

#### Greetings from the Superintendent's Desk

October is a busy month of conferences. The ND state teachers' conference, administrators' conference, school board convention, and NDSBA Law Seminar all take place during the last two weeks of October. There are many topics of interest at these meetings including information on school improvement, social emotional learning (SEL) and culture/climate just to name a few. Along with those events coming up, I did attend a safety plan workshop with Stutsman regional school safety taskforce.

Gackle-Streeter School District completed the North Dakota Dept. of Public Instruction's Cognia Review last spring. Cognia is a 5 yr. continuous improvement plan that every school district in the state participates in. I am pleased to inform the public that GSPS received accreditation as well as inciteful feedback from the accreditation team.

We strive to develop positive attitudes and a strong work ethic in our students. Through extracurricular activities, social events, and class electives. We try to do this while maintaining balance and hopefully achieving the high standards set forth by the state and federal governments. It is not an easy task for our students, parents, teachers, and administrators so we applaud all those people who offer positive encouragement and support.

Thank you for supporting our school!!

If you have any questions, please contact the Gackle-Streeter School District Office at 485-3692.

Sincerely,
Supt. Mark Berg
"Empowering all students to succeed"

#### Make sure your child attends school daily!



Research shows that missing school regularly can hurt both the students who miss class—and their classmates. When students miss school, they miss out on learning. When they return, they have to work harder to catch up. After a while, it gets more difficult to catch up, and then kids are even more likely to miss school. As a result, kids who miss school have lower levels of achievement throughout their school careers. By sixth grade, research shows that students who miss an average of just one day a week are more likely to drop out of high school. The students who do come to class also miss out. When teachers have to repeat material or pay extra attention to kids who have been absent, everyone suffers.

Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire. -- W. B. Yeats

#### A Message From the Principal....

September 2023

Our 2023-2024 school year is off and running. I don't know where the time has gone, but it sure is flying by. We have so many positive things happening in our building. If you haven't had the chance to hop on our school website, I strongly recommend you check it out. Photos of our kids being active learners in our classrooms and engaging in learning opportunities are sure to put a smile on your face. We truly have so much to be thankful for and to be proud of. We have such smart kids and teachers who come to school to make a difference every single day.

I recently had the honor of attending a two-day conference with five very dedicated, passionate, committed, inspiring, warm, caring, and student focused individuals. These individuals worked tirelessly at reevaluating and are currently in the process of rebuilding our MTSS (Multi-Tier System of Support) system we have in place. This MTSS framework is designed to ensure that the individual needs of all students are successfully attained academically, socially, emotionally, and behaviorally. At this conference we were engaged in some very deep and hard conversations encompassing what is working and not working in our school.

As I reflect on this two-day conference away from the building and learning with other educators, these are some of the words that resonated with me:

**Teamwork-** We can accomplish so much more with the support from one another working together as a TEAM. This includes our students, teachers, paras, cooks, janitors, office staff, administration, bus drivers, board members, community members, and most of all, our parents. It takes all of us working together as a UNITED front all working together for a common goal—our students!

Accountability- Meaning the obligation or willingness to accept responsibility for one's actions. It is always easy to blame someone else, be quick to anger, and point the finger. It is not always someone else's fault and there comes a time when we need to hold ourselves or the ones we love accountable to allow them to grow. That is a true beauty in education.

**Perspective**- The way something is mentally viewed. Changing our perspective changes our experience. When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.

Growth Mindset- When you thrive on challenge, and do not view failure as a way to describe yourself but nothing less than a springboard for growth and developing your abilities- you have a growth mindset.

Trust- The firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something. We have to trust that we are putting our best foot forward every day and are putting our students first above everything else.

Purposeful- Is intentionally showing we have a definite aim and strong desire to achieve something.

Student success being our top priority.

**Explicit Instruction**- Explicit instruction is a way to teach in a direct, structured way. When teachers use explicit instruction, they make lessons crystal clear. They show kids how to start and succeed on a task. They also give kids plenty of feedback and chances to practice.

