

COUNCIL GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BETTER
Together

FROM THE DESKS OF **MRS. BREMER and MRS. GREEN**

It is hard to believe that we are already wrapping up the first quarter. We would like to thank our students, staff, parents, and colleagues for making this the absolute best start to the school year as your new principals.

**SAVE THE DATE
FOR PTO & PAC
THIS SCHOOL YEAR!**

THE FIRST
MONDAY OF
THE MONTH*
6 PM

* September is on the first Tuesday.

What is PTO and PAC?

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a way for parents to join together in support of students, staff, and classroom needs.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is a way for parents to receive first hand knowledge of the ins and outs at CGES. It also allows parents to play an important role in decision-making and providing feedback to the school.

The two groups meet at the same time! Please join us at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room just off the front lobby (use front door) or via a shared zoom link that can be found on ClassDojo. All parents/guardians are welcome!

For More Information

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We're
better
together!

October Dates to Remember:

- 10/3:** 1st Grade Field Trip
- 10/4:** 2nd Grade Field Trip
- 10/4: Morning Greeters:** Dads at the Door!
- 10/7-10/11: CGES Spirit Week**
- 10/7:** PAC/PTO, 6:00, CGES Conf. Rm: **Help us FILL THE ROOM!**
- 10/9:** 6th Grade Field Trip
- 10/11:** End of 1st Quarter
- 10/11: Morning Greeters:** CGHS Football Team
- 10/11: Homecoming:** CGES students and staff will walk down main street to watch the parade at 2:00.
- 10/14-10/17:** CGES Book Fair
- 10/15:** Family Night at the Book Fair 6:00 - 7:30
- 10/14: Late Start,** CGES start time is 10:00, No Breakfast or AM PreK
- 10/15 & 10/17:** Parent Teacher Conferences: Please watch for a link to sign up.
- 10/18: No School**
- 10/25: Morning Greeters:** Moms in the Morning
- 10/25: CGES Class Pictures AND Fall Picture Retakes**
- 10/31: CGES Halloween Celebrations:** More Information coming soon!

Kelcy Bremer

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Principal

Tasha Green

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Assistant Principal

TOGETHER with passion and integrity.



CGES SPIRIT WEEK

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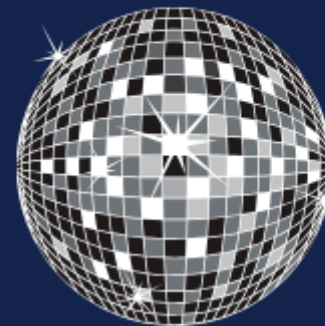


