

# The Patriot NEWSLETTER



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## Principal's Message

Dear GES Families,

We truly **appreciate our parent and community volunteers**. We were glad to celebrate several of you at the Volunteer Tea prior to last night's PTA meeting. It was the last PTA meeting of the school year where new officers were sworn in. We look forward to working with our new PTA leadership for next school year as well!

We have one **staff update** to share. We will say a fond farewell to Brian Kaigler, who will leave GES to teach social studies at a nearby Blair Ewing Center, an alternative school program. We will welcome Caroline Kiernan as our new 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Any additional staffing changes that may happen during the summer months will be communicated via the summer newsletter that is sent electronically to all families during the first week of August.

Speaking of summer, **a summer reading and math assignments** (one page front to back) will be distributed to all grade K-4 students this Friday. Please encourage your child to complete these summer assignments to ensure they keep their academic skills up to date. Research shows

that students who continue to focus on academics during the summer don't regress or experience what's called the "summer slide" like students that complete no academic work during the summer months.

We will have several **construction projects taking place at our school** this summer. We will have last remnants of asbestos tiles removed from various parts of the building, a new (wood) gymnasium floor will be installed, and a canopy to provide covering for students (for before they enter the building each morning) will be installed at the side triple gym door entrance.

Before I sign off for the year, I wanted to tell you that it's been our **pleasure serving you and your children** this school year. During the first week of August, please refer to our school website for the school's summer newsletter that will include everything GES families need to start the 2019-20 school year off right.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or

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## Dates to Remember

- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| June 3-7                         | <b>BOOK FAIR (all week)</b>                                 |
| Thursday, June 6 <sup>th</sup>   | Grades 3-5 Field Day  |
| Wednesday, June 12 <sup>th</sup> | <b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony, APR @ 10 am</b> |
| Thursday, June 13 <sup>th</sup>  | 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic                                |
|                                  | PEP Students - last day of school                           |
| Friday, June 14                  | <b>LAST DAY</b> of school/Early dismissal at 1:15 pm        |

Principal's Message continued ...

Mrs. Walsleben via phone (301-353-8050) or email. Enjoy your summer!

Take care,

*Amy D. Bryan*

GES Principal

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*Carolynn Walsleben*

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**Save the Dates for 2019-2020 School Year:**



OPEN HOUSE

**Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**

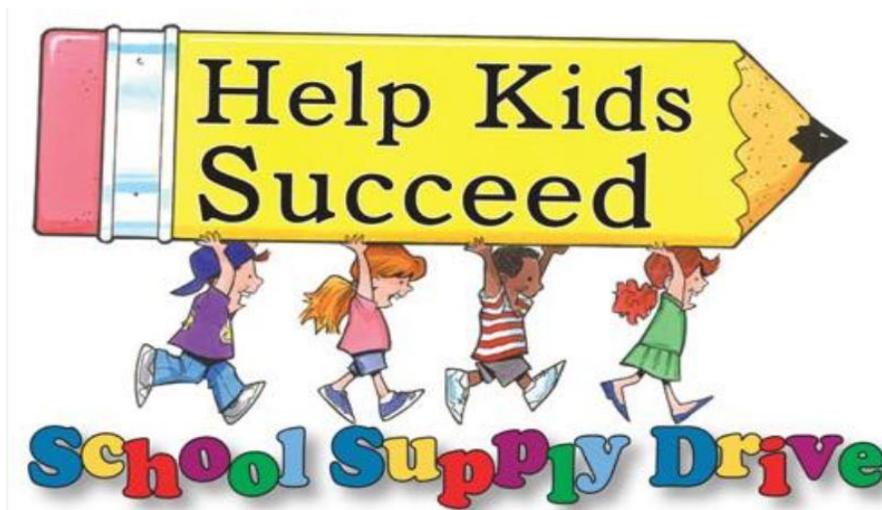
**2:30 – 3:30 pm**

First Day at



**Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Drive for Supplies** – MCPS collects and distributes new and reusable supplies. As your child brings home school supplies, check over them for possible repurposing useable items. [Mrs. Jennifer Atanda](#) is our coordinator for any collection from GES students/families. MCPS will receive the donations through June 14th. More information is available on the MCPS webpage. Please click on the image for the direct link.



## Patriot Student of the Month

(May 2019)

<b><u>Kindergarten</u></b>		<b><u>Third Grade</u></b>	
<i>Mrs. Malek</i>	Jonnile	<i>Mrs. Brown</i>	Noah
<i>Mrs. Savino</i>	Sophia	<i>Mrs. Lea</i>	Nusaiba
<i>Mrs. Wysong</i>	Darien		
		<b><u>Fourth Grade</u></b>	
<b><u>First Grade</u></b>		<i>Mrs. Kahn</i>	Viviana
<i>Ms. Horvath</i>	Roberto	<i>Mr. Kaigler</i>	Eunhan
<i>Mrs. Minehan</i>	Caroline		
<i>Mrs. Rockovich</i>	Michael	<b><u>Fifth Grade</u></b>	
		<i>Mrs. Boucher</i>	Maya
<b><u>Second Grade</u></b>		<i>Ms. Marino</i>	Judith
<i>Mrs. Booth</i>	Charles		
<i>Mrs. Edmundson</i>	Kyra	Patrol of the Month	Fahima
<i>Mrs. Kissal</i>	Isetta	Peacemaker Month	Niresa King
<b><u>SCB</u></b> <i>Ms. Farrell</i>	Isabel	<b><u>SCB</u></b> <i>Ms. Gray</i>	Joel



**Earn money for GES!**

**Collect and bring Box Top labels to your child's teacher!**

# PTA News

Dear Patriots Family,

Alas, the end of the school year is upon us! A WARM thank you to all of the many parent volunteers, school administrators and staff members who made this school year a SUCCESS! This year, the PTA hosted the first ever Family Movie Night, beautified our school grounds alongside the GES staff, sponsored school assemblies and so much more!

