



Gackle-Streeter School District

**February
2023
Newsletter**

From the Superintendent's desk

The school year is going 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 9, 10, 13th in Napoleon

State Wrestling Tournament- February 16,17, 18th at the Fargodome.

Boys District Tournament- Feb 24,25, 27th in Hazelton.

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

The staff attended a professional development training in Napoleon on Jan. 16th. Teachers and staff participated in a virtual training to identify and respond to students experiencing social and emotional crisis. The Staff also took part in a poverty simulation. Families were formed using members from the attending schools. Each "family" had a scenario involving financial shortfalls and the goal was to manage the needs of a household for one month. This training was well received by staff members.

Information of Driver's Ed is set. All 8th graders got information to bring home regarding this. Students 14 yrs old can participate in this program.

March 2nd is **Parent-Teacher conferences (3:30-9:00 PM)**. It is often difficult to find a date that is suitable for everyone, but we hope this day will work for most everybody. The following day **March 3rd there will be *No School* for Parent-Teacher Compensation Day.**

In the winter months, we typically witness a lot of students and staff members missing due to cold and flu. I would 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

February 2023

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. BUCKEYE



Happy February

I am not quite sure how January came and went so quickly, but it sure did! We had such an exciting start to our 2023 school year.

SnoWeek was a blast. I would like to give a huge shout out to our student council for planning and executing a fun filled week for all of us to enjoy. The competitions and participation by everyone made it a week we will remember forever.

The winning hallway went to the **SENIORS**—"Games" was their theme.

The two classes who won the overall SnoWeek Participation Championships and will receive a pizza party:

Division I: 7/8/9—went to the **Freshmen Class**

Division II: 10/11/12—went to **the Senior Class**

WHAT'S COMING UP

NO SCHOOL

February 3rd

COFFEE WITH KIDS

February 10th

BOOKMOBILE

February 14th 10:30-1:30

ARCHERY TOURNEY

February 17th & 18th

Busy Halls Before and After School

I cannot tell you enough how exciting it is to see and hear the kids participating in the extracurricular events that are taking place in our school at this time. We went from super quiet before and after school to a whole lot of hustle and bustle. Right now, we have kids coming in before school and staying after school for Speech, FFA Winter CDE practices, and Archery.

- Mrs. Trouba will be taking her Speech Team to a couple of competitions in the next month. She has reported that there are 16 students participating this season.
- Miss Ruff, Bill, Erin, Becky, Jon, and Tonya are coaching 36 athletes in archery. Their tournament schedule will be keeping them very busy.
- Miss Buckeye has 12 students preparing to compete in the Winter CDE competitions coming up in FFA.

The life skills and experiences these kids are learning in all three of these activities are so beneficial. Students are actually improving academic performances, exploring interests, and creating broader perspectives, raising their self-esteem, given social opportunities, and learning how to win and lose graciously—all skills our students will be faced without throughout their lives.

Thank you to the coaches/teachers/volunteers who are so generous with their time. Your investment in our kids will truly benefit our community and future in our school. We are grateful for each of you.

REMINDER PARENTS....if your child is **NOT** going to be in school **please contact the office**. With the roads being icy and snow compacted your child's safety is our top priority.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Feb. 1st- High school staff meeting at 3:30
- Feb. 3rd- STORM DAY- NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 3rd – JV/ Varsity Girls Basketball Game in Gackle at 6:00 vs. Center-Stanton- start time is 4:30
- Feb. 4th- FFA CDE Competition in Napoleon-
- Feb. 8th- Elementary staff meeting at 3:30
- Feb. 10th- MIDTERM
 - Coffee with Kids- 9:00
 - FFA- Little I competition in Fargo
- Feb. 11th – Jv and Varsity Boys basketball in Gackle at 1:00 vs. Lisbon
- Feb. 11th- Annual Chili Cook-Off will begin at 11:00 a.m.
- Feb. 14th - Bookmobile 10:30-1:30
- Feb. 15th- County Spelling Bee in Gackle at 1:00- in the library
- Feb. 15th- High school staff meeting at 3:30
- Feb. 16th- FFA monthly meeting at 6:30 in Ag room
- Feb. 16th - News Article is due
- Feb 17th- Early dismissal—12:30 Professional Development
- Feb 17th/18th - Archery Tourney here in Gackle- time TBA
- Feb. 18th- FFA CDE in Oakes
- Feb. 19th-24th- FFA WEEK
- Feb. 22nd- ND Dental Sealant Program will be out for re-checks from Fall '22
- Feb. 22nd- Math Counts for 5/6/7/8 in Napoleon
- Feb. 22nd- Elementary staff meeting at 3:30
- Feb. 25th- Young Musicians festival in Enderlin
- Feb. 25th- FFA CDE Competition in Lisbon



