



# May 4, 2018 Gaenslen news

## 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!

### FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL DISMUKE

## Hello Gaenslen Families!

Spring has finally sprung and students are already looking forward to the summer! I would like to take this time to thank you all that were able to attend the Open House that was held last week. We are finishing Wisconsin Forward this week! Students in grades 3-8<sup>th</sup> have worked diligently on doing their best for the test! The STAR assessment will begin next week. I ask that you continue to encourage your students to do their best on the assessment. Our goal for students in the STAR assessment to show growth from their winter assessment. If students have not shared with you their goal that they have set with their teachers, have your child share their goals with you so that you are able to monitor their success.

As I mentioned earlier students are already looking forward to summer! Please keep in mind that Gaenslen is a summer school site, which will include ESY, Boys and Girls, and Club Rec! If you have not signed your child up for summer school, please do so. Have a Safe Summer!!!

### RETIREMENT OF CARRIE PATERSON



Dear Gaenslen Families,

This is a letter to let families know that I will be retiring in June. I am both honored and blessed to have spent every day of my teaching career right here at Gaenslen. Over the past 35 years, I have seen many children grow and develop into the best person they can be. I've collaborated with many staff members as we developed programs that nurtured and guided students through school. It has truly been a high light to watch so many students and staff put forth their best efforts to make sure everyone was successful. I would not trade a minute or any of my many "miracles" that happened over the years. That's not to say it was always easy. Change and growth require hard work and never lowering the high expectations I held for everyone. I signed 'I love you' as a greeting or an ending to class and I meant it. It always meant my students were important enough to keep challenging them to move forward when it would have been easier to lower my standards. There are so many great memories and remarkable students that have been a part of my career- those times that challenged me to try harder, those that touched my heart as I watched "miracles" happen as someone did something no one thought possible. So as I leave, know that I wouldn't change a day. My last thought to all my kids, keep reaching for things that others say won't happen and be the person that doesn't settle for less than your best.



Adapted  
Swim Meet!  
Thursday  
May 31.  
9-10:15am



Smart Smiles Dental Program will be coming to Gaenslen School next month. They service students from K5 and up. It is a free basic dental care while your child is at school. Please fill out the hot pink application that was sent home in order for your child to be seen. Thank you!

CLC Resource Family Night: CLC will be hosting a May 17th Family Night and have confirmed Curative, NAMI, Easter Seals, Pathfinders, Walker's Point Community Clinic, Independence First, Milwaukee Center for Independence, and Saint Francis Children's Center. Please come out and get free support and information for your Family.

**CLC LAST DAY IS JUNE 1st!**



**Who's Your Wonder Woman Event!!**

Are you a wonderful woman in a Gaenslen Student's life? If you are this Event is for you! Any Mom, Grandmother, Aunt, Big Sister, Cousin, Step-Mom, Mentor or any Woman who helps support any student here at Gaenslen, please come out and enjoy a fun time with your child.

When: Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

**UP COMING EVENTS!**

Gaenslen School Engagement Council Meeting Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

Spring Concert! Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup>

**JUNE EVENTS!**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ceremony  
Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 am  
Promptly!! All 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
students are dismissed  
afterwards.

**LAST DAY OF  
SCHOOL FOR ALL  
STUDENTS!! Friday  
June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**No School Friday May 25th & Monday May 28th**