

# Gackle-Streeter School District Newsletter December 2023



#### Greetings from the Superintendent's Desk

It is hard to believe that we are already moving towards the Holiday Vacation for the 2023-2024 school year! Things are going quite smoothly thanks to the great students and staff we have here at Gackle-Streeter. The energy and enthusiasm of all the staff spills over to our students and their accomplishments. The Gackle-Streeter School is filled with great children and wonderful adults who work with them. On several occasions I have had people who have visited our school go out of their way to complement our students and the culture here at Gackle-Streeter School.

Miss Hoke, the student teacher in the Music Dept., has finished up her experience with us here at GSPS. She did a great job while she was here and will be a great music teacher wherever she ends up next. Good Luck Miss Hoke

November professional development time was used for mental health training. The staff at GSPS participated in a blended online and face-to-face course relating to mental health for youth. 1 in 5 young people will experience some sort of mental health crisis. Being informed on the signs and symptoms of mental health crisis can lead to early intervention steps. If you or your child are experiencing mental health concerns, please reach out to the school for a list of resources.

The winter sports seasons are upon us. Every new season brings enthusiasm and optimism. A lot of work from the athletes, coaches, and officials goes into each season. Come out and support our extracurricular programs!

The weather as of late has been a welcome reprieve to winter. Unfortunately, I suspect that Ol' Man Winter is going to make an appearance sooner than later. Again this year, I will do my best to make a call regarding late starts by 6:30 am. The School will be sending out a test call on December 1st at 10:30 am. Please contact the School at 701 485-3692 if you do not receive the test call.

I hope that the holiday season is a happy and joyful time for everybody in the Gackle-Streeter District!



Sincerely, Supt. Mark Berg

#### Learning Home Zone

## Top 10 ways to support learning conditions at home:

- 1. Have high expectations for your child
- 2. Encourage your child to go to college
- 3. Read to your child
- 4. Take your child to the **library**
- 5. Help your child with his or her homework
- 6. **Provide resources** to help you child do *his* or her schoolwork
- 7. **Monitor** the time spent doing **homework**
- 8. Take your child to cultural events
- 9. Monitor the extent to which your child watches television
- 10. **Monitor** your child when he or she comes home from school and **what** they do after school

The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.

B.B. King



#### December 2023

#### PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. BUCKEYE



In the spirit of this holiday season, I just want to extend my thanks and gratitude to all the staff, teachers, board members, cooks, janitors, paras, subs, bus drivers, students, parents, and community members who put their heart and soul into this building every single day. I am beyond grateful to serve as the principal in the Gackle-Streeter School District. As we enjoy the upcoming holidays, it is my sincere wish that each of you receive and return the seasonal bounty of blessings and good tiding that make these days truly special.

The faces of our students express the true meaning of this holiday season. Watching the joy radiate from the smiles flows pure enthusiasm, hope, and joy. Thank you to all the parents who entrust your most precious gifts with us every day. We are truly blessed!

#### WHAT'S COMING UP

#### **COFFEE W/ KIDS**

December 1st at 9:00-9:30

#### MUSIC CONCERTS

December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 High School Music Concert

December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 Elementary Music Concert

#### JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL GAME IN GACKLE

December 15th at 4:30

Please come and support our girls and junior class will be serving concessions.

# Semester TESTING for Students in grades 7-12

December 15 <sup>th</sup>	December 18th	December 19 <sup>th</sup>	
Normal Period 1-4 and	5 <sup>th</sup> Period	4 <sup>th</sup> Period	
WIN	8:25- 9:55	8:25-9:55	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period TEST	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	1 <sup>st</sup> Period	
1:43-3:25	10:05-11:35	10:05-11:35	
	Lunch	Lunch	
	11:35-11:55	11:35-11:55	
	6th Period	Make-Up	
	11:55-1:35	11:55-3:25	
	7 <sup>th</sup> Period		
	1:45-3:25		

- Every student must take a minimum of at least 3 semester tests.
- ✓ 1 of the 3 must be in a core subject- Math, English, Science, History
- ✓ If you have received a nine-week grade of 70 or below and/or have missed 5 or more class periods in a given class-- STUDENT MUST TAKE that given semester test.
- ✓ Students may take a semester test to raise their grade if they choose this option as an additional test.
- ✓ If students have missing or incomplete assignments in any class- NO OPEN CAMPUS.
- Students will report to the library or assigned classroom for a study session if not taking a test and in the building.
- ✓ All students testing must remain in the classroom for a minimum of 60 minutes.
- Dual Credit and Distant Learning students do not need to report for their testing period- final must be completed by the deadline of the course.

