



Goza Newsletter



Akadelphia Public Schools



December 2017
January 2018

The Principal's Principle Goza has BIG plans for snow days

Snow days are looking very different for Goza students this winter. The following information will explain the process.

What is an Alternate Method of Instruction (AMI) plan?

Act 862 of 2017 allows a public school district and open enrollment public charter school to develop a plan for alternative methods of instruction to be used on days when the superintendent closes school due to exceptional or emergency circumstances such as: a contagious disease outbreak, inclement weather or other acts of God, or a utility outage. The Arkadelphia School District has been approved for five AMI days for the 2017-18 school year by the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE).

On an AMI day, instruction will be provided offsite through non-traditional methods. The intended outcome is to minimize instructional disruptions and provide opportunities for continuous learning to students in the Arkadelphia School District.

Delivery

Campuses will deliver assignments electronically, by paper copy, or a combination of the two. This will vary depending on the campus and course content. Specific information will be provided by each campus.

When

The first five days that school is not in session due to inclement weather or emergency will be designated as AMI days.

Communications

The school will contact families and staff with the School Messenger robo-call announcing the school closure/AMI day using a valid telephone number on file. Other methods of communication, including social media, may also be employed.

Student Accountability

Students will be required to complete all assignments given on the AMI day. Extended time will be available for those situations when work could not be completed due to extenuating circumstances (i.e., loss of power).

Teacher Availability

All teachers will be available during regular school hours (8 a.m. – 3 p.m.) to answer questions or provide assistance to students and families via school email and/or other communication methods.



On Dec. 14, 2017, when your child returns home from school, please ask for his/her clasp envelope that has 5 packets of assignments. Packets will be labeled Snow Day #1 through Snow Day #5. Please make sure that this envelope is stored in a safe place for a possible school closing. Alternative Method of Instruction (AMI) will keep us from adding make-up days to the end of the school year.

If you have questions concerning AMI Snow Days, please contact me at 870-246-4291 or email ange-la.garner@arkadelphiaschools.org. I will be happy to visit with you.

Happy Winter,

Angela Garner

Special points of interest:

- Goza students seem to be losing a lot of their possessions lately. Parents, please remind students to check the lost and found tubs at Goza for coats, shoes, glasses, etc. Please check tubs and hooks in the cafeteria, and other lost and found tubs in teachers lounges.



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It's almost time for 'Bring Your Parent to School' Day

The Goza Middle School faculty and staff would like to invite all parents and guardians to join their children at school on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018. Parents can come and observe in their child's classes, join them for breakfast or lunch, and experience a school day in the life of their child.

Parents are welcome at Goza from 7:55 a.m.–2:55 p.m. on that day. When you arrive, please report to the main building and go to the office. At that time you will sign in, receive a nametag, and get a copy of your child's schedule.

Once you have signed in and have a name tag, you may visit any class that your child is enrolled in this year. It is not necessary that you attend a class during the specific period that your child attends; you may come and go in your child's classes as you please. For example, if your child has science class

first period but you do not arrive until after lunch, you may visit that science class later in the day. We do request that you only attend the classes that your child has this semester.

While you are in the classrooms, please remember that you are there to observe. The teachers will be running their classes as they would on any other day, and it would be most helpful if the parents remain as unobtrusive as possible. Additionally, the intent of the "Bring Your Parent to School" day is for parents to observe the activities and lessons that their children participate in, not for parent-teacher conferences. There will not be time built into the day for parent-teacher conferences, so if parents are looking to meet personally with teachers, we encourage you to contact them by phone or email to set up a conference.

Parents are also welcome to join their child for breakfast or lunch, Goza's treat.



Finally, childcare will not be provided during "Bring Your Parent to School" day. Only parents and guardians will be allowed to attend classes so that our students and teachers are able to focus, learn, and stay on task.

If you have questions, please contact Sarah Moss or myself at sarah.moss@arkadelphiaschools.org, angela.garner@arkadelphiaschools.org or call 870-246-4291.

We are looking forward to having you join us on Jan. 11, 2018.

