

THE PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2022

Dear Parents,

We are preparing to end our first marking period/quarter of the school year, and November parent conferences are coming up around the third week of November. Teachers have or will have sent out to you a way to sign up for those virtual or in person conferences. We look forward to sharing out your child's progress at school!

Our Gibbs PTA Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 1st, at 6pm in our Gibbs Media Center. We will be reviewing our Gibbs Safety Plan with parents. Global Children's Center will provide free child care for all school-age children in the Gibbs Cafeteria. We want to also thank our generous PTA organizing the upcoming Boosterthon fundraiser! This will occur in school from November 9th to November 17th, and the children have really enjoyed this event the three times in the past that it has occurred. This is the largest fundraiser for our PTA for the school year, and we appreciate your support! The Boosterthon Fun Run will be on November 17th. Parents are welcome to attend.

Our Flag Ceremony will be on November 10th in our Gibbs Gymnasium. Our grade 4/5 Chorus will perform and a speaker will join us from the American Legion organization. We pay tribute and celebrate the contributions of our veterans and current active duty military. Parents are welcome to join us. Students in PEP/PreK-3rd grades will not be present.

Our school counselor, Mr. McCord, and our homeroom teachers, continue to implement the MCPS Leader In Me social-emotional lessons in the classrooms. We are also focusing on restorative practices when working with the children. Our staff receives ongoing professional development throughout the school year in this content.

Please note the important dates below.

Thank you so much for all of your support and have a great month!

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Important November Dates!

1st: PTA Meeting at 6pm, Global Children's Center providing free child care for school-age children

4th: End of first marking period; Gibbs Spirit Day "Winter PJ Day" (students can wear pajamas to school, no slippers)

6th: Daylight Savings Time (set clocks earlier by one hour)

7th: No school for students, Professional Day for Staff

8th: No school for students and staff, Election Day

9th-17th: Gibbs PTA Boosterthon Fundraiser

10th: Flag Ceremony at 10am in the Gibbs Gymnasium (4th/5th Grade Chorus will perform and parents are welcome to attend)

14th: Student Report Cards are available in Synergy Parent Vue (for those that have not activated an account, report cards are mailed home from central offices)

15th: Gibbs PTA providing Caffeine Bar for Staff

17th: Grade 2 Students Field Trip to Strathmore Music Center,

11:20am to 2pm, Gibbs PTA Boosterthon Fun Run!

18th: Fire Drill at 12:55 p.m., Gibbs Special Spirit Day "Twin Day" (students can collaborate and dress like twins)

21st: Early Dismissal Day at 1:20pm; No PEP Classes; Gibbs PTA Staff Appreciation Luncheon, 11am to 1pm.

22nd: Early Dismissal Day at 1:20pm; No PEP Classes, PIE DAY!

23rd-25th: Schools and Offices are Closed!

