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Griswold Community School District
Newsletter

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The mission of the
Griswold Community School District,
in partnership with our families
and communities, is to provide
leadership for positive change to
ensure the best learning opportunities for
everyone in a safe and
caring environment.

You're Invited

Preschool Informational Meeting

April 17th
6:00 pm



Please join us for an informational meet-
ing about Griswold Elementary Pre-
school. This is for NEW preschoolers.

Who: Any parent with a student who
turns 3 or 4 before September 15th.

When: April 17th 6:00

Where: Elementary Media Center

Cost (3 year old) 4 year old - Free

Part Time: \$150

Full Time: \$300

Preschool application is on bottom of
this newsletter. Please fill out and bring
to meeting or deliver to the Elementary.
Parents of currently enrolled perschool-
ers do not need to attend.



Elementary Spring Program

***Our 2023 K-3 Elementary Spring Concert is called
"Surf Side Songs." It will take place on Friday,
April 28th at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the mid-
dle school/high school auditorium.***

The Griswold Horticulture class has been working hard in the greenhouse to prepare for our annual plant sale. The plant sale is planned to start at the end of April and run the rest of the school year. The greenhouse hours will be after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 6:00 pm and also on Saturday mornings from 8:00 am-10:00 am. Other times are possible by appointment with Mrs. Brokaw. She can be contacted at jbrokaw@griswoldschools.org.

The list of plants available is broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, peppers, tomatoes, petunias, wave petunias, wax begonias, impatiens, marigolds, celosia, snapdragons, vinca, and coleus! This year we also added some of your favorite suggestions! Come check us out!



SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Summer Food Service Program
The Griswold Community School District will not be participating in the Summer Lunch Program for the Summer of 2023. But don't worry - there are many locations in Southwest Iowa that will offer free nutritious meals throughout the summer while school is out of session! To find a location near you go to <https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids>

Kindergarten Step Up Day is
May 11th. Our preschoolers here at school will spend an hour in the kindergarten classes.

SENIORS

CPR - April 4th or 6th
Career Readiness Test - April 13th
Senior Awards Night - May 10th
Baccalaureate - May 17th
Last Day of school - May 16th
Graduation Practice - May 19th
Graduation - May 21 5:00pm
PLEASE NOTE TIME

All students in Grades 3rd-12th will be given the Conditions of Learning Survey. A letter will be emailed to all parents the second week of April with more details.

MS/HS Parents:

As the school year comes to a close, continue to check JMC for your students daily assignments, missing assignments and current grades. LET'S FINISH STRONG!!

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

School Breakfast Program
Mornings can be hectic! Skip the hassle and encourage your children to eat Breakfast at school! We offer nutritious, balanced breakfasts to allow your children to be fueled and keep them energized throughout the day. Breakfast is available to all ages starting at 7:45 am until the morning bell. Breakfast costs \$1.80 for all ages, reduced price is \$0.30. If you are in need of an application for free or reduced meals, please contact Hannah Bierbaum at hbierbaum@griswoldschools.org.



Field Trips

April 6th	2nd grade	Anderson Conservation Center
April 14th	3rd grade	Anderson Conservation Center
May 5	3rd grade	Oregon Trail
	4th grade	Hitchcock House
May 9th	2nd grade	DM Science center
May 15th	1st grade	Anderson Conservation Center
May 16th	4th grade	Hacklebarney Park

Extravaganza Field Trip - May 18th
K - 3rd grade to the Omaha zo
4th - Living History Farm
5th - Capital in Des Moines

All School Track and Field Day - May 19th

May 22nd K Anderson Conservation Center



*The Griswold Junior High Choir
present
Disney's Frozen JR
Griswold School Auditorium
April 21st, 7 p.m.
Adults: \$5 Students: \$3
(tickets available in the main
office)*

**Required Immunization:
7th and 12th Grade**

The Meningococcal vaccine requirement was put into place during the start of the 2017 school year by the Iowa Department of Public Health. This requires that all students entering 7th and 12th grade have a Meningococcal vaccine booster before school starts this fall.

