



Gull Lake Community Schools

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A New School Year Begins!

The vision of Gull Lake Community Schools is to create a culture of high expectations and accountability where each member of the school community is challenged and inspired. This vision is achieved in partnership with all stakeholders. You might ask yourself what this vision looks like within our school community in everyday life. I want you to think back on your best experiences growing up. What inspired you most? What experiences were so engaging that you lost track of time immersed in the task at hand?



As you recall some of these good memories, I will go out on a limb and suggest that your engaging and inspiring activities happened in the presence of supportive people... family members, teachers, mentors and friends who understood both you and the interests and passions that motivated you at that point in your development.

We are inspired and engaged in the presence of others who support us, and we are willing to grow and make changes when we know that we are understood and valued. This is how true excellence emerges. We can be more accountable to each other when we share a positive climate and culture, and we are able to raise expectations when we work together toward a common purpose.

It's in our DNA to want to get better at doing something, to gain a new skill, and to apply that skill successfully in the real world. There is also a part in all of us that finds it rewarding to teach someone else what we have learned and mentor others towards success.

The staff at Gull Lake Community Schools actively live out this vision and are here to support you and your student for the 2019-2020 school year. Let us challenge and inspire each other as a school community during the coming weeks through our relationships and make the most of our time together.

Have a great year and GO GULL LAKE!

Best regards,
Raphael Rittenhouse/Superintendent
Gull Lake Community Schools

BUS STOP AND TRANSPORTATION NOTICE

Amy DeYoung, CTD, Transportation Supervisor

During the first few days of school, buses may leave 30 minutes late from the school buildings. This is due to students and teachers properly identifying the correct school bus and making sure all students are boarded prior to leaving the school. The Transportation Department will send delay information through the My Stop App. Information on how to download the My Stop App is sent with the students' bus information along with the log in and password. Please turn on the notification setting to receive messages from us. If you are unable to access My Stop, please contact the Transportation Department at 269-548-3890.

For the first three weeks of school please have your students at the bus stop 15-minutes prior to the time on the letter you received. Route times should stabilize within the first three weeks. After routes stabilize, please have your student at the bus stop 10-minutes prior to the established time. This is important because if there is a substitute bus driver on the route, or there is inclement weather, the driver may leave up to 10-minutes early to ensure the bus arrives to school on time.

Thank you for your understanding and support. We look forward to a great 2019-2020 school year.



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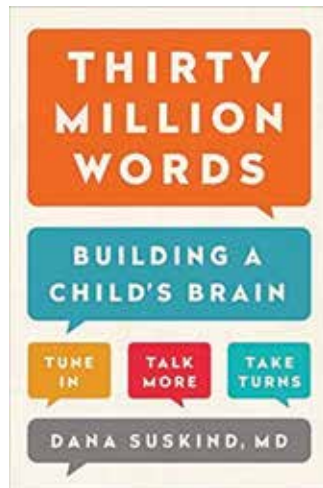
What did you learn at school today?



Drew Bordner –
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Over the summer, Gull Lake Community Schools Staff members had the opportunity to engage in a book study, *“Thirty Million Words”* by Dana Suskind, M.D. In the text, Dr. Suskind explores three researched-based strategies that provide ample opportunities for a rich language environment for all students and more engaging practices than our standard what did we learn today question.

1. Tune In - based on relational building and engaging with activities that are of interest to your student. Finding the topics that intrigue your student and starting a dialogue around these areas. This strategy is best utilized by making eye contact and being free from technological burdens that can often be distracting.



2. Talk More - once you are Tuned In, building on student responses to learn more about their interest and asking clarifying questions that may be areas that the parent or adult can learn more about the topic. If there is terminology or ideas that are unclear, simply stating “Tell me more about that” opens the flow of dialogue.

3. Take Turns - now that the flow of dialogue is open, keep it going with open-ended questions. Who, What, When, and How are all words that focus on the process of thinking. These allow the child to describe things in their own words and build on analysis skills.

If you are looking for other discussion starters, try the following:

What excited you at school today?

What was one thing that challenged your thinking?

What was a thought or idea that you agreed with or disagreed with from your teacher?

I challenge families throughout the district to try a few of these approaches and let me know the results.

A Note from Nurse Megan



Megan Asper – District Nurse
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As we come back to school, I wanted to send out a few reminders and updates.