This is a change and a trial run for us.....We are going to give it a whirl. Please be flexible.

Attendance will be checked on 12/14 and grades will be checked on 12/11 so students are able to prepare if needed.

All students will be expected to prepare and participate in study reviews prior to semester tests.

**OPEN CAMPUS-** If a student earned the privilege of open campus and is not taking a test due to the grade in the class and adequate attendance in that class, they **do not** need to be present in the school during that testing block. See above schedule. Parents, if you do not want your student to leave the campus please call and let the office know.

If they were testing, they will be expected to be in the testing room for a minimum of 60 minutes and then report to the assigned classroom in a study session for the remaining testing frame.

Feel free to call Mrs. Buckeye with questions.

#### **BOOKMOBILE**

December 12th 10:30-1:30

#### **End of Quarter 2**

December 20th

#### **Early Dismissal for Students**

December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30 School will resume on January 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Coffee With Kids**

The Student Council is very excited to continue to host our monthly **Coffee**With Kids events. We truly want to THANK Coteau Cottage for donating the coffee for this event each month. If you have not joined us.....PLEASE come to the gym and join us. Everyone is welcome!!!!

#### Winter Weather Is Here

- With winter being here, please be sure your child is coming to school with warm clothing-hats, gloves, boots, snow pants, and a warm coat. Elementary kids will be going out for morning recess before school and noon recess after lunch. Teachers will be having the kids take everything home on the weekends to get washed.
- REMINDER PARENTS....if your child is not going to be in school please contact the office. With the roads getting icy and snow compacted your child's safety is our top priority.

#### Dates to keep in mind....Be mindful dates and times are subject to change!

December 1st- Coffee with Kids- 9:00-9:30 December 1st- Small Animal Care Tour Dog School in Jud December 4th- AIMS Testing for elementary December 4th- High School Music Concert at 7:00 December 5th- High school staff meeting at 7:30 a.m. December 6th-7th- Developing Academic Pathways PD December 10th-12th- DNCEL Student Council Convention December 12th- Elementary staff meeting at 7:30 a.m. December 12th- Cognia meeting 12:00 December 12th- Bookmobile- 10:30-1:30 December 13th- PD Day- Late Start: 10:16 a.m. December 14th- - News due December 14th - Elementary Music Concert 6:30 December 15th Jr. High girls basketball in Gackle at 4:30 December 18th- 3:30-4:30 7-12 Student Council Meeting December 20th-Dismiss at 12:30 -End of Semester- last day of quarter two December 21st-Jan. 1st- BREAK January 2<sup>nd</sup> - School Resumes January 4th~ MTSS meeting at 3:30 January 5th- Coffee with Kids- 9:00-9:30 January 8th- 3:30-4:30 7-12 Student Council Meeting January 9th- Elementary staff meeting at 7:30 a.m. January 9th - Bookmobile - 10:30-1:30 January 9th- Cognia meeting at 12:00 January 12th- Ag in the classroom for grades 3 & 4 January 13th- Boys Varsity Basketball game here in Gackle January 16th- High school staff meeting at 7:30 a.m. January 16th- Local Science Fair- 1:30-3:15 January 17th PD Day- Late Start: 10:16 a.m. January 18th - News due January 19th- COLOR WAR January 19th- Girls Varsity Basketball game in Gackle January 19th- Chili Cook-off January 21-26- SNOWEEK January 23rd - 100th Day celebration

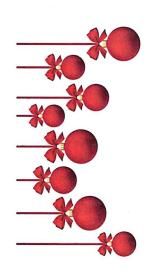
## MONTHLY SHOUT OUTS

The following students have been recognized this month for going out of their way to being **EXTRA AMAZING**. Thanks students and keep up the great work.

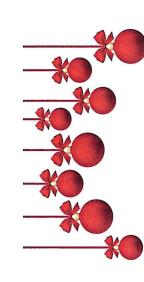
Alexa, Sophia, Charlee S, Abby, Student Council, Wade, Eli H., Fourth Grade Class, Leyna, Peyton S., Bridger, Mae, Chase M., and Emmett

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Winter Break begins Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30 and school resumes on January 2<sup>nd</sup>

January 31st-PD Day-Late Start: 10:16 a.m.

