## Gackle-Streeter Newsletter

## February 2022



## PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. BUCKEYE



## Feel the Love

Well, we made it through January, let's hope that February brings us higher temperatures and healthy students and staff. With all the sickness that has been floating through our community, please be sure to use good hand washing tactics, proper sanitizing, and stay home if you are sick.

Reminder to parents, if your child is sick be sure to call the school right away in the morning. The temperatures outside have been frigid. With students traveling to school, safety is my biggest concern. As a mother bear- AKA principal, the thought of any of my students being stranded in the cold is a huge FEAR for me. Please be sure you are sending your child out the door with a hat, gloves, boots, and jacket. Even those strong high school students—I know it doesn't look cool, but seriously have you seen what I wear on bus duty!

## WHAT'S COMING UP

SNOW WEEK FEB. 7<sup>TH</sup>-11<sup>TH</sup>

MONDAY: CAREER DAY

TUESDAY: TWIN DAY

WEDNESDAY: GENDER

BENDER

THURSDAY: DRESS AS A

**TEACHER** 

FRIDAY: FORMAL DAY

## **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent Teacher Conferences are set for February 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-9:30. It is always an enjoyable time for teachers to visit about the great progress your child has made over the course of the school year. We truly do look forward to seeing you all there. Elementary parents be sure to sign up online to set up a conference time with your child's teacher. High school parents the teachers will be set up in the gym for the first part of the evening, you are free to talk individually with all of your child's teachers. If you desire a private conference, please call the teacher or office and we can set up an appointment for the second part of the night in the individual teachers' rooms.

## **Attendance**

It is very important that our kids are in school on a daily basis. Our handbook states, students must be in attendance for a specific number of days per school semester to be considered for grade promotion or the granting of class credit. The class limit for a semester class is no more than 10 days of absence. **PLEASE make sure your child is here at school.** Covid is an exception.

## Coffee with the Kids

Thanks to all of you have been joining us for our "Coffee with the Kids" event. Student council is excited to announce that February 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-9:30 we will hosting again. Don't forget to bring a mug- if you forget we will have you covered.

## AIMS WEB TESTING-ELEMENTARY

January 24th-February3rd

## **EARLY OUT AT 12:30/ PD FOR TEACHERS**

February 4th

### **SNOW WEEK**

February 7th - 11th

## **BOOK MOBILE**

February 8th

## STUDENT COUNCIL- REAL COLOR TRAINING

February 15th-1:30-3:00 at the school

## LIVING AG CLASSROOM- BISMARCK

4th Grade Class-February 16th

## **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

February 17th

## **NO SCHOOL**

February 18th

## NASP ARCHERY TOURNAMENT IN GACKLE

February 18th -19th

## ND SEALANT PROGRAM/ I AM RESILIANT TRAINING FOR 7-12

February 23rd

## **COFFEE WITH THE KIDS**

February 25th 9:00-9:30

## MONTHLY SHOUT OUTS

The following students and staff have been recognized this month for going out of their way to being **EXTRA AMAZING**. Thanks students and staff--keep up the great work. Karly, Charlee, Chloe, Chase Z., the whole junior class, Izabel, Deziray, Alaina, Jada, Jayce, Allison, Kaitlyn, Izabel, Colter, Bus drivers, Karen, and Grace.

## SNOW WEEK 2022 Feb. 7"- 11"

Thursday- Dress as a Teacher Wednesday- Gender Bender Feb. 7th. 11th Monday- Career Day Friday- Formal Day Tuesday- Twin Day

## From the Superintendent's desk

School is going well and fast. The winter sport seasons are nearing the end of the regular season and district and state competitions are just around the corner.

Here are the dates:

Girls District Basketball tournament- Feb 10<sup>th</sup> in Ashley State Wrestling Tournament- February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Fargodome. Boys District Tournament- Feb 25<sup>th</sup> in Napoleon.

Baseball, track and golf will be here before we know it!

Information of Driver's Ed will be out soon. All 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be getting information to bring home regarding this.

We have set **Thursday February 17, 2020 for Parent-Teacher conferences (3:30-9:00 PM).** It is often times difficult to find a date that is suitable for everyone, but we hope this day will work for most everybody. The following day **February 18, 2020 there will be** *No School* **for Parent-Teacher Compensation Day.** 

In the month of January, we had some very cold and snowy days. In regards, to the snow day we have missed, we will make a decision at later date as to the possibility of making up the time. We will let the students and parents know as soon as possible when we decide what date will be used for any make-up day.