1. Please bring in any medications that your student may require during the school day to their school's main office in the original container, with the medication form filled out by your student's doctor (for prescribed medication) or by parent for over the counter.
2. If your child has a fever of 101F, they must be fever free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school. If your child has been vomiting or has had diarrhea, they must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.
3. Please communicate with your student's teacher, or the office secretaries with any changes to your student's health.

A very generous donation made it possible for us to purchase the most up to date CPR manikins for Gull Lake Middle School and Gull Lake High School students to learn CPR. These manikins give instant, continuous feedback on CPR quality. Thank you for making a difference for our students!



KCHD Hearing and Vision Screening

The Kalamazoo County Health Department will be visiting the Gull Lake Community Schools during the 2019-2020 school year to conduct their free annual hearing and vision screenings. To opt-out, please submit a letter in writing to the office in which your student attends.

SCREENING SCHEDULE

Hearing Schedule - Grades K, 2, & 4 will receive a **hearing** screening

Vision Schedule - Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, & 9 will receive **vision** screening

Rescreen Schedule - takes place approximately 2-4 weeks after the initial screen; includes students that were absent or failed initial screen.

Important upcoming dates:

Flu Clinic: October 10th 2:00-5:00pm at the high school cafeteria. Come get your flu shot! Students, staff and community members welcome. Most insurances accepted.

Mobile Dentist: October 21st-24th. Please be on the lookout for permission slips in your elementary students take home folder. The Mobile Dentist spends several days with Kellogg Elementary, Richland Elementary, and Ryan Intermediate, but is open to students at all grade levels. For students at Gull Lake Middle School, Gull Lake High School, and Gateway, please ask for a form in the main office or visit mobiledentists.com

Bond Update

Jeff Brown - Bond Steering Committee Chair

The Gull Lake School Board is excited to share this progress report with you on the construction projects supported by the 2018 Bond. Our Bond Steering Committee is working hard to stay on budget, on time and to complete our projects with the highest possible quality. Our team of GL Board members and Staff, along with Kingscott (architects), Miller Davis (construction managers) and the many skilled laborers, are working to meet the expectations of our community and provide an excellent upgrade to our instructional facilities to support all of our students' success.

As you return to school you will notice that some projects have been completed and others are underway.

- The new stadium lighting, bleacher Improvements, accessible walkways and new fencing around the athletic field should be nearing completion.
- The Ryan Intermediate classroom additions and STEAM lab, along with mechanical and electrical system upgrades, have begun and are scheduled to be completed by fall of 2020.
- The new maintenance/storage building is in redesign with work beginning this fall and an anticipated completion date of summer 2020.
- Kellogg Elementary is currently in design, with bids expected by the end of the year and construction to begin spring of 2020 with a completion date of fall 2021.
- Richland Elementary is also currently in design with bids expected in late winter 2020, construction beginning in late spring/early summer of 2020 and completion at the end of summer 2021.
- The Gull Lake Performing Arts Center design is on track to be completed in late winter of 2020, followed with bidding in spring of 2020. Construction is expected in the late spring/early summer of 2020 with completion by the start of school in the fall of 2021.

As you may note, there will be many projects under construction during the regular school year. Every effort is being made to limit interruption of our normal school operations. Please be aware of the construction zones and take care to follow signage as to caution and restricted areas. Safety during construction for all members of our GL School students, parents and staff, along with the laborers, is our top priority.



New Stadium Lights



Construction at Ryan Intermediate

What Parents Should Know About Apps

In an August 2019 post by 10News staff, they shared information from the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office together with the Madill Police Department in Oklahoma of fifteen apps parents should be aware of. In their post, Sgt. Pat Volt with the Tampa Police Cyber Crime Unit. He advises, "Once a picture or video leaves your phone and is sent to someone else, it is out of your control" and that "Someone can use that picture or video against you". Check out the full news story at: <https://tinyurl.com/y3mqg9ve>.

FIFTEEN APPS
PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Courtesy of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
UPDATED JULY 2019

