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Dear Parents,

I hope you have enjoyed the summer with your child(ren). It’s hard to believe that another school year will start in about a month. I wanted to touch base with you about some updates and upcoming events to help prepare you for the 2018-19 school year.

* CGES got new flooring in the kitchen, lunchroom and most hallways. The flooring is much like the JH-HS Commons Area flooring and is much more “kid friendly!” Be sure to check it out at Back to School Night! The outside of the old Middle School (KRR/Preschool building) has been painted. The custodians have removed the old tile on the wall outside of the Nurse’s Office and the space looks so much better! We appreciate their hard work cleaning our building and making it a healthy environment for our students to learn!
* Enrollment will be online again this year. Hopefully the glitches are fixed and the online enrollment process will be better this year! The district office will mail information about enrollment.
* Back to School Night is Tuesday, August 14th. Please go to your child’s homeroom teacher. (Sixth grade parents will meet in the gym for both sessions.) There will be two sessions, the first at 6:00 pm and the second at 6:45 pm. This is to help parents with multiple CGES students meet with more than one teacher**. Please be on time**, as teachers have prepared information to share with families. Students may bring school supplies to Back to School Night. After the end of classroom meetings, PTO will provide watermelon out on the slab to eat before you go home. Thank you, PTO!
* August 16th is the first day of school! CGES starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:10 p.m. (Please make sure you read about absences, tardies and truancy in the CGES Parent/Student Handbook.)
* Preschool and Kindergarten Parents - I have attached a letter for the Early Childhood Screener/Survery (ASQ) for Preschool and Kindergarten parents. Please keep in mind the window to complete the survey is from August 1st – September 20th. Also, the survey will time you out if not completed in 20 minutes. Filling out the hard copy you received at Preschool Screening or Kindergarten Round-Up will be beneficial for transferring answers to the online survey. Please contact the CGES office if you need to set up a time to use a computer to fill out the survey.
* I have attached important dates that you may want to keep on your fridge or put on your calendar. These dates are what we currently have planned; if there is a change we will keep you informed. You will notice PTO/Site Council meetings will be held on a Monday each month (with the exception of not meeting in December). Please consider becoming involved! PTO (Parent/Teacher Organization) is the group that provides needs and wants for our students and teachers. Site Council informs parents/patrons of what is happening at school and values feedback about curriculum, assessments, scheduling, etc. Last year the Site Council learned about KESA, our CGES Action Plan, helped change CGES policy on recess and gave input to our Positive Behavior Supports Ticket System. These meetings are combined so parents can spend more time with their families. Free childcare is provided.
* We will have a lot of new teachers in our building next year. Here are the current classroom teachers: Preschool – Angie Bailey, Kindergarten – Brier Blythe, Kelcy Bremer and Robin Frye, 1st Grade – Lori May and Shelby Langvardt (formally Morgan), 2nd Grade – Sharon Richardson and Dustin SanRomani, 3rd Grade – Kylee Burns, Alec Anderson and Tina Frost, 4th Grade – Alicia Kelley and Shantel Sheets, 5th Grade – Freedom Green, Brooke Lococo and Stacey Tischhauser, 6th Grade – Coleen Booker, Bret Hauser and Rachel Hodges, PE – Terry Griffith, Music – Lisa Bolieu, Special Education – Danica Johansen (formally Johnson) and Amy Nielsen, Title I Teachers – Stacy Furman and Nichole Hensley, and Lead Teacher/ Behavior Specialist – Amy Finch.

I am excited to start the 2018-2019 school year! Please feel free to visit with me or pop in to say hello. The number one priority for the staff at CGES is to keep your children safe and give them the best learning opportunities to help them grow academically and socially. In order to accomplish this, we value your support, collaboration and feedback. The old saying, “It takes a village to raise a child,” is also true in school. Thank you for supporting our CGES community and enjoy the last few weeks of summer vacation!

Looking forward to a great year,

Heather Honas

CGES Principal

2018-19 CGES **Tentative** Dates

May 31st - June 15th - K-5 Extended School Year

June 4th - June 29th - KRR Summer Reading Ranch

June 4th - August 2nd - Crosswinds Summer Camp

July - Online Enrollment ([www.usd417.net](http://www.usd417.net))

August 6 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room)

August 14 - Back to School Night (Class meetings start at 6:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.)

