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Dear Parents -

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6th-10th! Every year this is a wonderful opportunity to stop and recognize all of the hard work that our teachers pour into GMS. Over and over again, students and parents give high praise to our teachers, and we agree!

When I was working on my teaching degree, I came across this quote in an education book that inspired me enough to print & frame it in my classroom and office. It says:

"I have come to a frightening conclusion. I am the decisive element in the classroom. It is my personal approach that creates the climate. It is my daily mood that makes the weather. As a teacher, I possess tremendous power to make a child's life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration. I can humiliate or humor, hurt or heal. In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated and a child humanized or dehumanized." - Hiam Ginott

Reading that again reminds me of the weight that our teachers carry - not only to educate them in academics - but to create a safe and loving environment where our students can thrive and truly be seen.

Take some time this week to recognize the teachers around you. May is one of the hardest months to teach, so any extra love you can throw their way is appreciated! Most of all, commit to praying for them on a daily basis.

Teachers, we thank you and honor you for all that you do at GMS!

Miss Geiser

**June 1, 2024**



Come out for a fun day in support of GMS!

**8am** Breakfast and Coffee Booths open

**9am - 3pm** Booths and exhibits open




**9am - 12pm** Main Stage Entertainment

**12pm** Live Auction

Kid Zone - games, face painting, petting zoo, bounce house and water slide, candy drop with Greenwood VFD, live music, yard sale booth (at GMC pavilion), bake sale, plant booth, lots of yummy foods: breakfast sandwiches, donuts, pulled pork, BBQ chicken & ribs, Vanderwende's ice cream truck, French fries, burgers & more!

Mark your calendars for our annual festival! If you are willing to help, let the office know, and we will put you in touch with the committee. We need auction donations, help with set-up, tear-down, booth help, kid's activities, etc. Thanks so much!

# Greenwood Mennonite School Calendar May 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1 Pre-K to 2nd Grade Trips	2 Elem. Chapel PJ Slayer 4:00pm VarBoys BBall vs FCA 4:00pm GirlsVar Scr vs Tome	3 K-8 Track & Field Day 4:00pm GirlsVar Scr @ AGC
		Pizza	Chicken Patty Sandwiches	No Lunch
6 4:00pm MSBoys BBall vs.HG	7 7:00 pm K-4 Concert	8 6th Grade Trip	9 4:00pm MSBoys BBall @ DCS  Track MS - @ Maryland School for the Deaf Muffins for Mom	10 HS Connection Groups MS Chapel Mrs. Heffley  Junior/Senior Banquet
Cold Cut Sandwiches	Chicken Rice Casserole	Pizza	Taco Salad	Hot Dogs, Tater Tots, Beans
13 4:00pm MSBoys BBall vs.ECS AP Pre-calculus Exam	14 4th Grade Trip 7:00 pm 5-12 Concert	15 11th-12th US History Trip	16 Elem. Chapel Mrs. Brock & Mrs. Magana  6:30 pm Sports Celebration	17 HS Chapel Honoring Seniors MS Chapel Emma Adams Last day for seniors 2:15 pm Pet Day
Senior Presentations	Senior Presentations	Senior Presentations	Senior Presentation	
Cheesy Mac and Ham	Cheeseburgers	Pizza	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup	Hot Ham and Cheese, Chips
20 4th Grade Mini Society	21	22	23 9:30 am 3rd Grade Wax Museum	24 HS Chapel Mr. Miller MS Chapel Miss Geiser 5th Grade Trip
Senior Trip	Senior Trip	Senior Trip	Senior Trip	
Meatball Subs	Orange Chicken	Pizza	Chicken Tenders, Waffle Fries	Sloppy Joes
27 	28 High School Exams	29 High School Exams 1:45-3:00 Pre-K and K Awards/Grad Last day for Pre-K and K	30 Last Day of School 8:30 Elem Assembly 9:30 MS Assembly 10:30 HS Assembly	31 
No School	Chicken Nuggets and Rice	Pizza	No Lunch	No School