It is my opinion, that essentially by incorporating these ideas, words, and actions into our classrooms every day we have only one direction to go, and **that is UP**. These seven keys will lead us to a higher level of success in education. I am making it a goal for myself to incorporate all seven of these key ideas in my practice of coaching, modeling, and growing our awesome educators that are filling the minds of the ones who will be leading us in the future. We are all works in progress- we all have room to grow- WE ARE ALL LIFELONG LEARNERS!!!!

Monthly Shout Outs: The following students have exhibited positive behaviors that were recognized in our building as going above and beyond. Keep up the great work!!! Bridger Rivinius, Deziray Zenker, William Metz, Phillip Elison, SENIOR CLASS, Colter Miller, Bryce Homola, Keefer Nenow, Emmett Nenow, Skyler Burkle, Clay Muller, Mae Black, Cooper Rivinius, Burrito Making Crew, Lyndi Homola, Chase Zapka, Brooklyn Graber, Emma Hellar, and McKenna Zenker.

#### Mark your Calendars

Please understand that these events and times are subject to change.

October 2<sup>nd</sup>- Junior high, C-squad, JV, and Varsity Volleyball vs. Medina at Medina at 3:30

October 3rd- Elementary staff meeting at 7:30 a.m.

October 3rd- ND SEALANT Program- Hygienist will be here to do fluoride/sealant treatment

October 4th- PD Day- Late Start: 10:16 a.m.

- Elementary teachers will be taking part in the AMIRA training

October 5th- Junior high, C-squad, JV, and Varsity Volleyball vs. Wilton at Napoelon at 3:30

October 6th- Coffee with Kids- 9:00-9:30

October 6th- Varsity Football game vs. Richardton-Taylor at Richardton

October 7th- Junior High Volleyball Tournament in Wishek

October 9th- Junior High Volleyball game vs. EKM in Gackle

October 10th- High school staff meeting at 7:30 a.m.

October 10th- Bookmobile- 10:30-1:30

October 10th- Junior high, C-squad, JV, and Varsity Volleyball vs. Linton/HMB Hazelton at 4:00

October 13th- Varsity Football game vs. Grant County in Napoleon-Parents Night- 7:00

October 16th- Junior high, C-squad, JV, and Varsity Volleyball vs. Barnes County North at Barnes County at 4:00

October 16th - News due

October 17th- C-squad, JV, and Varsity Volleyball vs. Carrington at Carrington at 4:30

October 18th- PD Day- Late Start: 10:16 a.m.

October 18th- Last Day of First Quarter

October 19th-20th- NO SCHOOL Teacher Convention

October 23<sup>rd</sup>- 3:30-4:30 7-12 Student Council Meeting

October 24th- High school staff meeting at 7:30 a.m.

October 21st-Varsity Football Playoffs

October 23rd- C-squad, JV, and Varsity Volleyball vs. EKM at Napoleon at 5:00

October 24th- Student Council Blood Drive 10:00-2:00

October 26th-PreK-12 Fall Music Concert 6:30p.m.

October 27th- District Volleyball Tournament in Napoleon

October 28th - Varsity Football Playoffs

October 30th- District Volleyball Tournament in Napoleon

October 31st- District Volleyball Tournament in Napoleon

#### Parents of Gackle-Streeter students:

My name is Mike Soulis and I am the counselor for the school for those who do not know me. Recently, I have done a lot of research on the benefits of having a dog in the school to assist with a student's needs emotionally and/or to help with the overall school atmosphere. I talked to Administration and the School Board, and we have decided as a School District to move forward with the idea of bringing my 13-week Golden Retriever Jack into the school as a "Therapy dog in training". It is proven that a dog can assist individuals with their emotions and have a calming effect on people. I would like to see Gackle-Streeter school benefit from this. Mrs. Weigel and her Small Animal Care students will be working with Jack on basic commands during their class period and the remainder of the time he will be with me. Please inform the school if your child has any allergies or fear of dogs or animals. I am very excited to bring Jack and his abilities into the school to make Gackle-Streeter an even more accommodating and inviting school for the students.

Thank You

Mike Soulis





September was a busy month for us. We've had a fun first couple weeks of school.