MEETME MEETME is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. As the app's name suggests, users are encouraged to meet each other in person.	GRINR GRINR is a dating app geared towards gay, bi and transgender people. The app gives users options to chat, share photos and meet up based on a smart phone's GPS location.	SKOUT SKOUT is a location-based dating app and website. While users under 18 years old are unable to share private photos, kids can easily create an account using a different age.
WHATSAPP WHATSAPP is a popular messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos, voice-mails, make calls and video chat, worldwide. WHATSAPP uses an internet connection on smart phones and computers.	TINTON TINTON is a new mobile device app popular with kids used for creating and sharing short videos. With very limited privacy controls, users are vulnerable to cyber bullying and explicit content.	BADOO BADOO is a dating and sexual networking app where users can chat, share photos and videos and connect based on location. Within the app is intended for adults only, teens are known to create profiles.
BUMBLE BUMBLE is similar to the popular dating app "Tinder". However, it requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to use BUMBLE to create fake accounts and flake their age.	SNAPCHAT SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps in recent years. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear, new features including "stories" allows users to view content for up to 24 hours. Snapchat also allows users to use your location.	KIK KIK allows users to connect and direct message your child. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging limitations. KIK gives users unlimited access to photos, anywhere, anytime.
LIVEME LIVEME is a live streaming video app that gives subscribers to share videos as users can find out a broadcaster's exact location. Users are even "given" a way to "pay" viewers for photos.	NOLLA NOLLA is a self-proclaimed "dating" video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in just seconds. Viewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content, and more.	WHISPER WHISPER is an anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. It also reveals a user's location as people can meet up.
ASK.FM ASK.FM is known for cyber bullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous users to ask them questions.	CALCULATOR% CALCULATOR% is only one of 100,000 secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files, and browser history.	HOT OR NOT HOT OR NOT encourages users to rate your profile, check out people in their area, and chat with strangers. The goal of this app is to hook up.

For more information, contact Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Community Affairs at 941.861.6885

Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau Agriculture **TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Maury Kaercher, grandparent and community member nominated **Mrs. Karen Koets** for the Farm Bureau Regional Agriculture Teacher of the Year. She was presented the award of Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau Agriculture Teacher of the Year at the 100th Annual Farm Bureau of Michigan meeting for Kalamazoo and St. Joseph Counties. This dinner meeting took place at R&R in Vicksburg on August 20th.

The Farm Bureau is the organization that operates the "Farm Science Lab" we have had at Richland Elementary the past two years due to the generous support of our community Agricultural families and the GLCS Foundation!

Congratulations, Mrs. Koets.



NERD CAMP

Nerd Camp is a free literacy conference held in Parma MI. Some of our Ryan teachers attended Nerd Camp and Teachstock professional development this summer.



Congratulations **Elizabeth Springer!**

Gull Lake Community Schools Virtual Partnership Teacher Elizabeth Springer has been named a winner in the second annual Educator Impact Awards created by Odysseyware®, now part of Edgenuity.

Springer, a 6th through 12th grade virtual partnership teacher, was selected as a winner in the Virtual Instruction Teacher category for the innovative use of curriculum to improve student outcomes. Springer was recognized at the Odysseyware Educator Impact Awards reception on June 24, 2019 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



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WHAT WE DO: Support **all** teachers, students and staff at **every** level of the educational journey at GLCS through staff training, student opportunities, innovative projects, after school clubs, character building programs, scholarships and **more!**

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Jeremie Coplin - Kindergarten Teacher - jcoplin@gulllakecs.org

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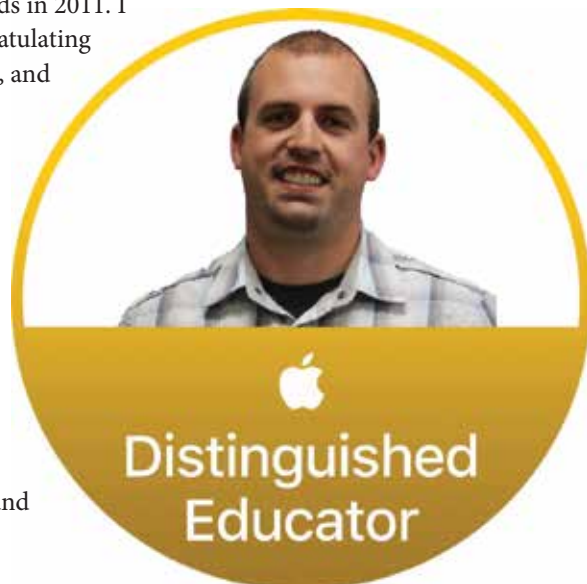
In 1994, Apple created the Apple Distinguished Educators (ADE) program to recognize K-12 and higher-education pioneers who are using Apple technology to transform teaching and learning. These are educators who are looking to change the world. They are active leaders from around the world helping other educators rethink what's possible with iPad and Mac to make learning deeply personal for every student.