In the winter months, we usually witness a lot of students and staff members missing due to cold and flu. Gackle-Streeter has been extremely lucky to only have a handful of positive COVID cases. I give credit to all of our families in making wise decisions about keeping students home when sick and being vigilant in screening for symptoms. I would also like to thank the teachers, cooks and janitorial staff on their diligence to keep contact areas disinfected and clean. We try to remind students to wash their hands and cover their mouths when coughing and sneezing. It is also essential that students are eating right and getting a good night's rest during this time of the year. It is important that students take these precautions as a student that is healthy is much more productive in the classroom and extra-curricular activities.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us at the Gackle-Streeter Public School District Office. The phone number is (701) 485-3692.

Sincerely,

Supt. Mark Berg

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." Benjamin Franklin

## Invitation to Bid

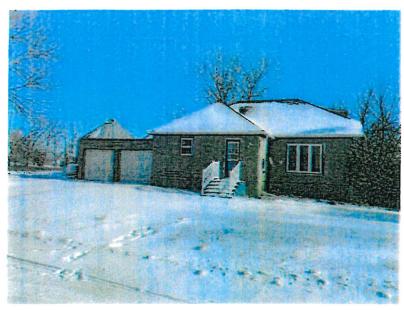
Sealed bids will be received by the Gackle-Streeter Public School until 12:00pm on Monday February 7, 2022 at the Gackle-Streeter Public School (300 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave E, Gackle, ND 58442) for the sale of a single family home located on lots 21 and 22 of block 3 (300 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave E, Gackle, ND 58442). Please mail or hand deliver all sealed bids.

<u>Single family home is for sale as is</u>. Four bedrooms, two bathrooms; 1,300 square feet on main floor. New furnace installed in 2012, new roof installed in 2015.

Gackle-Streeter Public School reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities or irregularities and to award a purchase agreement as it deems to be in the interest of the Gackle-Streeter Public School District #56.

Bid opening will be held during the regular school board meeting on February 8, 2022 beginning at 8:30am.

Call for an appointment to view the house: 701-485-3692



## Activities

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Wednesday	2 AIMS Web testing	SNOW WEEK	Living Ag Classroom- Bismarck (4th Grade)	ND Sealant Program I AM RESILIANT training - Grades 7-12	
Tuesday	1 4:30: BBB-JH @Edgeley AIMS Web testing	4:30: BBB-JH vs MPB @NGS 6:00: BBB-JV vs MPB @NGS. 7:30: BBB-V vs MPB @NGS Book Mobile SNOW WEEK Twin Day	4:00: BBB-JH vs South Border @ NGS 6:00: BBB-JV vs South Border @ NGS 7:30: BBB-V vs South Border @ NGS NGS Real Color Training- Student Council	GBB-V Region Tourney @ Jamestown Civic Ctr	
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January was a month spent learning about addition and subtraction in Math.

In science we finished our weather unit and started talking about natural resources.

Social Studies we have been learning about how to be friend and diversity.

We have been working on our letters, blending and segmenting words in Phonics.

We have been reading about animals in reading class. We look forward to a fun February!



Reminder: Keep practicing sight words and completing the reading in their book bag!:)

~ Mrs. Sealey



Seven members attend Winter Leadership in Bismarck on January 8 and 9. They attended sessions about FFA goals and leadership opportunities.

Officer applications are due February 1. The interview process will begin soon after that and the new officer team will be selected following that.

Winter CDE contests are beginning and at this time we do not have any members participating. Sports, Archery, and Speech activities are also going on so time is limited. I know that scheduling is always an issue and I definitely want the kids to feel that they are able to choose their activity. FFA is important also but we cant do everything.

Be watching for the exciting Gackle-Streeter FFA Scholarship auction items soon. The members are working on building some really cool items this year.

Be on the look out for our activities on the school website.

Here is to a Happy New Year and success in all our activities.

Mrs. Hatlewick



Archery practice is in full swing! We attended our first tournament in Kensal on January 22. Results not in yet.

Here is a list of the tournaments we are planning on attending and have registered. If you did not turn in a tournament sheet and want to attend any please let me know as soon as possible. They fill up fast.