Our learning targets consisted of: Shapes: Circle/Diamond, Numbers: Zero O, One 1, Two 2, tracing/writing and number identification. Math Terms-similar, same, different, same color & sort. Reading: Letters Mm, Aa, & Ss. Initial letter sound, tracing/writing letters, rhyming words, letter identification & name identification. Social Emotional Learning: Identifying different emotions. Happy, sad, angry & worried.

We're looking forward to October. With the change of weather and as the days get colder, please be sure to send a jacket, hat & gloves with your child.

A big thanks to the Women's Auxiliary for your book donations, so our students can receive a monthly book. We appreciate your kindness. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask.

Mrs. Baker 😊

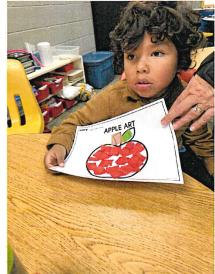


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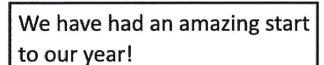








# Kindergarten News



In ELA classes we have been working on letters, rhyming, beginning sounds. We have also been reading stories about families.

In Math we are working on 2D and 3D shapes.

In science we are learning about motion.

In social studies we have been working on responsibility and self-control. Sight words have been coming home with your child. Please make sure they practice those words!

# October THIRD GRADE

By: Mia



This is what I do in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. I have concert practice in the music room. I sang the National Anthem at the flagpole. I took pictures for picture day. I did makerspace with the fourth graders. My class and I are going to the homecoming parade in Napoleon. We also learned what happened when the Twin Tower's fell on September 11, 2001.

I celebrated my birthday with my class on September 13!

Third grade is a lot of fun!



## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Whitestone Education Day





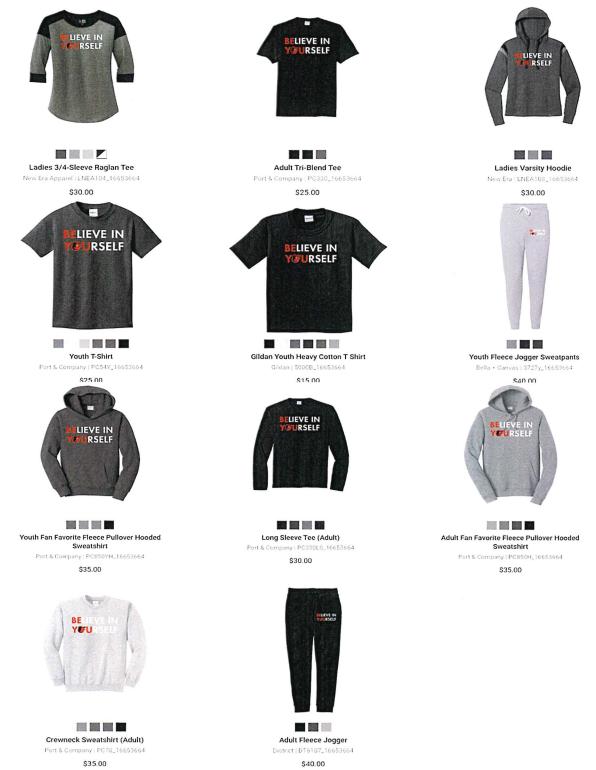


Whitestone was the best day of my life! My favorite is the bow and arrow. I finally to learn how to shoot a bow!

I like Whitestone Education day because we got to throw spears! Whitestone was awesome! I didn't even have a favorite thing. Everything was good!

Archery was fun! It was my favorite! I learned how to shoot a bow!

#### These Spirit gear items are available to order online using the link below.



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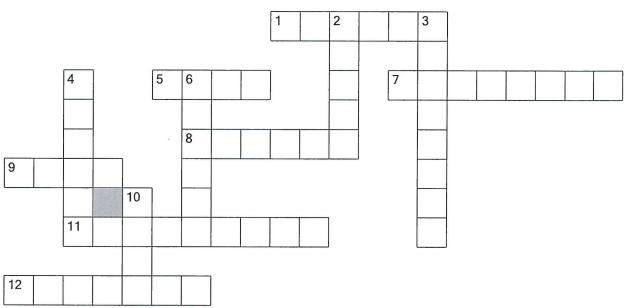
"Gackle-Streeter" can be added to the sleeve on sweatshirts or long-sleeve tee for an additional \$7.