OBU game day for Goza students Dec. 15

Coach Garry Crowder has invited Goza students to Ouachita Baptist University to watch a Lady Tigers basketball game on Friday, Dec. 15. The Lady Tigers will host Rogers State University at OBU's Sturgis Gym. The admission for Goza students is FREE!

Goza students must wear their 2017-2018 Goza t-shirt. Students not wearing their Goza t-shirt will remain at school.

OBU Director of Athletics, David Sharp, will be providing lunch prior to the game at no cost.

Concessions will be available dur-

ing the game. If your child would like to purchase items from the concession stand, please send spending money.

Game time is 12 noon and students will be back on campus no later than 2:30 p.m. Parents, if you need to check your child out of school during game time, please contact the Goza office at 246-4291 for checkout.

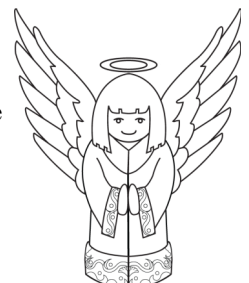
Thank you Coach Crowder and Coach Sharp!



Goza CHAMPS has busy first semester

Goza CHAMPS has had a great first semester. Between DeGray Lake Clean-up, painting fire hydrants, and, of course, Red Ribbon Week, we have enjoyed serving our school and community.

We will have a walking group in the Christmas Parade on Thursday, Dec. 7, and we are going to be buying items to sponsor two kids from our local Angel Tree.





Art on the wing

The art classes are in the process of drawing the Summer Tanager and the Blue Jay for the upcoming local and state garden club competition.

Goza Middle School art students have won various ribbons and money prizes as well as state recognition in the creativity category in the past. The students are researching the bird characteristics and coloring with the help of our great media specialist, Mrs. King, who even provided a beautiful photo collection she had taken of the birds in her backyard for this year's competition.

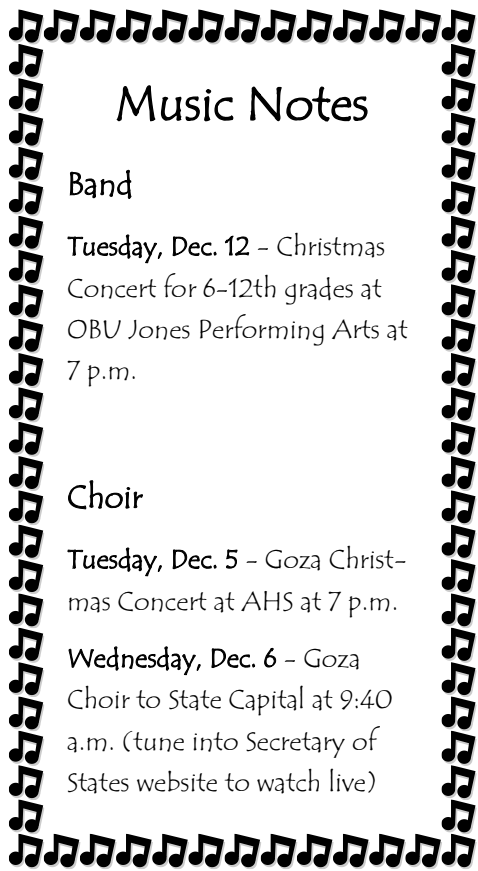
The sixth grade students are doing a series of scratch art pictures using designs inspired by their zentangle lessons. The seventh graders are working on the bird poster competition; those amazing pictures are displayed in the art room.

The eighth graders are currently working on the art melt-down project, which is currently being placed onto our installation piece for the school.



The art classes are planning an extended field trip to Crystal Bridges, and will hold a series of studio times after-school as fundraisers. Our first workshop fundraiser is the Christmas tree ornament decoration workshop which will be from 3-4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5, in the art classroom. Cost is \$5 per ornament. Other workshops are scheduled so we will keep you posted.

