

JUNE

Newsletter



Dear Students,

As another school year comes to a close, take a moment to look back at all you've accomplished. The early mornings, the hard work, the laughter in the hallways, the challenges you pushed through, every bit of it mattered. You grew in ways both big and small, and that's something to be proud of.

Now summer stretches out ahead like a long golden road. I hope you fill it with sunshine, adventure, rest, and time with the people you love. Read a good book. Stay curious. Try something new. Sleep in a little. Get outside. Make memories worth telling stories about someday.

Most of all, remember this: your kindness, creativity, and determination make a difference in this world. Never underestimate the impact you have on those around you.

Enjoy every firefly-filled evening, every pool day, every late-night laugh, and every quiet moment in between. You've earned this break.

Have a safe, happy, and unforgettable summer. We can't wait to see all the amazing things you'll do when you return.

With pride and best wishes,
GMCS Family

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 5/28 Board Meeting
- 6/1 - Reunion 5-6 pm
- 6/9 - Skate Night
- 6/26 Board Meeting (via Zoom)

Meeting ID: 775 796 4605

Passcode: June2026



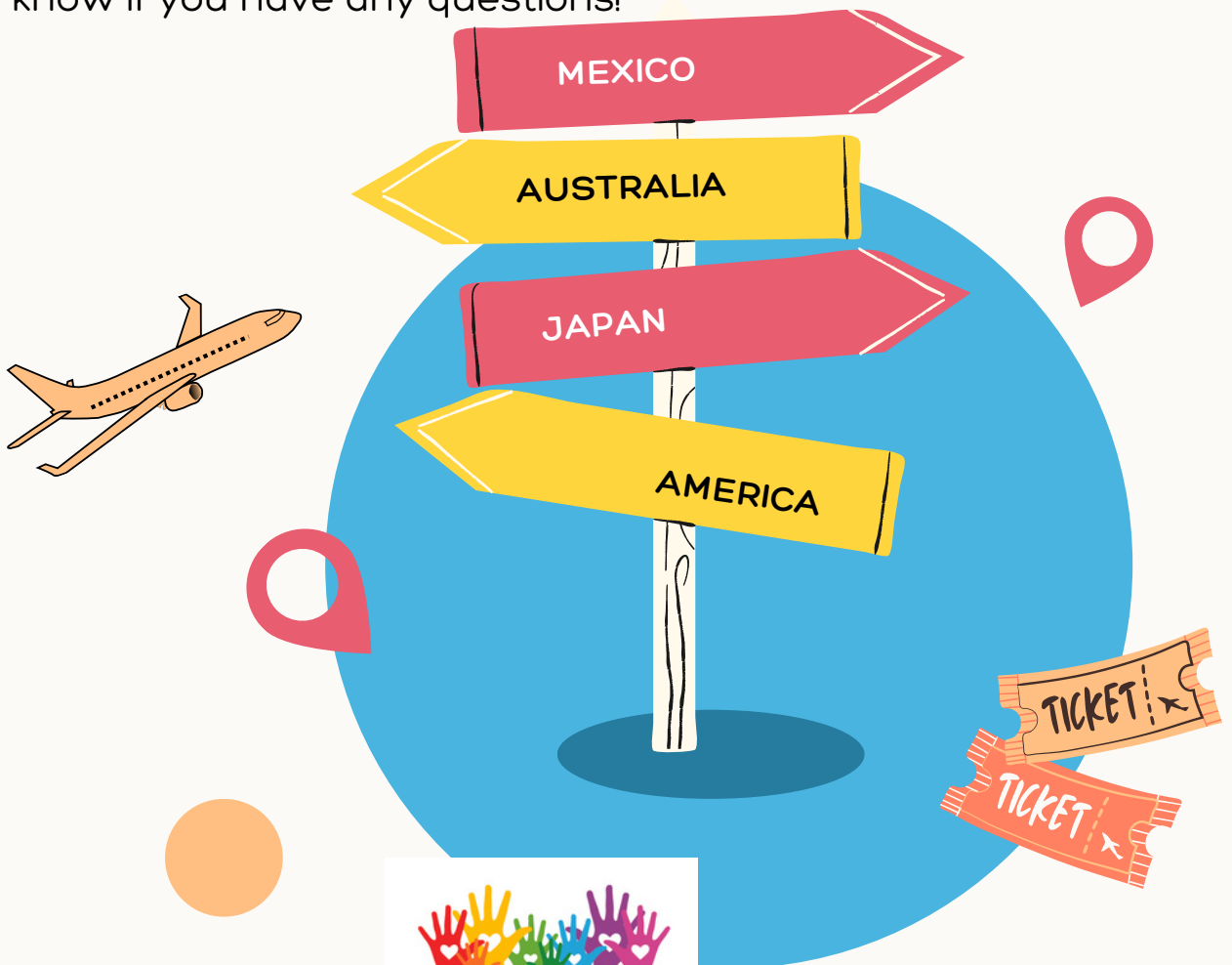
2026 SUMMER CAMP

ADVENTURES AROUND THE WORLD



Don't miss out on this year's camp! We'll be traveling around the world, learning about countries like Africa, Mexico, Japan, Australia, and wrapping up the week by celebrating America 250.

