



Ram Reminder November 2025



GCMS Families,

We're off to a great start to the second quarter! November is a wonderful time to pause and reflect on what we're thankful for, and at **Greene County Middle School**, we are especially grateful for our students and their continued growth and effort. We're also thankful for our families — your ongoing support, encouragement, and partnership make all the difference in helping our students succeed.

-Mrs. Pederson

Grades-

- First quarter grades have been finalized and posted. You can find them under the grades tab on your infinite campus parent portal. Contact Emily Gannon (gannone@greencountycsd.net) if you have forgotten your login information.

Monday Early Release and Activities-

- With the beginning of Winter season having started last week, we will allow in-season activities only to stay at school after early dismissal. Students who wish to stay must report to the cafeteria by 2:00 PM. Once checked in with our monitor, students will not be allowed to leave the cafeteria, Please note that any student who leaves the building will not be allowed back in until 3:45 PM. Currently only students who are on the 7th and 8th grade girls basketball and 7th and 8th grade wrestling rosters will be permitted to stay.
- Students who choose to leave must not return to the building until 3:45 as there will not be staff/coaches available to let them in and monitor them until that time due to professional development responsibilities. Students should not be entering through the business office side, they should be waiting to enter the front of the building when let in by coaches.

Dressing for the Cold Weather

- With the temperatures dropping, it's crucial that our students are dressed warmly to stay comfortable throughout the school day. We kindly request that your child comes to school wearing appropriate warm clothing such as jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, and boots if needed. This will help them stay comfortable during morning arrival time, recess and other outdoor activities. We will allow students outside during morning arrival time unless the "feels like" temperature is below 10 degrees. I will use The Weather Channel app to make this determination.

Food Bank of Iowa-

- GCCSD partners with the Food Bank of Iowa to provide food products for our students and families. Food pantry items are sent home in student backpacks on Fridays. We strive to provide items to create a meal and/or supplement the home's pantry. All students are eligible to receive pantry items. <https://forms.gle/nheAju6ksqUpyxY>

Communication-

As we continue to build strong partnerships between home and school, we want to remind everyone about the communication process for any questions or concerns:

- Please reach out to your child's teacher first if you have concerns about their classroom experience.
- If additional support is needed, feel free to contact the principal after speaking with the teacher.

Also, please allow 24 hours for a response, as many of our teachers have additional duties outside of school hours. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work to address all concerns thoughtfully and efficiently.

Please make sure you are checking SPAM for any communication as we are aware that our emails may be going there.

Arrival

For the safety of all, students should not arrive at school before **7:45 a.m.**, as we do not have staff available for supervision before this time.

Once students arrive at 7:45, they have the following options:

- **Free breakfast** is available for all students in the cafeteria.
- Students may go to the **auditorium** or **outside** to wait for the school day to begin.
 - Please note: **No food or drinks** are allowed in the auditorium. We appreciate your attention to these guidelines to ensure a safe and smooth start to each school day.

Attendance-

- Attendance is a priority at GCMS. The only way students can learn is if they are at school each and every day. A building goal for this year is that 90% of students will be in attendance at least 90% of school days for the 24-25 school year. Please make sure that you are encouraging your student to be in attendance and communicating with the office when they do need to be out for illness. Automated attendance letters do go out when your student has missed 3,6, & 9 days.

Upcoming Dates:

- Every Monday will be a 2hr early dismissal. GCMS will dismiss at 1:55 pm.
- Check the school wide events calendar for middle school activities

November 10- 8GBB @ Home; 7GBB @ Perry November 11- Wrestling @ North Polk November 13- Wrestling @ South Hamilton; 8GBB@Home; 7GBB@Grandview Christian	November 26-28- No School Thanksgiving Break December 19- Early Release December 22-January 2- No School Winter Break
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