***January was a fun month. We painted cute Christmas trees with forks for our parent gifts, practiced number sense with fun station games and received our Jan. book from the Women's Auxiliary. Thank you, ladies, for your book donations!!**

Mrs. Baker

February News

Reading targets: Letter Uu Umber Umbrella Bird, Gg Gordo Gorilla, Ww Willy Weasel and Xx Xavier Fox.

Math targets: Number Review 0-14 Introduce 15, 16, 17, 18. Matching, patterns & number sense.

Shapes: Heart

Colors: pink, white & red

Social Studies, Science & Health: Dental Health, self-care, community helpers, group discussion, critical thinking, vocabulary & visual discrimination

Art: Tooth brush painting and Valentine cards.



Kindergarten News



In math we have been working on addition.

In reading we have been learning about animals.

In phonics we have been working on letters, rhyming, segmenting sentences and beginning sounds.

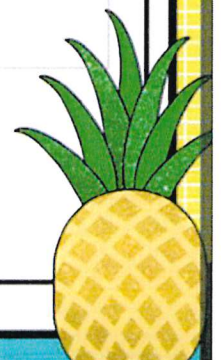
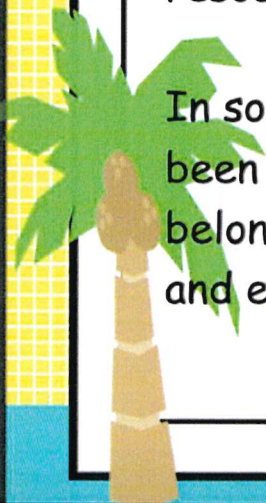
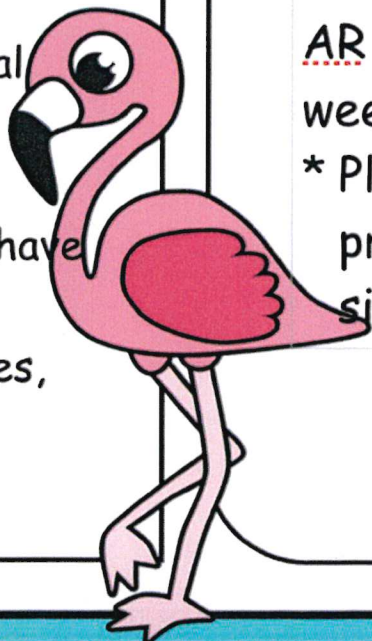
In science we are learning about natural resources.

In social studies we have been learning about belonging, differences, and emotions.



*Keep reading your AR books each week.

* Please keep practicing your sight words!





In January the school held Snowweek. The high school decorated the hallways. We watched the seniors compete in different games. We watched basketball, volleyball, hul ball, and rat race. Every day we had a new way to dress. My favorite day was fake injury day. Friday, January 10 we had coffee with the kids. The third grade class got to decorate the coffee cups. Our parents drink coffee while we read to them. This month was really fun and I enjoyed showing school spirit.