A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE

Being an ADE has been a life and career goal of mine since I deployed my first set of iPads in 2011. I applied for the first time in early 2019, and on April 3rd, 2019, I received an email congratulating me on becoming a member of the class of 2019. There are only 2,447 ADE's in the world, and 943 in America. I still can't believe I was picked.

A FAMILY

To be officially accepted into the community one must take part in an ADE Institute. For the class of 2019, the Institute was held in Bethesda, Maryland. The incoming class was welcomed by 125 alumni and 50 Apple employees screaming, clapping, and giving us high fives. For the next 4 days that same enthusiasm coupled with matching passion continued as we exchanged ideas, collaborated on projects, and connected with Apple developers. I was able to sit down one-on-one with content creators, app developers, and amazing teachers to talk with them about the WHY's and the HOW's of creating in the classroom. These opportunities were amazing as well as career changing; however, not the best part. The best part of all were the friendships I made and the connections I created with like-minded educators from across the world. I left Bethesda re-energized and mind blown. Mr. Coplin's Pirate Crew, it is time for #EveryOneCanCreate.



10th Anniversary for READ and RIDE ROUND UP!

Karen Koets, First Grade Teacher – kkoets@gulllakecs.org

July 15-19 was a fantastic HOT week of fun and learning for READ and RIDE ROUND UP campers at the CHEFF Center in Augusta.

Reading fluency, confidence in oral reading, phonics, and comprehension were practiced and increased during their time at READ and RIDE ROUND UP Camp. Horsemanship, grooming their horses, barn chores, and core balance activities were part of their camp time as well. Students enjoyed reading to their "dog friends", (who listened intently day after day!) and increased in ability with their brain/body exercises daily. Campers enjoyed making special treats for their horse friends and cooling them off with a refreshing "shower"!

"Favorite parts" of the week for the READ and RIDE ROUND-UP campers:

Reading to the dogs!...Riding my horse!...READING!...Doing games with my horse!...The trail ride outside!...Doing barn chores...juggling/brain exercises...giving my horse treats...EVERYTHING!!!!

Parents commented as well...

Students were excited to come to read to the dogs..Fantastic atmosphere, great flow, each individual rider needs are met at their level..Caring staff..My child has improved so much during this program. He looks forward to coming and eager about reading and riding..My child is more willing to read to our family...She seems more confident...She likes to read to our dog now!...Surprised at how well student can now read "hard" words!

Thanks to all of our sponsors: GLCS Foundation, James Ryan Family Foundation, Community Volunteers, United Way/ Battle Creek, Lakeland Asphalt, Richland PTO, Artwear Apparel, Ted Hartleb Insurance, Brad Hoorn Endowed Fund, area businesses, and private donors, who made this program possible for these student campers!




Camp Great Learning Visitors

Peggy Kendrick – 1st Grade Teacher – pkendrick@gulllakecs.org

Our first through fifth grade students who attended the Camp Great Learning Summer Program were fortunate to have several enrichment opportunities during the three-week program. Visits to the Richland Community Library, guest readers from the school community, a local author, storyteller Robin Nott and a visit from horses from Fox Run Farms were special highlights for students.



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3. Customize a cake with your favorite flavors and toppings or pick up one of our ready-made cakes.

SPANISH CLUB TOURS SPAIN and ITALY

Deb Kuch - Spanish Club Advisor - dkuch@gulllakecs.org



This past summer the high school Spanish Club embarked on a 12-day tour of Spain and Italy. After exploring the bustling modern city of Madrid, the group toured Spain's ancient, medieval capital of Toledo before continuing on to the diverse and eclectic city of Barcelona. One of the highlights of Barcelona was visiting the unfinished Sagrada Familia Basilica. Even though the church isn't scheduled to be finished until 2026 on the 100th anniversary of the death of its architect, Antonio Gaudi, we enjoyed a sneak preview of the building's breathtaking interior.

Also in Barcelona the group attended a class in which everyone learned to cook a traditional Catalan meal. An overnight cruise brought the students to Rome where we toured the world-famous Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel. Also in Italy we toured the ruins of the city of Pompeii and the beautiful seaside city of Sorrento and the sun-splashed island of Capri.

In 2021 the Spanish Club will be taking of very different kind of trip that encompasses not only cultural and language disciplines but Natural History topics as well. After a stopover in the UNESCO World Heritage city of Quito Ecuador, we will be continuing on to the Galapagos Islands, the scene of Charles Darwin's groundbreaking explorations.

Anyone interested in this trip should email Deb Kuch at dkuch@gulllakecs.org or leave a message on voicemail at (269)548-3574.



