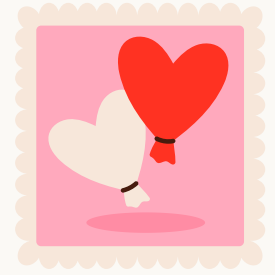
## **Re-Enrollment for Current Families**

To secure your child's spot for the upcoming school year, please complete the online re-enrollment form by March 31, 2026.

Timely submission allows us to plan carefully and ensures a smooth start to the year ahead. Thank you for choosing GMCS—we value our partnership with your family and look forward to another year of growth, learning, and strong community.



# VALENTINE GRAMS ARE HERE!

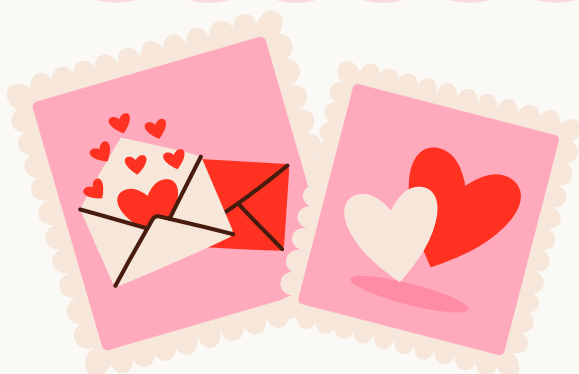


**The FIRST. TIME. EVER.**

**February 9–12, students can send a Valentine Gram to friends, staff, or anyone who deserves a smile.**

**✨ Only \$1 — buy one during breakfast or lunch.**

**Big heart. Brand-new tradition in the making.**



# 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 January 16, 2026, GMCS held a special raffle to celebrate students with perfect attendance during Term 1. A total of 39 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



# Montessori Moments Highlights



## NURSING HOME DRIVE

Thank you so much for the outpouring of support to our holiday donation drive for Transitions Healthcare Gettysburg. Because of you, they received hundreds of items over the past month and today we visited with some treats for the staff. A big thanks to Celebrate Gettysburg for partnering with us.

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# HELLO FEBRUARY

## DELAYS AND CLOSING

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

**Contact:**

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





## HOW TO RESOLVE CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS

**GMCS is committed to addressing concerns promptly and fairly, with students' best interests as our guiding priority. Please follow the steps below to share your concerns.**

**[👉 Click here to view the  
Concern & Complaint Process](#)**

# **No Drones at GMCS**



**For the safety and security of the entire school community, parents and visitors are not permitted to operate any drones on our school campus.**

# 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 has moved 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.**





# 26.27 SCHOOL YEAR OPEN HOUSE

## Open Enrollment



### PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE EVENT

**Who :** Families of children entering Kindergarten to 6th grade for the 26/27 school year

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

**When :** February 16, 2026, from 3:30-5:00 and March 05, 2026, from 5:30 to 7 pm

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

**RSVP:** Please respond with your name and choice of date by February 06 , 2026, [www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](http://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org) to sign up or call 717-334-1120.

[ENROLL NOW](#)



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# **Gertrude Hawk Chocolates**

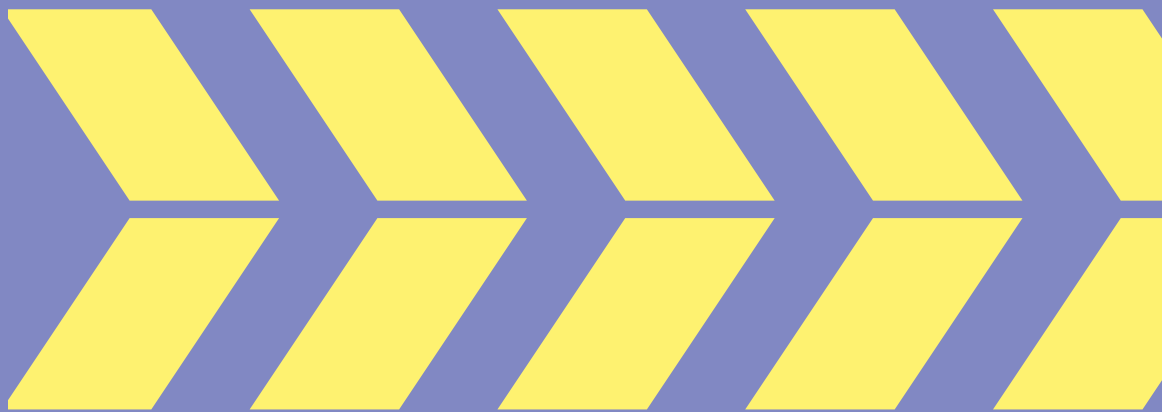
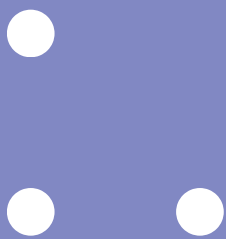
**Hello Families,**

**We are excited to announce our fundraiser with Gertrude Hawk Chocolates to support GMCS! Catalogs and detailed information will be sent home with your child soon.**

## **Key Dates:**

- **Sale Period: February 2 – March 10th, 2026**
- **Order Submission Deadline: Monday, March 12th, 2026**
- **Delivery Week: April 7th, 2026**

**Thank you for your support in helping us reach our goals!**



# 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 21, 2026

AUDITIONS WILL TAKE  
PLACE THE WEEK OF  
02/17-2/20/2026

# Look Ahead March

**Early Dismissal  
March 11 at 12:00pm**



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



# save THE DATE



**Ag Literacy Week:  
March 17, 2026**

**Science Fair :  
Thursday, March 12, 2026**

**It is open to all grades to view projects from  
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.**

**Anyone in grades K-2 who would like to participate or  
would like more information may contact Ms. Rodgers.**

**3rd -6th grade student will be required to submit a  
project and will receive  
information in science class.**



**Career Day :**

**We are thrilled to announce that GMCS will host Career Day  
on March 20, 2026, and we would be honored to have you  
share your expertise and experiences with our students. To  
confirm your participation, please email Nicole Wilt.**

**Please note: Clearances are required to volunteer. We look  
forward to creating an inspiring day for our students with  
your help!**





# **READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK**

***MARCH 2 TO MARCH 6***

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!)**



**Attention, adventurers!**

Our Book Blast event starts the week of March 2, 2026!

Where we will set off in search of treasure to build our students' home libraries. Follow the steps on the Treasure Map coming home next week to embark on an epic quest to earn exciting prizes and books.