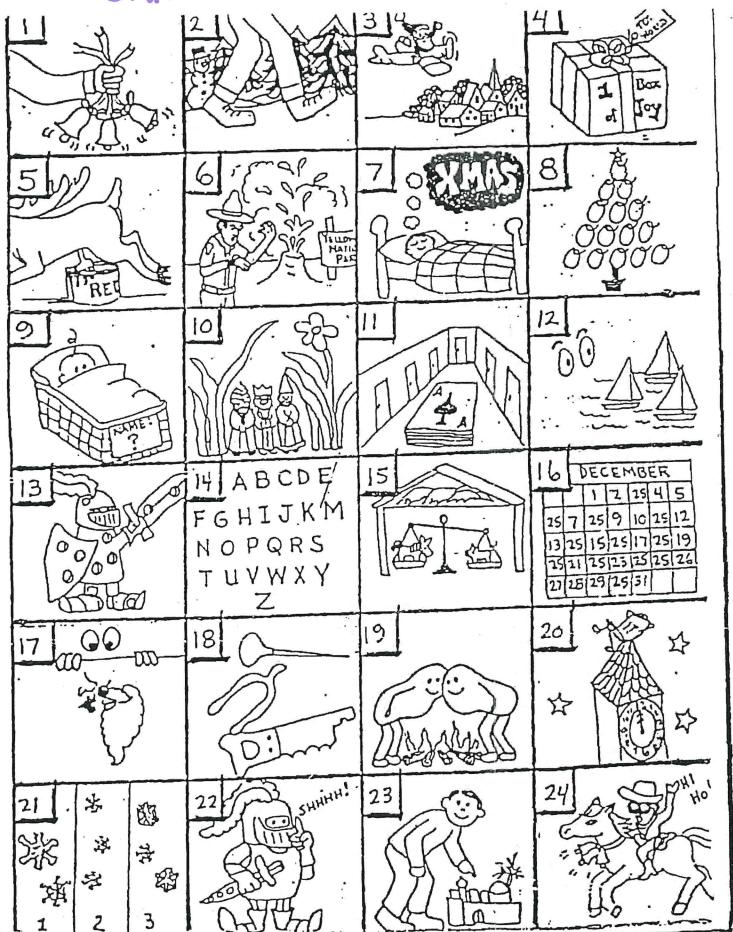


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Friday  1  B: Breakfast pizza L: Chicken Alfredo, breadstick	7 B: Scrambled eggs and bacon L: Corn dog, tater tots	14 B: Pop tart, yogurt le L: French bread pizza, diced baked apples	21 22 HOLIDAY BREAK	29 HOLIDAY BREAK
Thursday	B: French toast sticks L: Scalloped potatoes & ham, green beans	1. B: Cinnamon Roll L: Orange chicken, rice, pineapple	HOLIDAY BREAK	HOLIDAY BREAK
Wednesday	6 B: Breakfast sandwich L: Sloppy Joes, baked beans, chips	B: NO BREAKFAST L: Calzone	20 B: Pancake sausage bites L: Sub sandwich, chips	27 HOLIDAY BREAK
Tuesday	5 B: Pancake, fruit L: Popcorn chicken, mac & cheese	B: Donut, fruit L: Meatball sub, pasta salad	19 B: Breakfast pizza L: Chili dog, fruit	26 HOLIDAY BREAK
Monday	4 B: Omelet, hash brown L: Hamburger, French fries	B: Breakfast burrito L: Buffalo chicken sandwich, French fries	18 B: Muffins, yogurt L: Chili crispito, refried beans	25 HOLIDAY BREAK

Christmas Carot Rebus







### December News

Dear Pre-K Families,

Our learning targets consisted of: Shapes: Triangle. Colors: orange and brown. Numbers: Six 6, seven 7, eight 8, nine 9. Tracing/writing and number identification. Counting 1-10. Math Terms-problem solving using the 4-step process. Reading: Letters Cc, Oo, Ff, Hh. Initial letter sounds, tracing/writing letters, rhyming words, alliteration, nursery rhymes, letter identification & name identification. Social Emotional Learning: Controlling emotions.

The students had a blast trick or treating. We are so fortunate for the great community that we live in. A Big Thanks goes out to: Dakota Heritage Bank, Wright Insurance & The Gackle Care Center.