MAKE THE WHOLE PLACE SHIMMER

WEAR SPARKLY

OR

BRIGHT/NEON CLOTHES



COUNTRY OR COUNTRY CLUB

WEAR COWBOY/COWGIRL

OR

FANCY CLOTHES



WORKOUT WEDNESDAY

WEAR ATHLETIC

OR

WORKOUT CLOTHES



IN OUR CGES ERA
WEAR CLOTHES FROM YOUR
FAVORITE DECADE

70's

80's

90's

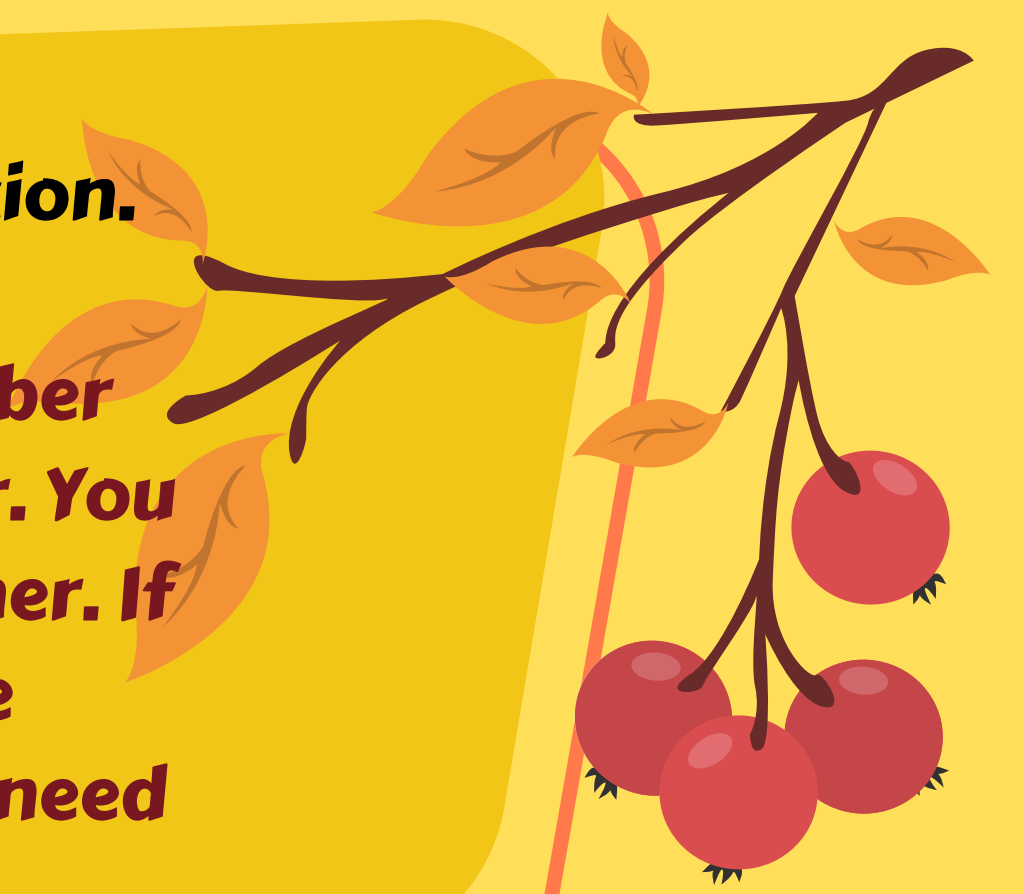
BETTER TOGETHER
WEAR BLUE AND GOLD.
GO BRAVES!



Fall Celebration Parties

**There will be some changes to our CGES Halloween Celebration.
Information Coming Soon!**

Our Fall Celebration Parties will be held on Thursday, October 31st at 2:30 pm or a scheduled time from your child's teacher. You will be getting more information from your classroom teacher. If you are bringing food or treats to the party, they can be Halloween themed (no blood and gore please). These treats need to be pre-packaged and NOT homemade.



Parent Teacher Conferences

will be held October 15th and October 17th from 4-8pm. Your student's teacher will send a SignUpGenius link for scheduling.

ASP

Remember that ASP daily fees need to be paid PRIOR to attending. If your child's account is not current please make arrangements for payment. And please have your child picked up by 6pm at the latest.

Picture retakes will be Friday, October 25th. If you are not pleased with your child's picture that was taken earlier in the year and wish to try again, please return the packet you ordered with your child on picture retake day. Photographers will take another picture and replace the previously purchased packet.

If your child is a new student or was absent on September 13th, he/she will be getting their picture taken for yearbook purposes.

We will also have class/group pictures taken at this time.



What BOOKS are on your ReAdiNG PaLate?



**WE'LL JUST COLOR ME READ!
IT'S TIME FOR THE FALL BOOKFAIR!!
ON OCTOBER 14TH THRU THE 17TH IN
THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM. THERE WILL
BE A FAMILY NIGHT ON TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 15TH FROM 6 TO 2:30P.M.
LOTS OF READING ARTISTRY! COME
AND JOIN IN THE FUN!
CONTACT LISA BOLIEU IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO VOLUNTEER OR HELP.**

Parents

Please log in to your student's PowerSchool account and make sure all contact numbers and email addresses are correct and up to date. This includes school pickups and emergency contacts. If you are unable to update, please call the office and we can help.

Dear CGES Families,

Each kid should have a working pair of headphones they keep at school. Students use headphones for testing and other daily work. Your student should let you know if their headphones break or stop working throughout the year so that you can help them replace them. Typically a teacher will reach out to the parents to let them know if their student's headphones are missing or broken. The office does have extra headphones in the office for purchase/charge to student PowerSchool accounts. If they do not bring another pair to school and the student needs them for testing, the student can buy a pair from the office and an amount of approximately \$6.00 will be charged to their PowerSchool account. Headphones sometimes break off in the machines or get a short in the wiring, so with more daily use we are seeing more headphones breaking and headphones are not lasting the entire year. We hope having these headphones available will be helpful to families and teachers throughout the year.

**Thank you
Mrs. Hodges**



National School Lunch Week

October 14th - 18th

- Check the Menu - We are bringing out a classic!
- Be watching for information about our Thanksgiving meal - Plans are in the works!
- Be sure to keep paying those balances, if you need help or have any questions reach out to

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Raising a Reader



When parents and caregivers read with their child during the elementary school years, they provide a valuable gift — the lifelong advantage of literacy.