By: Brooklyn (Third Grade)



Happy New Year! Ok, so we are a month in already. February is going to be a whirlwind in the music department. Here are the important dates that I have at this very moment of writing this article.

February 3rd - HS Band plays pepband between the JV and Varsity girl's basketball game.

February (dates TBD). – Valentines Day flower orders – at the time I am writing this I do not have the pricing list or dates. So, watch for posters, flyers, and postings online for this information.

February 9th-23rd - Puffin and Butterbraid fundraiser. Product will come on March 21st.

February 11th - Annual Soup/Chili Cook-off from 11-12:30 p.m. prior to the Boy's basketball game versus Lisbon. Pepband will play between the JV and Varsity game.

February 25th - 5th and 6th grade band members attend the Young Musicians Festival in Enderlin. This is an all-day event, and we won't know until later what our scheduled times are.

Looking ahead....

March 21st – HS Choir large group contest in Oakes

April 13th – HS Solo/Ensemble contest in Kulm

April 20-23rd – Music trip to Omaha, NE

May 6th – HS State Music competition in Minot

I will try and keep everyone updated on any changes in the schedule on the Oriole app and via messaging. For our trip, please expect as we get closer to receive paperwork that will need to be signed by you and your student.

Questions? Please give me a call or email me at Corinne.Muller@k12.nd.us

Have a great Valentines!!!!

Dear community members –

Our reigning champions (Bonnie Phillips Hunters Campfire chili and Colter Muller's Fully Loaded Hamburger soup) and the G-S music students are again looking for a few good cooks to compete against them and other members of the community, organizations or businesses from our two communities. The **16th annual Soup/Chili cook-off** is scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 11th from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. before the Boys Basketball game versus Lisbon. We will again have a soup, knephla soup and chili category, each having their own traveling trophy. Each winner also gets to take home a "Soup/Chili Cook-off Champion" apron.

For those who haven't participated in the event in the past this is what takes place: up to twenty different groups prepare a large crock-pot full of soup or chili that you think will take the prize of the best soup or chili in town. People are given a cup and they try each soup/chili and then vote by placing a bean in each respective bowl for who they think has the best tasting soup/chili. If you are not able to personally be there, that's ok, we just put the kids to work serving for you.

There is no entry fee. It is a fundraiser for the music students going on the music trip to Omaha, NE, and the funds are raised by the people paying to taste all the different soups and chilies. If you would like to enter into the fun and competition, just fill out the registration below and return it by February 7th (we need to plan how many power strips and electrical cords we will need). Entries should be here by 10:30 a.m. on the 11th.

Thanks for your support of the Gackle-Streeter Music Students!!!

Name of Group/Organization/Individual: _____

Phone number: _____

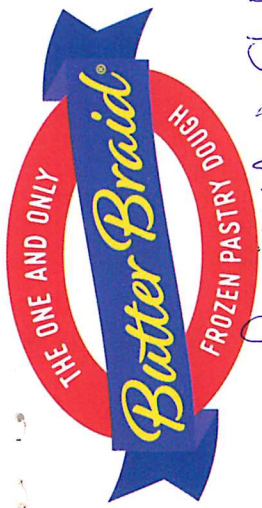
Name of soup/chili being entered: _____

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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION & FFA NEWS

Important February Dates:

February 4th: Napoleon Winter

CDE Competition

February 10th: Little "I" Winter CDE

Competition @ Fargo

February 16th: Monthly FFA

Meeting @ 6:30 PM

February 18th: Oakes Winter CDE

February 19th-24th: FFA Week

February 25th: Lisbon Winter CDE

Competition

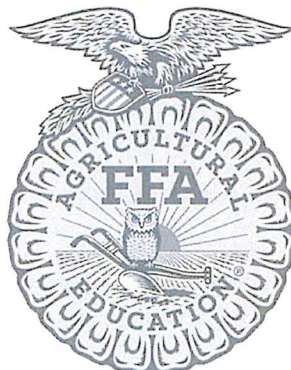
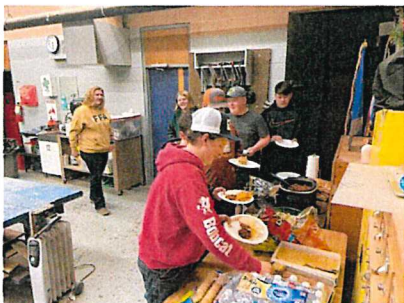
First off, thank you to the staff and students at GSPS for the warm welcome. I have already had such an incredible time at the school and can see such a bright future for this program.