Meningococcal disease is a life threatening illness that is caused by bacteria that infects the brain, blood, and spinal cord. It easily spreads in crowded settings. The vaccine will be required prior to both the 7th and 12th grades.

All students entering 7th & 12th grade must have proof of having the Meningococcal vaccine before school starts in August, unless the student has a Certificate of Immunization Exemption.

There will be no grace/extension period for the implementation of this requirement

An Additional Required Immunization for 7th graders:

The Tdap requirement has been put in place since the 2013/14 school year and requires a booster dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, and acellular Pertussis containing vaccine for students entering 7th grade, regardless of the interval since the last Tetanus/Diphtheria containing vaccine. Pertussis (whooping cough) is a very contagious disease that causes violent coughing fits that make it hard to breathe.

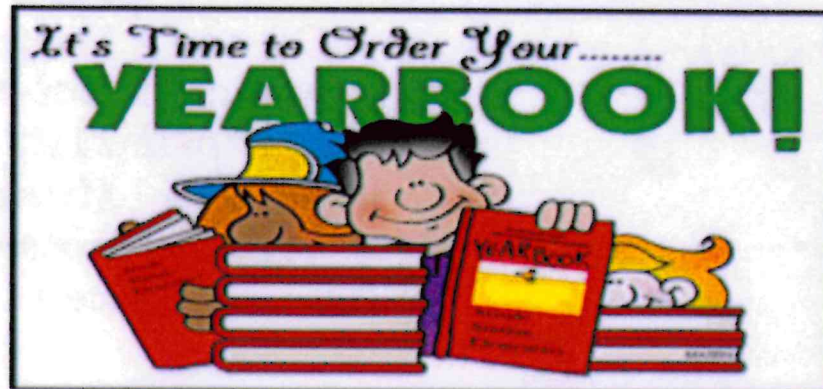
All students entering 7th grade must have proof of having both the Meningococcal and the Tdap vaccines before school starts in August, unless the student has a Certificate of Immunization Exemption.

There will be no grace/extension period for the implementation of this requirement.

Now is a great time for your child to receive these immunization requirements and beat the back-to-school rush by making an appointment for your incoming 7th and 12th grader.

**Thank You,
Ann Jones, RN**

**The Elementary annual for this school year will be arriving sometime in April.
The cost of the annuals this year will be \$20.00.**



Registration for 2023-2024 will be online through JMC beginning in August. Please contact Monica Brandt, mbrandt@griswoldschools.org or 778-2154 if you do not have a password to access JMC student information system.

New families and students will have walk in registration in August.

Watch the school website for registration dates.

2023 Driver's Education Class Schedule

8:00 - 11:00 on the following dates:

(Subject to change due to snow make up days)

May 23rd 11:30 in Auditorium- Class will receive information about the class. How the class is taught and expectations.

Answer any questions from students and hand out textbooks.

May 24 th	May 25 th	May 26 th	May 30 th	May 31 st
June 1 st	June 2 nd	June 5 th	June 6 th	June 7 th



- Classes meet in the auditorium.
- Students need to have their instructor's permit with them the first day of class or proof passed the Learners Permit. Unless arranged by the instructor.
- Bring pen or pencil, computer and a notebook to class. You will need some kind of computer to participate in class.
- The driving schedule will be set up on May 25th.
- The fee for driver's education will be \$385 payable on May 24th. Fee may change subject the Board Meeting approval.



Griswold Sports Boosters Annual Golf Tournament and Auction

The Griswold Sports Boosters will again be hosting a 4 person golf tournament and auction on **Saturday, August 26, 2023** with a 10:00 a.m. start time. Be sure and put this on your calendar and be thinking about your team. You can sign your team up with the Griswold Golf Course at 778-4104. There will be a limited number of teams and carts and no one under the age of 21 can participate. The auction will begin at 4:30 p.m. and you don't have to golf to come to the auction! Please be thinking about any items you would like to donate to the auction. It would be great if we could have something to auction off from each sport, so coaches please see what you can come up with! Thanks so much for all your past support and we look forward to another successful year!