GL BANDS

The Gull Lake Band Parent Association proudly presents a Carnival of Fun and Community Yard Sale

Saturday, September 14, 2019
11:00am-4:00pm
GLHS Football Stadium/Concession Area

Shop/Sell while the kids play! A fun, productive day for all!

Carnival

Bounce Houses
Carnival Games
Prizes
\$15 (pre-sale) / \$20 (day of event)
entrance fee for all day fun!
All ages are welcome to play!



Community Yard Sale

Attention Sellers!
Looking to clean out the garage and closets before the winter season hits us? Wanted to have a sale but didn't have enough to do a sale at your home? Live in the country where traffic is limited? Looking to rid yourself of things that no longer bring you joy? Come join our community wide sale and let's purge the clutter!
Rent tables for \$25 each
or
bring your own table/rent the space for \$20

Calling all Shoppers!
Looking for items for back to school? House repairs? Tools? Pet Supplies? Loads of items are ready for you!! Come shop at our community event! You'll never know what treasure you might find!
\$3 entrance fee for buyers

Ticket and registration information available on our website www.gulllakebands.org
Contact Brandy Wasick at twasick@gmail.com or Jennifer Padgett at jlpas.secretary@gmail.com for more information.



Gull Lake Athletics

Karyn Furlong - Athletic Director -
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Welcome Back Blue Devils!

I hope you had a restful summer and are excited to start another year of Blue Devil Athletics! All of our fall sports are in full swing. The coaches and athletes have been working hard and representing our Gull Lake community in a positive way. Mark your calendars for October 18 as Homecoming 2019! Our sports boosters will have a food truck tailgate again this year.

Admission to all high school events is \$5 per person. Middle school athletic event admission is \$3 per person. All sports punch passes are available for purchase. These passes allow entry into 25 home events. The cost is \$60. These passes are a great way to enjoy all of our events at a reduced admission rate. The passes never expire and can be used by everyone in the family. High School students may also purchase a student pass that gets them into ALL home events for FREE! The cost of the pass is \$50 and is good only for the 2019-2020 school year. All passes may be purchased in our athletic office as well as at most home events.

We would like to welcome some new faces to our Blue Devil Coaching staff:

Varsity Boys Tennis: Warner Offord

Girls JV Volleyball: Michelle Krob

Football Assistant: Antonio Kurtz

Football Assistant: Logan Curry

Also joining our athletic staff is Josh Cadle. Josh is our new athletic trainer. We are excited to be working with NovaCare again to provide our student-athletes with the best care in athletic training!

WINTER SPORTS

Our winter sports season will be coming up next. Please mark on your calendars the start dates for each sport. Specific tryout information will be posted on our website, www.GoGLBlueDevils.com.

Middle School

Boys Basketball: Monday, October 28

Competitive Cheer: Monday, November 4

Girls Basketball: Wednesday, December 18

Wrestling: Monday, January 6

High School

Boys Basketball: Monday, November 18

Girls Basketball: Monday, November 11

Wrestling: Monday, November 18

Competitive Cheer: Monday, November 11

Bowling: Monday, November 18

W.K. KELLOGG BIOLOGICAL STATION EVENTS



OCTOBER 24 DESSERT WITH DISCUSSION HEROES TO HIVES

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DOORS OPEN AT 7 P.M. FOR THIS FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

SEPT. 21 9 A.M. - NOON ●
WILD EDIBLES HIKE

SEPT. 28 1 - 2:30 P.M. ●
BIRDS OF PREY LIVE!

OCT. 6 10 A.M. - 3 P.M. ●
FALL PHOTO SESSION

OCT. 12 10 - 11:30 A.M. ●
BUILD A BAT HOUSE

OCT. 19 & 20 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. ●
ARTS & EATS TOUR
FREE ADMISSION

NOV. 1 6:30 - 9:30 P.M. ●
MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

NOV. 13 6 - 7:30 P.M. ●
OWL PROWL

NOV. 23 NOON - 5 P.M. ●
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October 18th, 2019

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CHARACTER EDUCATION at Richland Elementary

Mrs. Buckmaster, School Counselor Melissa Reynolds and parent Maren Uggen launched a new Character Education curriculum at Richland Elementary. Each month, classrooms focused on a character trait, such as respect, responsibility, empathy, perseverance, honesty and leadership. Mrs. Reynolds visited classrooms to engage students in lessons, including reading books that demonstrate character traits, a practice activity and a written student response. Teachers received resources including picture books, activity and lesson ideas and links to videos and online resources. Students were reminded of the traits through morning announcements and school bulletin boards. At the end of each month, one student from each class was recognized for consistently demonstrating the character trait in a celebration with Mrs. Reynolds, called "Cookies and Characters." Letters were also sent home so families could recognize students' Efforts.