August 16 - First Day of School! (School starts at 8:00 a.m.)

September 3 - No School - Labor Day

September 17 - First Day of Fall Reading Ranch

September 19 - Fall Picture Day

September 20 - 4th Grade Water Festival

September 21 - 6th Grade Field Trip

September 24 - No School - Professional Development

September 28 - Homecoming Parade (2:00 p.m.)

October 1 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room)

October 5 - 2nd Grade Field Trip

October 12 - Early Dismissal (1:10 p.m. End of 1st Quarter)

October 15th-18th - PTO Book Fair

October 16 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-8:00 p.m.)

October 18 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-8:00 p.m.)

October 19 - No School - Parent/Teacher Conference Week

October 26 - CGES Fall Celebration (Classroom Parties)

October 31 - Mrs. Lococo and Mrs. Tischhauser’s class to Starbase

November 1 - Ms. Green and PHES 5th Grade to Starbase

November 4 - Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall Back)

November 5 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room)

November 7 - Mrs. Lococo and Mrs. Tischhauser’s class to Starbase

November 8 - Ms. Green and PHES 5th Grade to Starbase

November 9 - No School - Professional Development

November 14 - Mrs. Lococo and Mrs. Tischhauser’s class to Starbase

November 15 - Ms. Green and PHES 5th Grade to Starbase

November 16 - Picture Retake Day

November 21-23 - No School - Thanksgiving Break

November 29 - 5th/6th Grade Band & Vocal Winter Concert (7:00 p.m. @CGJSHS

Auditorium)

December 4 - PreK-1st Grade Winter Concert (6:00 p.m.) 2nd-4th Grade Winter Concert

(7:00 p.m) Both concerts held in the CGJSHS Auditorium

December 5 - Mrs. Lococo and Mrs. Tischhauser’s class to Starbase

December 6 - Ms. Green and PHES 5th Grade to Starbase

December 12 -Mrs. Lococo and Mrs. Tischhauser’s class to Starbase

December 13 - Ms. Green and PHES 5th Grade to Starbase

December 13 - Last Day of Fall Reading Ranch

December 20 - All School Christmas Assembly (9:00 a.m.) Classroom parties

December 21 - No School - Teacher Work Day

December 24th - January 2nd - Winter Break

January 3 - Classes Resume

January 7 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room)

January 14 - First Day of Spring Reading Ranch

January 16 - CGES Spelling Bee (9:15 a.m.)

January 21 - No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 30 - Morris County Spelling Bee (10:00 a.m. @ CGJSHS Auditorium)

February 1 - No School - Professional Development

February 4 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room)

February 14 - Valentine’s Day Class Parties (2:00 p.m.)

February 15 - No School - Professional Development

February 18th-21st - PTO Book Fair

February 19 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-8:00 p.m.)

February 21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-8:00 p.m.)

February 22 - No School - Parent/Teacher Conference Week

March 4 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room)

March 8 - Early Dismissal (1:10 p.m. End of 3rd Quarter)

March 10 - Daylight Saving Time Starts (Spring Forward)

March 11th-15th - No School - Spring Break

March 19 - Spring Individual/Class Picture Day

April 1 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room)

April 12 - Kindergarten Round-Up (No school for Preschool and Kindergarteners)

April 19 - No School - Professional Development

April 19 - Early Childhood (Preschool) Screening

April 24th-26th - 3rd Grade Investigate Space

April 26 - 1st Grade Field Trip

April 29 - 3rd Grade Field Trip

May 2 - Last Day of Spring Reading Ranch

May 3 - 4th Grade Field Trip

May 6 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room)

May 7 - PreK-1st Grade Spring Concert (6:00 p.m.) 2nd-4th Grade Spring Concert

(7:15 p.m) Both concerts held in the CGJSHS Auditorium

May 9 - 5th/6th Grade Band and Vocal Spring Concert (7:00 p.m. in the CGJSHS

Auditorium)

May 10 - Kindergarten Field Trip

May 15 - 2nd/3rd Grade Play Day (9:00-11:00 a.m.) 4th/5th Grade Play Day (12:30-2:30

p.m.) 3rd Grade Bike Safety (PM)

May 17 - Kindergarten Promotion (12:00 p.m.) Kdg/1st Grade Play Day (1:00-3:00 p.m.)

May 21 - Last Day of School! (3:10 p.m. dismissal)