Here are some reasons why it's important to read together **at least 20 minutes every day**:

- Young students need lots of practice and encouragement as they learn to read.
- Reading aloud improves your child's speaking, reading, listening, thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Experience with various kinds of books, like poetry or non-fiction, broadens your child's knowledge and curiosity
- Vocabulary grows as your child hears new words and ideas in new stories.



Reading together daily creates a special bond that strengthens relationships; your child discovers that reading is enjoyable.



*Your child learns to read
and then reads to learn*

**From the desk of
Dana Reddick, RN, TTS
Director of Health Services
USD #417 Morris County**



**The Fall Health Fair sponsored by Morris
County Hospital will take place at CGJSHS
on Saturday, October 5th from 9-12.
Wellness booths, health screenings, and
prizes will be available for all ages.**

There is no fee to enter.



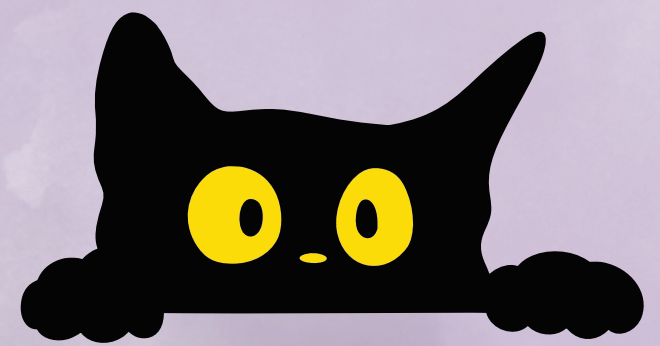
**The Influenza Vaccination School Clinic will take
place on Wednesday, October 16th for students
who have brought in signed parent consent forms.
Please sign up early and obtain consent forms from
the health office if you don't already have one.**

**LET'S GET
VACCINATED**

October brings fall into full swing,
football, cooler weather and
Halloween. Here are two articles to help
your child navigate Halloween.



What's Too Scary?
Click on Link



Ease Your Kid Into Halloween!
Click on Link

JONES EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
LINK

DID YOU KNOW?

Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't; yet, only a quarter of teens report having these conversations.

Red Ribbon Week® (October 23-31), the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the nation, is your opportunity to get the ongoing conversation started.

This year's theme is **Life Is A Movie, Film Drug Free.™** Visit www.redribbon.org to learn more about Red Ribbon Week® and get tips for talking to your kids about drugs. The life you save may be that of your own child or a dear friend.



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LIFE IS A MOVIE, FILM DRUG FREE.™

COMING SOON

RED RIBBON WEEK® OCTOBER 23-31

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October Anti Bullying Month

Bullying Prevention 101

A QUICK GUIDE FOR ADULTS

BULLYING DEFINED

Although definitions vary, most include that bullying is when:

- There is aggressive, unwanted words or action that hurt or harm another person physically or emotionally
- Those targeted by the behavior have difficulty stopping the action directed at them and struggle to defend themselves
- There is also a real or perceived “imbalance of power,” which is described as when the student with the bullying behavior has more “power,” either physically, socially, or emotionally
- There is a pattern of bullying behavior, although bullying can occur in a single incident depending on its severity or the history of those involved

Note: For a legal definition, consult your state’s law on bullying.

DID YOU KNOW

...bullying is not the same as conflict

Conflict can be a disagreement or argument that occurs when parties with equal power express their views. While people may not agree,

it’s not bullying if both parties can respectfully share what they think without demeaning or intentionally hurting the other person.

...harassment is different from bullying

Bullying and harassment are often used interchangeably when talking about hurtful or harmful behavior. They are very similar, but bullying behavior is considered harassment when it is directed at a protected class – such as a group identified by race, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin.

...the Internet is changing how youth experience bullying

Cyberbullying is often defined as an aggressive, intentional, and repeated act against someone using technology, such as email, texting, social media, or instant messages.

... adults don’t see most bullying

Bullying often takes place outside the view of adults – in the classroom when the teacher leaves the room, on the playground, on the bus, or online. In order for youth to feel equipped to take action, it is important to empower them as advocates for themselves and others.

Advocacy

=

Helping others get what they need

Self-advocacy

=

Communicating and taking action to get what you need

Empowering Youth

Every child and teen can and should develop advocacy skills to address and prevent bullying.

Advocacy for yourself and others helps youth:

- Feel empowered to help prevent bullying they see or experience
- Identify what help is needed to address bullying
- Ask others to get involved
 - Respectfully express disagreement
- Offer their opinions with confidence
- Make a positive difference for themselves and others



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