A special thank you to the Richland families who purchased 91 of the 138 books needed for a Character Education Library to be used throughout the school year by Mrs. Reynolds and teachers. Also, thank you to Richland PTO for donating the remaining 46 books, using donations and funds given to the PTO.

This year, we plan to bring in guest speakers, highlight traits in assemblies, create a display featuring the picture books of the month, create a kindness wall and order signs and posters to be displayed throughout the building.



Richland
Gull Lake
Elementary Character Education

Honesty FRIENDSHIP Respect
Empathy Generosity
Team Building Perseverance
Responsibility Caring LEADERSHIP

GATEWAY NEWS



By Lynnette Walker,
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Students and Staff will hit the ground running at Gateway Academy with visits from Barry Gray and Chef Jet.

Barry Gray with Gray & Associates Farm Bureau will tell us everything we need to know about insurance. Flood insurance? Car insurance? Renters insurance? Yep. He's got answers we can understand.

We are also excited to welcome back Chef Jet Tila on September 17, from 4-8. Chef Jet will be cooking with Gateway students and their parents while sharing personal experiences about his life growing up and how he ended up becoming a famous chef with restaurants and multiple tv appearances on shows such as : Master Chef, Rachel Ray, Today Show, Iron Chef America, Valerie Bertinelli's *Valerie's Home Cooking*. and recurring judge on Food Network's *Cutthroat Kitchen*, *Chopped*, *Beat Bobby Flay* and *Guy's Grocery Games*. He also holds six culinary Guinness World Records.



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An Opportunity for Early College Students

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Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is an honor society for two-year college students. To be eligible to join, a 3.0 (college) GPA must be attained and at least 12 credits must be completed at the college. Rachel Randall, Early College Senior, was asked to be a part of this group in both an email sent to her Kalamazoo Valley account and a physical letter that was mailed home. Rachel says, "When I first received the information about PTK, I had never heard of it and I was wary of what the organization entailed." Upon further research, she found that this group offers various opportunities that are beneficial to the student--multiple scholarships offered exclusively to Phi Theta Kappa members, offers a competitive edge on applications, is impressive to peers and teachers, and PTK members are recognized in both the induction ceremony and at college graduation with Commencement Regalia. The average member receives \$2,000 in transfer scholarships for two years. "Being a part of PTK is what you make of it," says Rachel. There are no service hour requirements or required events to attend. Students may join the group and never do anything and still be considered a member, or students can participate in all service projects, opportunities and events. "Overall, being a part of Phi Theta Kappa has been a positive experience for me, and I would recommend PTK to any Early College student who may be hesitant or questioning whether or not they should join," explains Rachel.



Rachel Randall

Gull Lake Virtual Partnership Student Spotlight



Bobbi Jo Stoner
Principal of Early College and Innovative Programs -
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Chloe Wieber, 11th grade, has been a student with Gull Lake Community Schools since kindergarten. After her eighth-grade year, Chloe researched her options and decided to enroll full time with the Gull Lake Virtual Partnership. Always an avid learner, Chloe now totes her computer when she travels to stay on pace with her classes.



Chloe Wieber

"I chose GLVP because I wanted the flexibility that virtual high school would provide for dual enrollment at Western Michigan University and to pursue my interests outside of academics. I have been able to learn about professionalism through reaching out to teachers. I have also been able to experience a different style of learning and explore topics that I am interested in that I would not have otherwise explored without the Gull Lake Virtual Program and dual enrollment. I was able to find the subject that I now plan on pursuing through taking AP Microeconomics through Gull Lake Virtual. I probably would have never taken the course if I did not switch over to the virtual program. I then took Macroeconomics at WMU and plan to pursue economics in college. The Gull Lake Virtual Partnership has helped me explore different topics that I am now passionate about and has given me the opportunity to become a stronger student." - Chloe Wieber

All classes in the Gull Lake Virtual Partnership are available to all students enrolled in Gull Lake Schools. Contact us at 269.548.3430 or visit us at our Bedford location for more information.

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12 DAYS ... JUNE of 2020 ... STUDENTS (9TH - 12TH) ... PARENTS WELCOME
CONTACT ... KAREN KISER AT karenkiser8@gmail.com FOR MORE INFORMATION

Many Thanks!