This week, please do not forget to stop by the Book Fair for a special BOGO sale on your child's book purchases! The fair will continue throughout the week (June 3-7). Many thanks to **Lourdes** for coordinating the Book Fair!



And to **Melissa** for organizing the Muffins for Mom event! A hospitality tidbit from chair Melissa Matchett:



It was a rainy Muffins for Mom event and everyone showed up with a smile on their faces! Special thanks to the following volunteers: **Lourdes Pesseh**, **Henry Matchett**, **Renee Walker**, **Amy Bryan** and **Jacob Matchett** who helped to make this a special event for the GES Moms and their children!

Lastly, to our amazing **Kris** has kept our newsletter running with success – your talent and professionalism is to be commended. Overall, I cannot send enough thanks to those who participated in, or attended, PTA events. What a tremendous year this has been!

Congratulations are in order for **Nigel O.** who will serve as the **PTA's incoming Vice President** for the 2019-2020 school year! As for other positions, we were unable to run the elections as we had anticipated for the June PTA meeting last night. Instead, we agreed to extend our search through June 25. GES PTA is in dire need of one of the required position – the President, as well as the other two vital positions - Secretary and Treasurer. **Without these positions filled, PTA will not run, it will become dormant throughout the 2019-20 school year. GES students and families look forward to the popular events held at GES. Unfortunately, GES PTA will not plan nor fund PTA events next school year.**



PTA President still on the **WANTED** list! One possible approach we discussed at the June PTA meeting last night is a shared position. A President Elect can assist the President in his or her duties By having two people to fulfill this role, it helps to make the responsibilities more manageable. That idea was widely accepted with those in attendance last night, including full support from Nigel O. and school principals Amy Bryan andCarolynn Walsleben. If there is another parent that you work well with and you would like to consider serving in a presidential capacity together, please do not hesitate to email me at [llydiarose@aol.com](mailto:llydiarose@aol.com). Contact me even throughout the summer months, as there will invariably be committee positions that could use as co-chair or chair.

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**Other positions available:**

- Membership Chair
- Yearbook
- ICB bookings
- Cultural Arts (Harvest Dance, PJ reading night, International Night)
- Hospitality (Boo Hoo Breakfast, Donuts for Dad, Muffins for Mom)
- Spirit Wear
- Box Tops

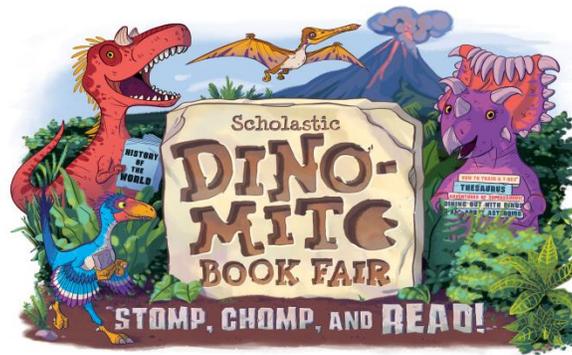
Lastly, although my daughter will continue her education elsewhere next school year, we will keep the fond memories we've made with us for many years to come. GES will always hold a very special place in our hearts.

I hope everyone enjoys a fantastic summer of family adventure, learning and warm memories.

Sincerely yours,

*Lydia Rose*, GES PTA President 2018-2019

“Let’s make a difference one child at a time.”



**BOGO IS FINALLY HERE !!!!**

Special thanks to: Meghan Lowery, Danielle Story, Renee Walker, and Brent Walker for your help with the book fair thus far. **We need additional volunteers to have a successful event!** (specifically during the lunch recess time frame 11:00 am – 1:30 pm on Thursday and Friday June 6-7)

Sign up to help at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044CADAD2FA2FF2-bogo>

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school, this is a **buy one get one free event...** let’s get our GES students ready for summer reading!

Sincerely,

Lourdes Pesseh, Book Fair Chair

**Our book fair dates are Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Monday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday, June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday, June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, June 6 <sup>th</sup> *Evening Hours	Friday, June 7 <sup>th</sup>
9am – 10am 11:00am - 1:30pm 3pm – 4:30pm	9am – 10am 11:00am - 1:30pm 3pm – 4:30pm	9am – 10am 11:00am - 1:30pm 3pm – 4:30pm	9am – 10am 11:00am - 1:30pm <b>3pm – 7pm</b>	9am – 10am 11:00am - 1:30pm 3pm – 4:30pm

**HAPPY SUMMER READING FROM THE GES PTA**

