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Dear Parents,

It’s hard to believe that another school year will start in about a month. I wanted to touch base with you about some exciting updates and upcoming events to help prepare you for the 2019-20 school year.

* This will be the last parent letter mailed to you. In the future we will send the letter via email and it will also be posted on our school website
* CGES has a new intercom/alert system. This system has the ability to run texts across the screens in case of an emergency as well as send emergency alarms. We will also have clocks and speakers in each hallway.
* You might have noticed the big digital sign at the front of our building. This sign was largely funded by PTO and the district. Thank you for providing us with an up-to-date way to communicate with the community!
* As you know, enrollment has been a little frustrating the past couple of years. We have worked very hard to correct our online glitches and to offer on-site enrollment with personal support this year. Please look for a letter from the district with more information regarding enrollment.
* 1st Grade – 6th Grade Back to School Night is Tuesday, August 13th. (This is a change from years prior – see next bullet.) 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.
* A new addition to help students transition to Preschool and Kindergarten will be held on August 14th. This will replace Back to School Night for Preschool and Kindergarten students. Parents of Preschool and Kindergarten students, please see the attached letter for more details.
* August 16th is the first day of school! CGES starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:10 p.m. We are starting on a Friday, which is different than in past years. Doors open at 7:30 for students wanting to eat breakfast. Other students will have the choice of sitting outside of their classrooms or walking in the gym. (Please make sure you read about absences, tardies and truancy in the CGES Parent/Student Handbook.)
* 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. 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, the USD 417 Wellness Policy, discussed homework, and filled out Year 4 Site Council questions for our accreditation process. These meetings are combined so parents can spend more time with their families.
* We will have some new teachers in our building next year. Here are the current classroom teachers: Preschool – Angie Bailey, Kindergarten – Brier Blythe and Robin Frye, 1st Grade – Amy Finch, Kylee Burns and Lori May, 2nd Grade – Sharon Richardson and Dustin SanRomani, 3rd Grade – Tina Frost and Brenna Haines, 4th Grade – Alicia Kelley, Julie Koch and Shantel Sheets, 5th Grade – Amanda Kolbek and Brooke Lococo, and 6th Grade – Coleen Booker, Stacey Tischhauser and another teacher to be determined, PE – Terry Griffith, Music – Lisa Bolieu, Special Education – Danica Johansen and Amy Nielsen, Title I Teachers – Stacy Furman and Nichole Hensley, Library/Technology – Rachel Hodges and Kelcy Bremer will be part time Assistant Principal at CGES and part time District Instructional Coach.

I am excited to start the 2019-2020 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

2019-20 CGES **Tentative** Dates

June 3 - June 28 - KRR Summer Reading Ranch

June 3 - August 2 - Crosswinds Summer Camp (@ PHES)

June 12  - June 27 -  K-5 Extended School Year

July 8 - July 26 - Online Enrollment for returning students only ([www.usd417.net](http://www.usd417.net))

July 30-31 - Onsite Enrollment for new or returning students @ CGJSHS

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

August 13 - 1st-6th Grade Back to School Night (Class meetings start at 6:00 p.m. and

 6:45 p.m.)

August 14 - Preschool Parent/Student Orientation (AM and PM sessions)

August 14 - Kindergarten Parent/Student Orientation (AM sessions)

August 16 - First Day of School! (School starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:10 p.m.)

August 22 - 5th Grade to Starbase

August 27 - Band Instrument Showing (6:30-7:30 p.m. in the lunchroom)

August 29 - 5th Grade to Starbase

September 2 - No School - Labor Day

September 5 - 5th Grade to Starbase

September 5 - 4th Grade Water Festival

September 9 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room)

September 12 - 5th Grade to Starbase

September 18 - Fall Picture Day

September 19 - 5th Grade to Starbase

September 20 - 6th Grade Field Trip

September 23 - No School - Professional Development

September 27 - Homecoming Parade (2:00 p.m.)

October 4 - 2nd Grade Field Trip

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

October 11 - Early Dismissal (1:10 p.m. End of 1st Quarter)

October 14-17 - PTO Book Fair

October 14 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-8:00 p.m.)

October 17 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-8:00 p.m.)

October 18 - No School - Parent/Teacher Conference Week

October 24 - 1st Grade Field Trip

October 25 - CGES Fall Celebration (Classroom Parties)

November 3 - Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall Back)

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

November 8 - No School - Professional Development

November 11 - Veterans Day Assembly (2:15 p.m. in the CGES Gym)

November 14 - Picture Retake Day

November 18 - CGES Winter Music Concerts @ CGJSHS Auditorium (6:00 p.m. - PreK

 and Kindergarten; 6:45 p.m. - 1st and 2nd grades)

November 19 - CGES Winter Music Concerts @ CGJSHS Auditorium (6:00 p.m. –

 3rd/4th grades; 7:00 p.m. - 5th/6th Grades Band and Vocal)

November 27-29 - No School - Thanksgiving Break

December 2 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room)

December 5 - CG Singers (7:00 p.m. @ Kaw Mission)

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

December 20 - End of 2nd Quarter - Early Dismissal (1:10 p.m. dismissal)

December 23rd - January 3rd - Winter Break

January 6 - Classes Resume

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

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

January 29 - Morris County Spelling Bee (1:00 p.m. @ CGJSHS Auditorium)

January 31 - No School - Professional Development

February 3 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room)

February 13 - Valentine’s Day Class Parties (2:00 p.m.)

February 14 - No School - Professional Development

February 17-20 - PTO Book Fair

February 17 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-8:00 p.m.)

February 20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-8:00 p.m.)

February 21 - No School - Parent/Teacher Conference Week

March 2 - PTO/Site Council (6:00 p.m. in CGES Conference Room)

March 6 - No School - Professional Development - End of 3rd Quarter

March 8 - Daylight Saving Time Starts (Spring Forward)

March 9-13 - No School - Spring Break

March 18 - Spring Individual/Class Picture Day

April 3 - Kindergarten Round-Up (No school for Preschool and Kindergarteners)

April 6 - CGES Spring Music Concerts @ CGJSHS Auditorium (6:00 p.m. - PreK and

              Kindergarten; 6:45 p.m. - 1st and 2nd grades)

April 7 - CGES Spring Music Concerts @ CGJSHS Auditorium (6:00 p.m. - 3rd/4th

              grades; 7:00 p.m. - 5th/6th Grades Band and Vocal)

April 10 - No School - Good Friday

April 24 - Early Childhood (Preschool) Screening

April 27 - 3rd Grade Field Trip

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

May 6 - 5th/6th Grade Track Meet (9:30 a.m. at the CGJSHS Track)

May 8 - Kindergarten Field Trip

May 8 - 4th Grade Field Trip

May 11 - 6th Grade Step Up Day (9:00 a.m.), 6th Grade visit to Alexander Art Works

 (1:00 p.m.)

May 14 - 2nd/3rd/4th Grade Play Day (9:00-11:00 a.m.)

May 14 - 3rd Grade Bike Safety (1:00 p.m.)

May 15 - Kindergarten Promotion (12:00 p.m.) Kdg/1st Grade Play Day (1:00-3:00 p.m.)

May 20 - Last Day of School! (3:10 p.m. dismissal)