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Students from Mrs. Rivera's ELA class collaborate while working on escape room project.

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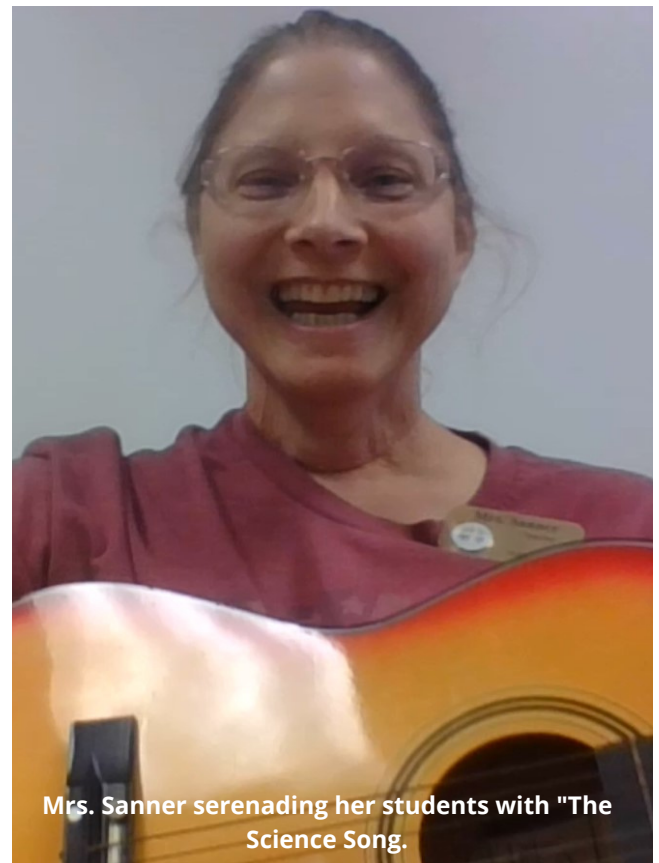
MESSAGE FROM MR. MORELAND

Gulf Middle

GMS Family,

We are all deeply saddened by the loss of our beloved science teacher, Mrs. Dana Sanner. Her loss will be felt throughout our school and we will miss her deeply. Mrs. Sanner demonstrated a love of life and a spirit of resilience that will be her lasting legacy.

As we work through this loss please be aware that there are resources available that the district can provide. If your student is struggling with the loss of Mrs. Sanner, please reach out to the school counselors so they can offer support.



Mrs. Sanner serenading her students with "The Science Song."

IMPORTANT DATES

Listed below are some important dates for Q2.

December 17- Early Dismissal Day- 2:00 PM Dismissal

December 20- December 31- Winter Break- No School

January 10- End of Quarter 2

January 10- Hurricane Make-up Day- No School

January 11- Professional Duty Day- No School for students

Staying Focused

Between Thanksgiving and Winter Break is perhaps the busiest time of the year for students and families. Here are some tips to help your student stay focused during the "most wonderful time of the year".

1. Stick to the routines you already have in place. It's easy to start putting off school commitments for fun activities, but school is a priority. Sticking to routines helps students stay focused on school.

2. Get enough rest. One late night every once in awhile is ok, but when students are missing sleep on a regular basis, their school work will suffer. Limit how many holiday activities you commit to during the week.

3. Make time for fresh air and exercise. While there is so much to do during the holiday season, exercise and fresh air should be scheduled in. Exercise is a wonderful way to refocus and re-set.

4. Stay connected. Take time each day to stop and chat. Students will value having a chance to discuss how they are feeling and what they need to help them stay focused.

2021

As 2021 comes to an end, we'd like to take this time to wish you and your family the very happiest of times during this holiday season. We hope you have a wonderful break and take time to spend quality time with family and friends. 2022, here we come!!

Welcome Aboard!

A warm welcome to Mrs. Casey Foley. Mrs. Foley has joined our GMS family as an Instructional Support teacher. Mrs. Foley's work will be focused around supporting students instructionally. She will work closely with our Reading, English/Language Arts, and Math teachers to insure students get the support they need. Welcome Aboard, Mrs. Foley.



Another successful GMS/AHA 5K Color Run

What a fabulous day!! Our 3rd AHA Color Run was a wonderful success. Over 500 students participated in our 5K, hot dog lunch, and sundae event. We are so incredibly proud of GMS for raising over \$8,000 for the American Heart Association. It was so wonderful having parents on campus to help volunteer and cheer for our students as they crossed a very colorful finish line. A special thanks to the Jacoby family for donating Rice Krispie treats for each participant.

A special shoutout to our 1st-3rd place finishers by grade level.
6th grade boys- 1-Jackson Smith, 2-Levi Klausing, 3-Steven Bobovnik
6th grade girls- 1-Laila Bathey, 2-Aricelie Texeira, 3-Valeria Palacios
7th grade boys- 1- Ivan Perez, 2-Caleb Cruz, 3- Rolly Thomas
7th grade girls- 1- Mikayla Lara, 2-Baylynn Wisner, 3- Hailey Peterson
8th grade boys- 1- Aiden Lutes, 2- Ashton Mulligan, 3- George Perez
8th grade girls- 1- Liliana Seldat, 2-Brianna Habiger, 3- Taylor Bayer



Attendance and Transportation Help

If you have questions about your child's attendance or transportation. Please contact Sandra Laborde in the front office.

Before and After Care Program

We have a before and aftercare program for our students. if you would like more information about the program please click on this [link](#).