# Kindergarten News

In ELA classes we have been working on letters, rhyming, beginning and ending sounds, blending and segmenting.
We have also been reading stories about food. We even got to make pizza one day!

In Math we are working on addition.

In science we are learning about weather.

In social studies we have been working on being good citizens and the first Thanksgiving.





# Seenser PERADE

By: Sydney







We had the AR Party. We did a wild goose chase (scavenger hunt). It was really fun. We were really enthusiastic!





Miss Myra came and made fall trees with us. We cut up paper into different shapes and glued them on paper. Then we drew a tree on a different paper. Then we cut it out and glued it on the paper with little paper pieces.

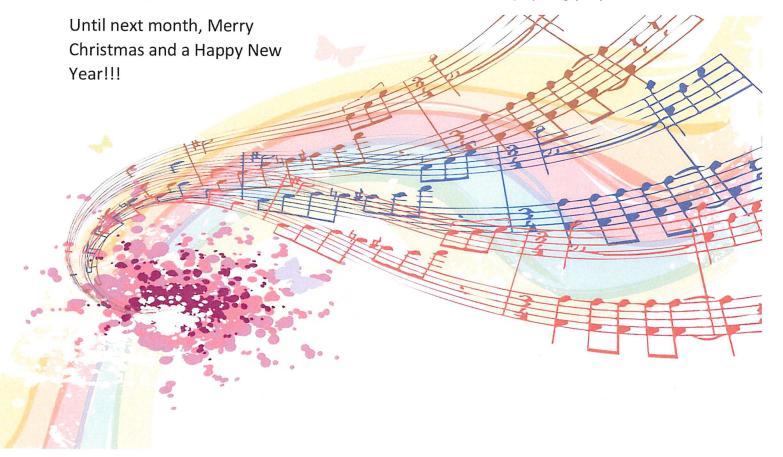
We had the fall concert. It was really fun. We sang Fifty Nifty. We also sang on the railroad. I loved it. I hope you guys loved it too.



Yeah!!!!! It's almost Christmas Time! As always December is a busy month for performances and Christmas get-togethers. First, we have the High School Christmas concert coming up on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Students should be here by 6:45 p.m. We are also asking that families bring some Christmas goodies to share. We will have the fixin's for hot cocoa and apple cider for both concerts. The Elementary concert is on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Students being here by 6:15 p.m. Again, we are asking for families to bring some Christmas goodies to share at the Elementary concert also. Don't forget Santa Claus will make his appearance after the concert!

We will also be traveling around our two towns to perform at the Streeter and Gackle Banks and Gackle Care Center. Watch for postings of those community performances!

Lastly, the music students will be having a bake sale at the Streeter Santa Claus days on December 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1:30 p.m. this year. We are looking for baked goods for this fundraiser. This year we are fundraising for our next trip and for purchasing equipment and/or costumes for our Elementary spring play.



#### **GACKLE-STREETER**

# AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION & FFA Newsletter





December

#### IMPORTANT DATES

December 7th- District Leadership @ Tappen

December 12th- State LDE Day

December 19th- FFA Monthly Meeting

December 21-January 1-Winter Break



#### AG ED

Students are currently on various different subjects in Ag Ed. 9th graders are welding and learning the FFA Creed, 8th graders are finishing up their woodworking animals, Small Animal Care students are continuing their work with training Jack as well as learning about cats, Ag 12 and Ag Mech students finished up welding and are just starting a shed project and Community Development has been creating demonstrations.

#### FFA

FFA members got back from National Convention and we had a blast! We are now practicing hard for the District Leadership Competition.

#### Christmas Carol Rebus Answers

- 1. Jingle Bells
- 2. Walking in a Winter Wonderland
- 3. Santa Claus is Coming to Town
- 4. Joy to the World
- 5. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
- 6. O' Come All Ye Faithful
- 7. I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas
- 8. Oh, Christmas Tree
- 9. What Child is This?
- 10. We Three Kings
- 11. Deck the Halls
- 12. I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In
- 13. O' Holy Night
- 14. Noel
- 15. Away In a Manger
- 16. The Twelve Days of Christmas
- 17. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
- 18. All I Want For Christmas is My Two Front Teeth
- 19. Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire
- 20. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
- 21. Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!
- 22. Silent Night
- 23. O' Little Town of Bethlehem
- 24. Silver Bells



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