Be sure to save the date for our "Summer" "250 American-style picnic" on **August 7th from 1:00-2:00 PM**. Please submit the permission slip by June 3rd, 2026. Let us know if you have any questions!





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

**Start summer with some
family fun!**

SAVE THE DATE : June 09, 2026
Admission is free
Skate Rental is \$3.00

Date:

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location - 625 W Elm Ave,
Hanover, PA 17331

Please Note

***This is NOT a drop off event.
Parent supervision is required ***

Dear GMCS Students, Staff, and Families,

Writing this farewell message is truly bittersweet. While I am looking forward to the next chapter of my life, saying goodbye to this community is incredibly difficult. For the past eleven years, GMCS has been like a child to me. I have nurtured it, watched it grow, and poured my heart into its success since the day I arrived in Gettysburg.

Looking back, I am filled with pride. I was here to help guide our move from Broadway Street in Gettysburg to our current location. Back then, our school wasn't the beautiful campus you know today; it was a vacant church that required vision and a lot of hard work. Through collaboration and strategic planning, we used a modular campus for four years, saving \$1M toward the down payment for our permanent expansion. Today, we have an award-winning facility, a beautiful library at the heart of our school, and a growing forest of 1,200 native Pennsylvania trees.

Beyond the physical campus, I will cherish the laughter and the joy we shared. It has not always been an easy journey, but through perseverance, kindness, and love, we navigated every challenge together. I will deeply miss the special moments with our dear students: the morning visits, sharing breakfast with them, the warm hugs, and our small group lessons. It is hard to imagine daily life without GMCS.

I also want to address my departure directly to ensure clarity. My retirement is not a reaction to recent media or social media posts. My decision to retire was made over a year ago. At that time, I began discussions around a phased retirement to support important ongoing work and this leadership handoff. As the Board continued planning for the future, that plan changed.

Throughout this process, my priority has been firmly planted in supporting our school's continuity, our students, and our families. Know that in the time I have left, I will be focused on ensuring the new leadership will have a smooth and successful integration. Though this transition looks different from what I originally envisioned, my heart remains with GMCS.

This school is my legacy, and I care for it deeply. I am confident I am leaving it in excellent hands, and I know you will extend the same dedication and support to Dr. Hogan that you have always shown me.

Thank you for eleven wonderful years.

With deep gratitude and affection,

Dr. Faye Pleso

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Dr. Hogan

AS WE WRAP UP ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR AT GMCS, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES FOR MAKING THIS SUCH A SPECIAL YEAR. ❤️

ONE OF THE BEST PARTS OF THIS JOB IS GETTING TO KNOW OUR STUDENTS – NOT JUST DURING THE BIG MOMENTS LIKE STUDENT OF THE MONTH CELEBRATIONS, CONCERTS, FIELD TRIPS, AND CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES, BUT ALSO DURING THE HARD MOMENTS. THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATED SUCCESSES TOGETHER, WORKED THROUGH CHALLENGES TOGETHER, SOLVED PROBLEMS TOGETHER, AND LAUGHED TOGETHER EVERY SINGLE DAY. THAT'S WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL FEEL LIKE A FAMILY. 🧡

I TRULY MEAN IT WHEN I SAY WE HAVE SOME OF THE GREATEST STUDENTS ANYWHERE. I KNOW I'M PROBABLY BIASED, BUT OUR KIDS ARE KIND, FUNNY, SMART, CARING, AND FULL OF PERSONALITY. EVERY STUDENT BRINGS SOMETHING IMPORTANT AND SPECIAL TO OUR SCHOOL, AND IT HAS BEEN SUCH A JOY WATCHING THEM GROW THIS YEAR. 🧡

THANK YOU TO OUR FAMILIES FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT, WHETHER IT WAS VOLUNTEERING, HELPING WITH EVENTS, ANSWERING PHONE CALLS AND EMAILS, CHECKING BACKPACKS, SHOWING SUPPORT DURING STAFF APPRECIATION, OR SIMPLY TRUSTING US WITH YOUR CHILDREN EVERY DAY. WE COULD NOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOU. 🍀

TO OUR STUDENTS – THANK YOU FOR MAKING GMCS SUCH A FUN AND HAPPY PLACE TO BE EVERY DAY. YOU ARE THE REASON WE LOVE COMING TO WORK.

AND TO OUR GRADUATING SIXTH GRADERS: WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU. IT HAS BEEN AMAZING WATCHING YOU GROW UP OVER THE YEARS, AND WHILE WE ARE EXCITED FOR YOUR NEXT CHAPTER, YOU WILL ABSOLUTELY BE MISSED HERE AT GMCS. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE A HOME HERE. COME BACK AND VISIT US OFTEN – WE'LL ALWAYS WANT TO HEAR HOW YOU'RE DOING. 💜

I HOPE EVERYONE HAS A SAFE, RELAXING, AND FUN SUMMER FILLED WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS, SLEEP, SNACKS, AND LOTS OF TIME OUTSIDE. 🍃

WE ALREADY CAN'T WAIT TO SEE EVERYONE AGAIN NEXT YEAR! 🌞





Summer Reminders from the Nurse

If you ran out of time this Spring....Summer is a great time to take care of appointments, vaccinations and forms! Any forms needed can be found on the GMCS website. Choose the "Student/Parent Info" tab, scroll down to select Forms.

