



PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On behalf of the GAPS Team, it is truly my pleasure to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to you as we begin the 2018-2019 school year at Greencastle-Antrim Primary School. It is the time of year to reconnect with old friends and welcome new friends. To those students and parents who are new to GAPS we extend an especially warm welcome and best wishes for an exciting and productive year in your new school. We hope that you will quickly feel part of the community and become involved in the activities of our school through your child’s classroom program and the PTO.

As the principal of GAPS, I will continue to work diligently to foster an atmosphere that is “Children First” characterized by child-centered decisions and built upon our core values: commitment, respect, integrity and standards. I am committed to working in collaboration with you to continue to implement an excellent educational experience that is nurturing, disciplined, and challenging so that all students can learn at optimum levels and become responsible members of society.

This letter contains information that is helpful for the 2018-2019 school year. The Greencastle-Antrim Primary School day is from 8:30-3:00. If you transport your child, he/she will need to be in the classroom between 8:15 and 8:30 and/or signed out between 2:45 and 3:00. **Students should not be brought to school prior to 8:15, as we do not have staff on duty before this time to supervise them.**

Class assignments for first and second grade were communicated on the report card at the end of the school year, and kindergarten class assignments were recently communicated via email. The district website, www.gcasd.org has many valuable resources available such as volunteer information, the application for free and reduced meals, and information on purchasing student accident insurance. Many school specific items can be explored on the Primary School webpage such as curriculum resources, school events, supply lists, Code of Conduct, and much more.

The first day of school is Monday, August 20, 2018. Again, this year, our kindergarten students will have a staggered start during the first week of school where they will attend school on two of the four days the first week. **During the first week of school, in order to create smaller and equal class sizes, all kindergarten boys will only attend on Monday and Wednesday. All kindergarten girls will only attend on Tuesday and Thursday.** Students in first and second grades will follow the regular schedule and will attend school the entire week and kindergarten students will assume a regular schedule the second week of school. Also, please know there is no school on Friday, August 24, 2018 due to a scheduled Act 80 day for faculty and staff that will focus on safety and security.

To help prepare for this school year, an open house for all primary students and their families is planned for Wednesday, August 15, 2018. Also on this evening, all students will receive important papers and an identification band with information that is essential to teachers and parents. This band displays the child’s name, teacher’s name and bus route number(s) if applicable. **All students should wear this band on their book bag for at least the first month of school.** It is necessary to stay on schedule to allow for parking for those coming to later open house times; therefore, time will not allow for individual parent conferences on this evening. The schedule for the Primary School open house will be as follows:

Back to School Open House – Wednesday, August 15, 2018

Kindergarten	5:15 – 6:15 PM
First Grade	6:45 – 7:15 PM
Second Grade	7:30 – 8:00 PM

Many security upgrades have occurred throughout the school district and among them are School Gate Guardian, a computerized security management system, a front entrance camera/buzzer system, and a security vestibule. **Please know, you will need a state issued photo ID every time you enter any of the schools.** Furthermore, Greencastle-Antrim School District will continue to utilize School Messenger as a paperless method of communication. Please make sure your information is current by logging on to your PowerSchool account and reviewing information on the School Messenger tab. Stay tuned for more information from our technology department regarding back to school technology systems and procedures, and feel free to visit them during open house.

Prior to admission to school for the first time, all children must be immunized against the following diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox and Hepatitis B. Also required are Physical and Dental Examination Forms, Emergency Health Form, Fluoride Form and a copy of the Birth Certificate. If these forms and records have not already been presented to us, we must receive them prior to the first day of school.

During the first few days of school, buses may run late due to children not being accustomed to their bus stops and bus drivers accounting for students according to their bus route lists. You will receive notification with assigned bus numbers and bus stops. If you need assistance please contact the Transportation Department at 717-597-3226 ext. 50504 or 50507, and they will also be available at open house.

The Primero Edge POS computer system is utilized within the cafeterias in the Greencastle-Antrim School District. This system allows parents to pre-pay for breakfast and lunch. Students will have their own PIN number, which they enter using a PIN pad. The PIN number is also their student ID number, which will remain the same throughout their years in the school district. Parents can access their child’s account through the district website or by visiting www.schoolcafe.com. Money can be deposited through this site or should be sent to school in an envelope clearly marked with the student’s name and PIN number. Checks should be made payable to GAPS Cafeteria. Parents are encouraged to apply for free and reduced meals online via the district website. If you need assistance, please contact the Food Service Department at 717-597-3226 ext. 50505 or they too will be available at open house. School meal prices are as follows:

School Meal Prices

Milk \$0.50	Student Lunch \$2.40
Student Breakfast \$1.50	Reduced Lunch \$0.40
Reduced Breakfast \$0.30	Adult Lunch \$3.95

If you have any questions, feel free to call the Primary School at 717-597-3226 ext. 40500. I look forward to working with you throughout our years at GAPS.

Sincerely,

Angela Singer

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Primary School Principal



Enclosures: Supply List, “Race for Education” from PTO, Approved Calendar for 2018-2019 School Year and CHIP Flyer