Lori Drogosh - drogoshlori@gmail.com

Thank you to the artists and patrons who braved the unpredictable weather to attend the Richland Art Fair in July, sponsored by The Gull Lake Area Community Volunteers. Congratulations to jewelry artist Darlene Troyer of Magdalena Moon Designs, who was awarded 1st place by local judges Rachel Hopkins (of Design Street in Plainwell) and Carri Kistler (of Urban Nest in Richland.) Proceeds from this annual event help fund GLACV's Fall Warm-up and Bright Holidays programs as well as medical, dental, and educational needs for families and children in our community. We would also like to thank the following sponsors who helped make the 2019 Richland Art Fair a success: Richland Township, First Presbyterian Church, Hardings Friendly Market in Richland, Bigby Coffee, Richland Library, and Richland Public Safety.

The Gull Lake Area Community Volunteers also provide college scholarships to Gull Lake High School seniors who demonstrate exemplary volunteerism in their community. This year's recipients were Kaleigh Belz and Mackenzie Wank who were awarded their scholarships at the Gull Lake Community Foundation's honor's night in June. Congratulations and best wishes to both of you in your college endeavors!

Ladies, if you are interested in volunteering your time in our community, please consider joining the Gull Lake Area Community Volunteers. We are a lively and fun group of women who participate in service projects and fundraisers and desire to make our community a better place for all to live. Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Richland Township Offices (7401 N. 32nd St in Richland) at 7:00 p.m. Please check out our website: GLACV.org, to find out more about our group, and also check us out on Facebook. We look forward to meeting you.



Gull Lake Area
Community
Volunteers

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed some Fine Arts this summer. During the summer, we had the opportunity to see many Gull Lake students, and PAC director Mrs. Ouellette, in local theater productions and music recitals. We even had a chance to tread the boards ourselves during Richland's Art Hop. An Evening of One Acts, performed in the Richland Community Hall, featured GLCS Fine Arts Foundation Board Members Laura Zervic and Beth Antias, long-time FAF supporters Jeff Brown and Ken Ball, and this year's Robin Nott Performing Arts Scholarship recipient, Carley Wyman. Other community members included Ed Schaadt, Bonnie Grooters and Franco Antias. Board Member Chris Gobble and husband Paul hosted Leon Kriesten, Renae Baumgart, and Susan Schoenleber among other artists, at The Little Yellow Frame Shop.

We also had the opportunity to step out with Double Strung, a band featuring Robin Nott, the founder of the GLHS Performing Arts Company and long-time partner of the FAF.

We are thrilled to see and be a part of art blossoming in our Richland community. We looking forward to another exciting school year. We will once again be offering two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating GLHS students. Please look for scholarship information in the December edition of The Communicator.

We invite you to join us in supporting educational arts activities designed to foster the visual, musical and performing arts for all students in the Gull Lake Community Schools. All are welcome at our monthly meetings, held on the fourth Monday of every month, September - April (excluding December at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center at the Ryan Intermediate School.

The continued success of the FAF's mission relies solely upon contributions from the community. Your tax-deductible contribution can be sent to GLCS FAF, P.O. Box 611, Richland, MI 49083.

We wish you a fabulous start to the school year and we thank you for your support of the Arts in the Gull Lake Community Schools.




One Act Performers

Photo Credit: Jack Sizer



Chris & Paul Gobble



Robin Nott

Photo Credit: Laura Zervic

GULL LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT NOTICES

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The Board of Education prohibits discrimination on the basis of genetic information in all aspects of employment, including hiring, firing, compensation, job assignments, promotions, layoffs, training, fringe benefits or any other terms, conditions, or privileges of employment. For inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies, please contact Lisa Anderson, Assistant Superintendent at 269.548.3400.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE OFFICERS:

The Assistant Superintendent and Director of Curriculum & Instructional Technology are the District's Compliance officers and may be reached at 269.548.3400.

HOMELESS LIAISON:

The Director of Curriculum and Instructional Technology is the District's Homeless Liaison and may be reached at 269.548.3400.

ACCESS PROCEDURES

Parents of eligible students who wish to review the student's educational records shall request at the attending building. A review shall be scheduled within a reasonable time not to exceed 30 days.

DISCLOSURE TO THIRD PARTIES

Personally identifiable information from the educational record of the student shall not be released without prior consent of the parent or eligible student. Information may be released

to certain individuals or agencies as permitted by law.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

The school district has compiled records on all students for use in the provision of appropriate education programs and services. Federal and state legislation provide parents and eligible students (18 years and older) with certain rights regarding the confidentiality of school records.