**As of today (April 6th) the
LAST day of school will be
Tuesday, May 23rd (this is subject to change due to snow days)
4 hour early release
As always ---for current information check the district calendar on the
school website at www.griswoldschools.org**

School Board Meeting

The Board shall meet on the third Monday of each month to consider items of business and matters other than policies pertaining to the school system. All meetings shall be held in the board room unless otherwise voted by the board. Meetings may be changed to other dates because of conflicts.

Procedure For Addressing the Board

If a citizen has a question about the operation of the schools, he/she is encouraged to contact the teacher, principal and Superintendent in line of progression. Experience has shown that this is the best procedure to follow for the most satisfactory results.

While it is not the Board's intent to stifle public participation in its meetings, it is apparent that if the Board is going to complete its agenda within a reasonable time, and more importantly, in a businesslike manner, it will be necessary to implement more formal operational procedures for the meeting.

Perhaps we need to remind ourselves this is the meeting of the Board - not the district. Board business is the main purpose of this meeting. Therefore, to keep the meeting moving in an orderly fashion, the following procedure will be instituted:

1. A citizen wishing to have an item considered for inclusion on the agenda should request same of the Superintendent or Board President no later than 5 school days prior to a regular meeting of the Board.
2. A citizen wishing to make a brief statement to express a viewpoint, or ask a question regarding an item on the agenda, should secure permission from the Board President prior to the meeting. There will be a 3 minute time limit per person, per subject. This policy shall not prohibit the Board President from extending or shortening the time limit.
3. When called upon, the person wishing to address the chair, shall stand, address the Board stating their name, and then, their concern or question.
4. The Board, in conducting its business in an orderly manner, can best proceed without undue interruptions or other interference. The presiding officer has the right and obligation to terminate prolonged or irrelevant speeches or discussion.
5. If it appears there is much interest in one particular agenda item, the chair may call for a special meeting to discuss that one item. The Board meeting will then proceed to an orderly fashion to accomplish the business for that session.

Grievances

Whenever a citizen is aggrieved at the action of any employee, such citizen may give information to the employee's immediate supervisor. In the event that the matter is not satisfactorily resolved, the appeal process will follow this order:

1. Other supervisory or administrators in the line of responsibility
2. The Superintendent of Schools
3. The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall strongly encourage that this chain of appeal be followed.

**Griswold Community Schools
Tiger Club Preschool Application 2023-2024**

Child's Legal Name: _____
Last First Middle

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ ☐ M ☐ F

Mother's/Guardian's Name: _____ ☐
Last First Student Residence

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Primary Email Address: _____ other email: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Father's/Guardian's Name: _____ ☐
Last First Student Residence

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Primary Email Address: _____ other email: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Please rank in order of preference.

- ____ Full Time
____ Half Time
____ No Preference

Based on applications and requests received by May 19, 2023 students will be assigned to a program.
Families may apply after the above date if space is available.

An informational letter will be sent to your family to notify you of the assigned program.

If you have a concern about the development of your child or a physical concern, an individual screening
may be scheduled. Please call Lisa Butler at: Griswold Elementary (712) 778-2154

Office use only:

Registration date: _____

Assigned Program: _____

Age 5 Before September 15th _____

Immunizations: _____

Medical Examination Signed _____

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Boost for Families Grant

Griswold Community School Tuition Grant

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Level One

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Level Two

Please complete each section

What is the primary language spoken in the home? English Other: _____

Total number of people living in your household (including other relatives) _____

Do any of the following apply to your child or family situation?

Academic Factors: Does your child have

An Individual Education Plan (IEP) Yes No

A Hearing Impairment Yes No

A Vision Impairment Yes No

Biological Risk Factors

Born under 3 pounds Yes No

Diagnosed with a medical condition (i.e. Down Syndrome, Autism, ADAD, etc) Yes No

Has been diagnosed with or is suspected to have any of the following that may require special education or related services. Please mark those that apply

Speech or Language Impairment Yes No

Emotional/Behavior Disorder Yes No

Health Impairment Yes No

Other: _____

Special Circumstances:

Resides in a foster care home Yes No

Other issues or concerns you may have about your child.