Carrington (1/29)—we have 12 spots in bullseye and none in 3D at this time

Ellendale 3D and Bullseye(1/30)—This is a virtual one so will shot at our gym

St. Johns Academy(2/11)—still a save the date so not sure if holding it

Wilton (2/12)— Sign up is happening now I have already signed up those that turned in sheets

Gackle Streeter(2/18 -2/19) All our archery members shoot this one at home

Medina(3/4-3/5) Opens soon to register

Wahpeton (3/6) virtual tournament so will shoot at our gym

We will be holding a raffle this year to help with fundraising. Details soon. Also we will need to have help the 2 days of our tournament for ticket takers, kitchen help and registration. Please let me know if you are able to assist.

Remember to keep your sights on the **BULLS EYE!** Not only in archery but academically and personally. Our success in life depends on your goals you strive to achieve.

Coach Hatlewick

## ATTENTION

## Students, Teachers, Parents, and Community members!

If you have any photos of students or staff doing AMAZING things, please share them with the school and your photo may end up in the 2021-2022 Yearbook. You can email your photos to me: <a href="mailto:shari.gerszewski@k12.nd.us">shari.gerszewski@k12.nd.us</a>. I know there are some great pictures out there.



There are a few Hugo's coupon booklets left from the Sophomore class fundraiser. Cost is only \$10. Booklets contain over \$90 in savings coupons and they don't expire until September. Stop by the office to get yours before they are all gone!!!!!!!



Happy Valentine's Day month! Just a few things coming up this month for the music students. The 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade music students will be taking orders for puffins and butterbraids starting February 10<sup>th</sup> through the 24th. Orders will be delivered March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

At the printing of this newsletter, I have not heard back for sure whether we will be able to provide flowers through the Trophy Haus for Valentines Day. I will keep everyone posted on the Oriole app.

The big thing this month is for our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade band students who will be traveling to Casselton for the Young Musicians Festival on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. We wish them the best at the Festival again this year.

Next month the HS Choir will be attending large group contest in Oakes on March  $15^{\rm th}$ .

Until next month, stay warm!

Mrs. Muller



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## **Enjoy learning activities that honor notable February figures**

February is filled with birthdays of people you and your child can have fun learning about. Here are just a few heroes, writers, inventors and artists to celebrate together:

- Langston Hughes (Feb. 1).
  Read *Dreams*, a poem by the
  renowned Harlem Renaissance
  poet. Ask about your child's
  dreams for the future.
- Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12). Challenge your child to memorize the 16th president's Gettysburg Address.
- George Washington Gale
   Ferris, Jr. (Feb. 14). Have your child write a poem or story about a ride on this engineer's most famous invention: the Ferris wheel.
- **Nina Simone** (Feb. 21). Listen to the singer's music and learn about her life and work.
- **George Washington** (Feb. 22). What would your child want to do if she were President of the United States?
- Pierre-Auguste Renoir. (Feb. 25). Look at the Impressionist artist's paintings in a book or online. Ask your child to paint one of her own.



## Try techniques that teachers use to improve cooperation and behavior

Teachers share a lot of the same challenges parents do—getting children to pay attention, complete work and respond to requests, etc. And the solutions they use to keep a class full of kids on task also work for families at home.

Try these teacher-tested strategies:

- Focus on the tasks that you want to be routine. Explain stepby-step what you expect your child to do.
- Post a schedule. Knowing what to do when without being told lets your child feel independent.
- Prepare your child for transitions. Let him know how many

- minutes he has left before he has to stop and do something else.
- **Use silent signals.** Flick the light off and on to give a five-minute warning before bedtime.
- Give your child meaningful things to do. Ask him to help the family by doing household chores. Put him in charge of making and updating the grocery list.

## Plan for responsibility

Some children have a hard time taking responsibility for their schoolwork. To help your child become more responsible:

- Ask her to make a plan. "What could you do to help you remember ...?"
- Let her try out her plan. If it doesn't work, let her learn from the consequences.
- **Suggest changes** she could make, but let your child put them into action.

## **Expect your child's best**

Expressing realistic, high expectations for your child increases the chances that she'll meet them. To help her along:



- Don't show surprise when your child does well. Instead, act like you never doubted that she would.
- Accept that she'll mess up sometimes. Show your love when she does.
- Empower your child to take action when something goes wrong. Help her think about what she can learn from it to use in the future.

