

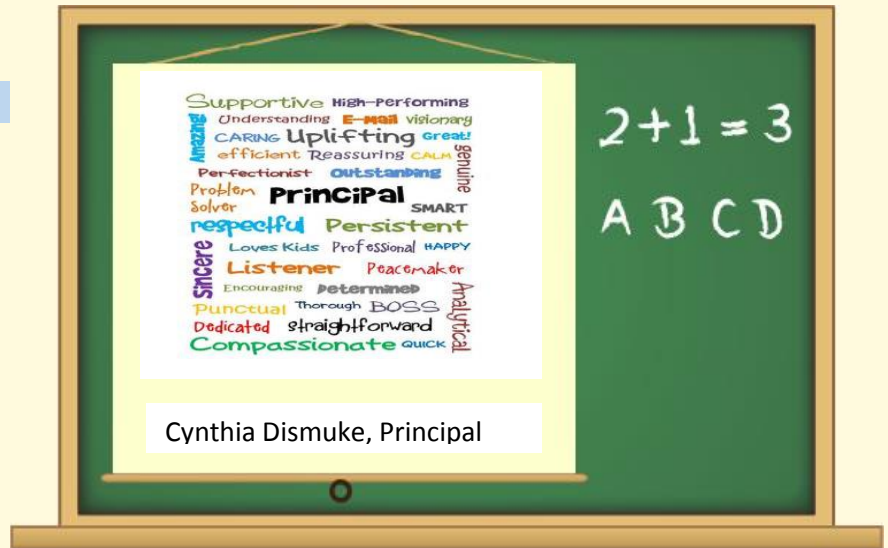
# Gaenslen's Hot Topics

Frederick J. Gaenslen School

**December 5, 2017**

## Gaenslen Vision Statement

We will reach the hearts, minds and souls of all students by creating a welcoming, supportive and caring environment while engaging students in an academic curriculum that prepares our students for college, career and employment readiness. High Standards Start Here!



**Remember we all work together to help our students succeed.**

## From Principal Dismuke's Desk!

I want to take this time to thank those of you who were able to attend our activities that were held in the month of November. Those of you who were not able to come really missed a great time! The students showed off their talents in the school talent show, parents were able to show off their culinary skills during the Chili Cook-Off that was held in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club with their STEAM Night, and finally we ended the month with "Whose Your Superman" event for fathers and any male that is super in their child's life. Don't worry moms we are going to schedule a "Super Woman" event soon!

As the weather is changing please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. All students have a recess period and will continue to go outside. Please make sure that your child's clothing is labeled with their name.

### Parent Phone Calls/Pick Up:

Lately there has been an influx of phone calls to speak with the classroom teachers. Please make an appointment if you would like to speak to your child's teacher or leave a message and the teacher will return your call when they have time. Teachers are focused on instruction during the day so please have patience for the return call.

Student attendance is based on minutes when students arrive late and or are picked up early this affects their attendance. An example of this would be if a child were to arrive fifteen minutes late every day the total amount of school time would be an hour fifteen minutes a week and for the month it would be a total of 5 hours which would add up to missing for the year a total of 8 days missed of school! Please make sure that your child is here at school on time and all day. This would help with academic achievements and getting students ready for adult life when it comes to getting to work on time every day. If you need to pick up your children please call before 1:45 p.m. Or send a note to ensure that the teacher gets the message and your child knows how they are getting home.

### Up Coming Events!

**Fundraiser Pick up Wednesday December 13th**

**4th grade Field Trip Thursday December 14th to the Nutcracker Ballet**

**School Governance Council Meeting Tuesday December 19th**

# STAR EXAM

K-5 to 3rd grade will start testing on Dec. 11 – 15

4th to 8th grade will start testing on Dec. 4 – 22

One secret of a successful student is - **SLEEP!**

Preschool (3-5 years) 11 to 13 hours per 24 hours

School Age (6-12 years) 10 to 11 hours per 24 hours

Adolescent (12-18 years) 9 to 10 hours per 24 hours



#### Attendance Update:

School attendance is a strong predictor of a student's school success or failure! Gaenslen's attendance goal is for 95% of our students to be in school every day. In November, the attendance rate was 87%. Help us meet our goal by sending your child to school every day on time. The student's school day is from 7:30 to 2:25. Please let the office know if your child is going to be absent by calling 414-267-5700. Thank you for your efforts to help our children grow!

Contact Information: Gaenslen School 1250 E. Burleigh Phone No#. 414-267-5700

#### Wonderful Art from Room 111



Please continue to collect Box Tops for Gaenslen.



#### Coates for Kids!!

Coats for Kids distribution dates this year are December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm at The Salvation Army Distribution Center 5880 N. 60<sup>th</sup> St., Milwaukee. Schools no longer receive Coats for Kids Parents have to go pick them up.



No School

December 25 to January 2