We accomplished our first FFA monthly meeting together. There was great attendance, food and we even played a fun game of hul ball. I found out quickly how out of shape I am!

Winter CDE's have started and the twelve students who are dedicating their time amaze me every day. They are working very hard in practice. Competitions will be starting soon.

"Career Spotlights" is a new program for students. Once a month a community member/surrounding community member will be coming in to speak with students about their unique career as well as the path they took to get to that career. I plan on brining in careers that the students are interested in, in hopes of helping them plan their future.

FFA Week is right around the corner. I am letting the students help plan with what sort of activities, dress-up days, and dedications they would like to see for this week. We will be hosting Ag in the Classroom for the elementary students and a teacher-appreciation breakfast to thank all the teachers for their support of the FFA program.



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Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



February 2023

Build your child's literacy skills in a variety of fun ways at home

Literacy involves both reading and writing, so it's vital that children strengthen both these skills with plenty of practice. And studies show that students who sharpen their literacy skills at home—even with activities that are just for fun—do better in school than kids who don't.

To encourage reading and writing:

- **Make them "anytime"** activities. Don't save reading stories for bedtime or writing for study time. Provide opportunities to do both throughout the day. Keep books out where your child can pick them up. Have your child help you write a shopping list.
- **Start a family journal.** Each weekend, have your child jot down a few sentences about the week. Then add your own thoughts. By the end of the school year, you'll have a written record of family memories!
- **Play word games.** Each round of Scrabble or Bananagrams does more than entertain your child. It hones reading and writing skills.
- **Set an example.** When you have some downtime, reach for a book or magazine. Try writing a poem about a snowy day. Let your child see you writing letters to friends, and enjoying reading the responses.

Source: N.L. Alston-Abel and V.W. Berninger, "Relationships Between Home Literacy Practices and School Achievement: Implications for Consultation and Home-School Collaboration," *Journal of Educational and Psychological Consultation*, Taylor and Francis.



Go on a geography hunt around your house

Help your child make a real-world connection to faraway places without leaving home. Go through your house and talk about where things came from. A calculator may have come from Taiwan. A box of cereal may have a Michigan or Illinois address. Together, locate these places on a map.



Get the learning facts

Studies show that some commonly held beliefs about learning strategies aren't valid. Here are three facts to know:

1. **Students remember more** when they restate the information they are studying in their own words than when they reread it.
2. **Studying material** for a short time each day for several days works better than trying to learn and understand everything in one long study session.
3. **Kids learn in all kinds of ways**, depending on the situation. No one learning style is always best for a student.

Source: U. Boser, "What Do People Know About Excellent Teaching and Learning?" Center for American Progress.



Promote kindness this Valentine's Day

Did you know that kindness is a school success skill? In studies, children who are kind to others tend to score higher on tests and make more progress toward learning goals. Discuss the importance of being kind to others as you and your child enjoy Valentine activities together. Here are some that foster a variety of school skills:

- **Discover the origins** of Valentine's Day. Help your child collect interesting facts to share with family over a meal.
- **Play an estimation game.** Fill a jar with pieces of heart-shaped candy or small items. Ask family members to guess the number of items in the jar. The winner gets to pass out the contents.
- **Learn how to say "I love you"** in different languages.
- **Make a heart collage.** Gather materials with different textures. Cut out hearts and have your child glue them on paper to create art full of love to give to a friend.