Physicals:

K and 6th graders need physical exam and vaccination forms signed and completed by their primary care provider and returned to GMCS by the start of school.

Dental Exams:

K and 3rd graders need updated dental forms provided to school.

Please note: We do plan to have the Family First Dentists return to GMCS in the fall. If you want to take part in this free program for dental cleaning, fluoride and xrays...it is fine to hold off on dental forms until then. This program meets the state requirements.

School Day Medications:

New Medication forms are needed each school year for Inhalers, Epipens, Emergency Seizure Medications and any other medications ordered by a doctor to be given during the school day.

Deliver medications and signed doctor's orders to the nurse the week prior to the start of school. Call or email to schedule a time. It is important to give medications to the nurse in person. Do not send medications with students on the bus.

Please contact Nurse Mardy with any questions. Thank you!



STAY CONNECTED WITH GMCS!



Please make sure you're following our **official** school Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/GettysburgMontessori/>

This is the only page officially affiliated with Gettysburg Montessori Charter School.

No other Facebook pages are monitored or endorsed by the school.

Stay up to date with important announcements, event highlights, and school news — all in one place!



Accessing FACTS Family Portal

FACTS gives you an opportunity to get more involved in your child's academic progress and future success - all via the internet.

FACTS Family Portal (formerly ParentsWeb) is a private and secure parents' portal that allows you to view academic information specific to your children, while protecting their information from others.

You may view your child's grades, attendance, homework, and conduct, as well as other useful school information.

You can also communicate with teachers and other school staff online whenever necessary.

Here's how to access our easy-to-use Family Portal:

- In Chrome, Firefox, Safari, or Internet Explorer, go to FACTSmgmt.com and click Parent Login, then select FACTS Family Online (ParentsWeb).
Type the School's District Code GMCS-PA
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- Click **Create New Family Portal Account**.
- Type your email address and click **Create Account**. An email will be sent which includes a link to create your Family Portal login. The link is active for 6 hours.
- Select the **Click to Create your Family Portal Login** link.
- A web browser displays your **Name** and **FACTS Person ID**.
- Type a **User Name**, **Password**, and **Confirm** your password.

Change/Create Password					
Name	Person ID	User Name	Password	Confirm	
Callie Johnston	11519	<input type="text" value="cjohnston"/>	<input type="password" value="*****"/>	<input type="password" value="*****"/>	<input type="button" value="Save User Name and/or Password"/>

- Click **Save User Name and/or Password**.
A message displays at the top of the browser, **"User Name/Password successfully updated."**

Change/Create Password					
Name	Person ID	User Name	Password	Confirm	
Callie Johnston	11519	<input type="text" value="cjohnston"/>	<input type="password" value="*****"/>	<input type="password" value=""/>	<input type="button" value="Save User Name and/or Password"/>

- Family Portal allows you to access:
 - Student Attendance and daily grades
 - Progress reports, report cards, and transcripts
 - Lesson plans and homework
 - School events and lunch calendar

Save The Dates

GMCS Summer School August 3 - 7, 2026 from 9:00 am - 12 pm

Back to School Night August 17, 2026

4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

1st day of School August 19, 2026

FACTS FAMILY PORTAL

Please log into your Facts family portal. You can find your child's schedule and class teachers. Under the Student tab, please update the following:
Contact information, emergency contact form.

Visit our website to get caught up on Back to School information.
<https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org/school-supply/>



Gettysburg Montessori Charter School Calendar 2026-2027

August						2026
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August 10-18 Room Prep / Professional Development

Back to School Night Aug 17

First Day of School Aug 19

September					2026	
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Sept 7 No School / Labor Day Holiday

Sept 21 No School /Teacher Report

October					2026	
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Oct 09 No School

Oct 12 No School/Teacher Report

Oct 23 End of marking period

November						2026
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Nov 18,19 America 250

Nov 25-30 No School / Thanksgiving Holiday

December						2026
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Dec 14 No School /Teacher Report

Dec 23 – Jan 02 No School/Winter Break

January						2027
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Jan 01 Winter Break

Jan 12 End of marking

Jan 18 No School/MLK

February						2027
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Feb 15 No School – President's Day

March						2027
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March 3 No School / Teachers Report

March 19 End of the marking period

March 25-29 No School Spring

April						2027
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April 16 No School

April 19 No School / Teachers Report

PSSA ELA 26-30

May						2027
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PSSA 3-14

May 27 Last Day / Dismissal 12:00

June						2027
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Professional Development 06/01-06/04

	First day of school
	No School
	No School / Teachers Report
	PSSA Testing Window
	250 American Celebrations
	Marking Period Ends
	Last Day of School

Happy Retirement!



GMCS

Gettysburg Montessori
Charter School

Always
Remember
to be
Kind


Thank You

for your dedication,
leadership, and
compassion.
You have made a
lasting impact
on our school
and our hearts.





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