Don't forget to purchase your 2017-2018 Goza Yearbook. Cost is \$37. You can pay half now and the balance in May.
You can buy online by clicking on the yearbook link on the Goza website, or see Mrs. King in the Media Center. Deadline to purchase is Friday, Jan. 26, 2018.



Music Notes

Band

Tuesday, Dec. 12 - Christmas Concert for 6-12th grades at OBU Jones Performing Arts at 7 p.m.

Choir

Tuesday, Dec. 5 - Goza Christmas Concert at AHS at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 6 - Goza Choir to State Capital at 9:40 a.m. (tune into Secretary of States website to watch live)

Goza boasts first 100s Club members for 2017-18

Goza students have taken their first ACT Aspire test of the 2017-2018 school year, and several topped out with 100s. These students will be entered into a drawing at the end-of-the-year awards ceremony for a \$100 bill. Each time a student scores 100 on a test, their name is entered into the drawing. The more 100s on tests, the bigger chance of winning that \$100 bill. One is awarded at each grade level.

Students also will have their photo taken and placed on the 100s Club wall in the lobby of the main building.

6th Grade

Reading Interim 1

Kennedi, Trevor, Lydia, Maryann,

Caleb, Samara, Jacob, Summersky, Cate, Adrian, and Emilee

7th Grade

Science Interim 1

Takylia and Owen

Reading Interim 1

Seth, Calvin, Judsen, Anna, Makayla, Gray, Owen, and Gracee

8th Grade

Science Interim 1

Colby, Joshua, and Colin

Reading Interim 1

Evan, Baylee, Landon, Colson, Lori, and Merrilee





5 ways to keep your child on track in school

Parental support plays an important part in helping students succeed in middle school. But as students grow more independent during these years, it can be hard for parents to know which situations call for involvement and which call for a more behind-the-scenes approach.

Here are 5 ways to keep your child on track for academic success in middle school:

1. Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences and Other Parent Nights - Students do better in school when parents

are involved in their academic lives.

2. Visit the School and Its Website

3. Support Homework Expectations - An important way to help is to make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit, distraction-free place to study that's stocked with supplies. It's also a good idea to set a specific start time for homework each night. Helping them establish a homework schedule sends a message that academics are a priority. Encourage your child to ask for help when it's needed.

4. Send Your Child to School Ready

to Learn - In general, students who eat breakfast have more energy and do better in school. Preteens and teens also need the right amount of sleep to be alert and ready to learn all day.

5. Instill Organization Skills - No one is born with great organizational skills — they have to be learned and practiced. Your child can benefit from parental help with organizing assignments and managing time.



ACT Aspire test dates

Dec. 1

Interim 2 English, 7th and 8th
Interim 2 Math, 8th grade

Dec. 4

Interim 2 Reading, 6th grade
Interim 2 Math, 7th grade

Dec. 5

Interim 2 English, 6th grade
Interim 2 Science, 6th grade

Dec. 6

Interim 2 Science, 6th grade
Interim 2 Math, 6th grade

**Badger Pop-Socket
Christmas Special!**

**\$10.00
will get you 2
1 to give and
1 for you!**

**Contact a GMS Cheerleader
or Sarah Moss at 870-246-4291**



December 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7 p.m. - Badgers at Pea Ridge in semifinals	2
3	4 4:30 p.m. - 8G, 8B basketball vs Ashdown	5 5 p.m. - Board of Education agenda meeting	6	7 5 p.m. - Christmas Parade on Main Street	8	9
10	11 4:30 p.m. - 8G, 8B basketball at Gurdon	12 7 p.m. - Arkadelphia Bands Christmas Concert at OBU	13	14 4:30 p.m. - 8G, 8B basketball vs Centerpoint	15 OBU Game Day End of 2nd 9 weeks	16
17	18 5 p.m. - 8G basketball vs Hope	19 6 p.m. - Board of Education regular meeting	20	21	22	23
Christmas Break December 18-January 2/Teachers, January 3, Students						
24 Christmas Eve 	25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28	29	30
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31	Jan. 1	Jan. 2 Teachers return to school	Jan. 3 Students return to school			