Source: N. Morrison, "If You Teach Children To Be Kind You Get Better Results In Class," *Forbes*.

Strengthen self-control

You want your child to thrive in school, both academically and socially. One way to help is to encourage accountability. Teach your child that we are all accountable for what we do.

You might suggest that your child repeat aloud each day: "I can't control others. But I can control my choices and my actions."





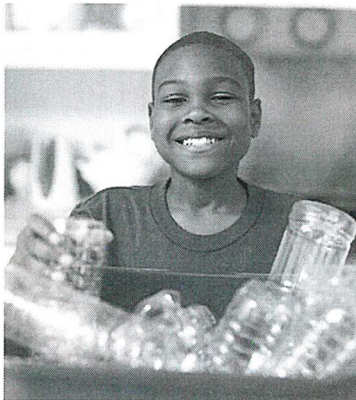
Q&A My child is too self-critical. How can I help?

Q: My fourth-grader complains about not being able to do anything right, which isn't true at all. My child is smart and capable. How can parents help children stop running themselves down?

A: In the upper elementary school grades, challenging schoolwork can bring on students' self-doubt and insecurity. Some kids feel pressure to measure up, and it can be scary when they feel they are falling short.

To polish your child's self-image:

- **Find outlets for success.** Recommend activities where your child is most likely to succeed. If sports are a strength, help your child practice and perfect skills. If your student enjoys reading, suggest starting a book club with friends.
- **Assign responsibilities.** You may hear complaints about having to sort the recycling or put away clean laundry, but have your child do it anyway. Explain that doing chores helps the whole family, and thank your child for making a valuable contribution. Offer praise for completing chores without reminders: "You're so responsible!"
- **Recognize accomplishments.** Did your child just do something wonderful? Show that you noticed the achievement, whether it was earning a good grade on a quiz or figuring out how to format a document on the computer.



Parent Quiz

Do you make it clear that school matters?

Daily attendance and effort in class are the foundation for academic success. Are you emphasizing these essentials and encouraging your child to take school seriously? Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions below:

- ___ **1. Do you tell** your child that education is important and school is not to be missed?
- ___ **2. Do you have** your child set the alarm clock earlier if getting ready on time is a problem?
- ___ **3. Do you help** your child establish healthy sleep, exercise and eating habits that support performance in school?
- ___ **4. Do you reject** weak excuses from your child? Not wanting to get out of bed isn't a valid reason to be late for school.

- ___ **5. Do you show** interest in what your child is learning and help find ways to apply it?

How well are you doing?

More yes answers mean you are reinforcing expectations for attendance and effort. For each no, try that idea.

"The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives."

—Robert M. Hutchins

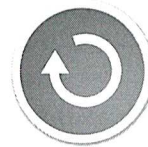
Point out reasons to read

Showing your child that *you* think reading is important is an effective way to motivate *your* child to read more. Here are some ways:

- **Share interesting facts** and ideas with your child that you come across while reading.
- **Talk about why** you are reading—for information, to verify things you think you know, to relax, etc.
- **Look up new words** you read in the dictionary. Ask if your child knows the meaning. Use the words in conversation.

Try a school year reboot

Restarting a computer can help it correct performance issues. If your child's school year is not going as well as you'd hoped, a reset may also be the answer. To set off in a better direction:



- **Make school a family priority.** If your child needs to focus more on studying, for example, make study time a quiet time for the whole family.
- **Upgrade habits.** If your child plays video games to relax, suggest pleasure reading for 20 minutes instead.
- **Promote organization.** Have your child write down responsibilities for home and school on a calendar, and review them each day. This helps avoid last minute panic.

Uphold limits consistently

It doesn't take long for your child to learn whether you really intend to enforce rules. If you let your child skip a responsibility or ignore a boundary, you're likely to have a battle every day.

Instead, make it clear what your child did wrong by describing the behavior. Remind your child of the consequence, and discuss how to make a better choice in the future.

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