## Encourage your child to think before writing

Thinking and planning are important parts of the writing process. To help your child organize his thoughts when writing:



- **Suggest** that he talk through his ideas with you before he begins to write.
- Encourage him to make an outline.
   This helps him present his points in an order that makes sense.
- Help him focus on what he wants to say when he writes his rough draft. He can correct spelling and grammar later.

## Helping Children Learn Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School February 2022



## My child believes that faster is better. What should I do?

Q: My son loves to race, in sports and in school. He rushes through his work and doesn't take time to be neat or check his answers. How can I convince him to slow down and work carefully?

**A:** Your son seems to view school as a competition. But being first isn't what matters when it comes to schoolwork. Accuracy is far more important.

To help your elementary schooler learn to take more care:

- **Consult his teacher.** Say that you would like to work together on a plan to help your child focus on quality work, not speedy work.
- **Talk to your child.** Since he likes competitive sports, you might compare schoolwork to shooting free throws in basketball. It's not speed that matters—it's whether the ball goes in the basket.
- **Review your child's completed assignments.** Let him know you are going to check for neatness and accuracy. If his work is not up to a reasonable standard, you'll ask him to redo it, since he is responsible for the quality of his work. He'll soon figure out that by slowing down, he can do the work right the first time—and that takes less time in the long run.



## Are you using report cards effectively?

Your child's report card should be a conversation starter. Whether she does well or worse than you feared, do you talk with your child about what's working, what's not, and how to move forward? Answer yes or no below:

- \_\_\_1. Do you show that you take report cards seriously by making time to discuss them?
- \_\_\_\_\_2. Do you ask if your child thinks her grades reflect her effort and progress, and why or why not?
- \_\_3. Do you stay calm and focus your talk on what your child can learn from her grades, rather than criticizing?
- \_\_\_\_**4. Do you help** your child plan steps to maintain good grades and improve poor ones?

**\_\_5. Do you bring up** questions or concerns with the teacher?

## How well are you doing?

More yes answers mean you are using report cards as learning tools. For each no, try that idea from the quiz.

"Excellence is the gradual result of always trying to do better."

—Pat Riley

## Share household math tasks

Involving your child in everyday math activities helps him understand just how useful math skills can be. Together you can:

- **Start a family project.** Planning to paint a bedroom? Have your child help you measure and figure out how much paint you'll need.
- Clip coupons.

  "If we use this coupon, will the item cost less than the other brands?"



 Save for a goal. Help your child choose an item to save for, such as a toy he wants. How much will he need to save each week for how long? Keep track on a chart.

## Think about how you talk to your elementary schooler

Whether you are encouraging or correcting your child, the way you speak can affect her response. Consider your:

- Words. Be specific.
- **Tone.** Aim to sound confident, rather than stern or unsure.
- **Expression.** A relaxed look encourages cooperation better than an angry one.
- **Body language.** If possible, get on your child's level and face her eye-to-eye.

## To encourage skill-building practice, 'gamify' it

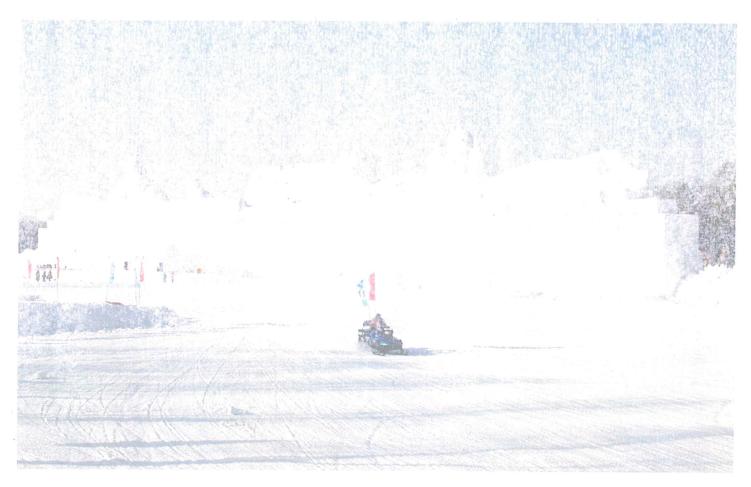
Children love games. Making a learning activity into a game is a great way to keep your child interested. After reading together, for example, you could challenge your child to summarize the story using only three sentences. Or take turns making up a new story, sentence by sentence, using the same the characters as the story you read.

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