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#### **Autumn Crossword**

Complete the activity.





#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Changes colors in the fall
- 5. Grows on stalks
- 7. Great for pies and for carving
- 8. The third season of the year
- 9. Another name for Autumn
- 11. Scares birds from cornfields
- 12. To reap or gather

#### **DOWN**

- 2. The fruit of the oak
- 3. A small rodent
- 4. Keeps the doctor away
- 6. Red and yellow makes this color
- 10. Used to gather fallen leaves

Fall	Apples	Acorn
Autumn	Orange	Rake
Leaves	Scarecrow	Corn
Pumpkins	Harvest	Squirrel

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## Halloween Word Search Puzzle



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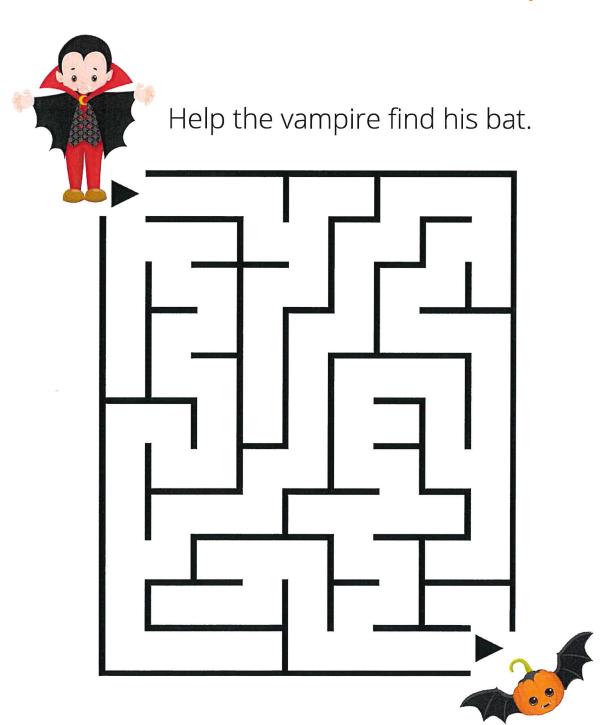
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(The words may be hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally.)

# Happy Halloween!



# October

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 B: French Toast Sticks L: Ring Sausage, Mashed	3 B: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon	4 <u>LATE START-No Breakfast</u>	5 B: Pop-Tart, Yogurt L: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce,	6 B: Egg & Sausage Bites
Potatoes, Sauerkraut	L: Hamburger, French Fries	L: Lasagna	Bread Stick	L: Tomato Soup, Hot Ham & Cheese
9 B: Omelet, Hash Brown	10 B: Muffins, Yogurt	11 B: Breakfast Sandwich	12 B: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage	13 B: Cinnamon Roll
L: Sub Sandwich, Chips	L: Corndog, Tater Tots	L: Chili Cheese Fries	L: Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy	L: Walking Taco, Black Beans
16 B: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon	17 B: Donut, Fruit	18 <u>LATE START-No Breakfast</u>	19 B: French Toast Sticks	20 B: Breakfast Burrito
L: Popcorn Chicken, Mac n Cheese	L: Hamburgers, French Fries	L: Calzone	L: Chili Crispitos, Refried Beans	L: Sloppy Joes
23 B: Pancakes, Fruit	24 B: Pop-Tart, Yogurt	25 B: Muffins, Fruit	26 B: Omelet, Fruit	27 B: Breakfast Sandwich
L: Chicken Fajita, Spanish Rice	L: Chili Dogs, Fruit	L: French Bread Pizza, Diced Baked Apples	L: Buffalo Chicken Sandwich, French Fries	L: Meatball Sub, Chips
30 B: French Toast Sticks L: Orange Chicken, Pineapple	31 B: Cinnamon Roll, Fruit L: Super Nachos, Refried Beans			
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