PARENTAL and STUDENT RIGHTS

Parents of a student or an eligible student have the right to:

1. Inspect and review the educational records of the student.
2. Request information contained in such records be amended if it is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the privacy or other rights of the student.
3. Request a hearing to challenge the content of the student's record.

STUDENT RECORDS consist of:

- a. Personal and family data
- b. Health and immunization records
- c. Test data, including aptitude, interest, intelligence, and achievement testing
- d. Achievement and attendance records
- e. Anecdotal records
- f. Records of conferences
- g. Copies of correspondence concerning student
- h. Student questionnaires
- i. Other records which may contribute to the understanding of the student

j. Past school records

k. Individualized Educational Plans for handicapped children

PROCEDURES RELATING TO RETENTION, DESTRUCTION and DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS: Records are maintained at the building in which the student is enrolled or last attended. Each record is kept in an individual file open only to those personnel that have a need to know. Information on grades, attendance, and courses completed are kept forever unless transferred to another school district. Portions of a record may be destroyed when it is no longer appropriate to retain them.

SPECIAL EDUCATION and SECTION 504 NOTIFICATIONS

It is the policy of the District to actively find and provide services to students with disabilities. The District will provide appropriate evaluations, identification and services for full eligible students under Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or current Special Education Laws.

CHILD FIND SYSTEM

The individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires all states to have a "comprehensive Child Find system" to assure all children who are in need of early intervention or special education services are located, identified, and referred. Part C of early intervention focuses on children aged birth to three. If you suspect your child has a disability, please contact the

District's Special Education Director at 269.548.3400.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES and COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

The District does not discriminate on the basis of disability, sex, age, or race with regard to admission, access to services, treatment, or employment in programs and activities. The District Special Education Supervisor is the coordinator responsible for Section 504, the American Disabilities Act and Special Education. Contact Molly Rabe, at 269.548.3400.

The District Policies and Procedures are on file in the Superintendent's Office, as well as on the District web site www.gulllakecs.org where they may be reviewed. You may file a complaint regarding a District policy or procedure by contacting the Superintendent of Gull Lake Community Schools, 10100 East D. Avenue, Richland, MI 49083; telephone contact number is 269.548.3400. You will receive the specific process for the legislation for which you believe is non-compliant.

PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

As part of the Gull Lake Community Schools' Integrated Pest Management Program, pesticides are occasionally used. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the school grounds and buildings. For information on how to be informed of pesticide application dates, contact Brad Glessner, Building & Grounds Supervisor at 269.548.3400.

DRUG PREVENTION

In accordance with federal and state law, the Gull Lake Community Schools Board of Education hereby establishes a "Drug-Free School Zone" that extends 1,000 feet from the boundary of any school property. The Board prohibits the use, possession, concealment, delivery, or property within the Drug-Free School Zone or at any district-related event. Furthermore, the

superintendent shall take the necessary steps to ensure that an individual, eighteen (18) years of age or older, who knowingly delivers or distributes controlled substances on designated and prohibited by Michigan statute with the Drug-Free School Zone to another person is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

WEAPONS-FREE SCHOOL ZONE

Gull Lake Community Schools is a Weapons-Free School Zone. Violators may face expulsion and/or criminal prosecution.

ANTI-BULLYING/ANTI-HARASSMENT:

It is the policy of the District to provide a safe educational environment for all students. Bullying, or harassment of a student at school is strictly prohibited. This policy shall be interpreted and enforced to protect all students and to equally prohibit bullying/harassment with regard to its subject matter or motivating animus. For inquiries or concerns about the Anti-Bullying/Anti-Harassment policies. You may contact, the Superintendent of Gull Lake Community Schools at 269.548.3400.

NONDISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENETIC INFORMATION OF THE EMPLOYEE

The Board of Education prohibits discrimination on the basis of genetic information in all aspects of employment, including hiring, firing, compensation, job assignments, promotions, layoffs, training, fringe benefits, or any other terms, conditions, or privileges of employment. The Board also does not limit, segregate, or classify employees in any way that would deprive or tend to deprive them of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect the status of an employee as an employee, based on genetic information. Harassment of a person because of his/her genetic information is also prohibited. Likewise, retaliation against an applicant or employee for engaging in protected activity is prohibited.



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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Parents and all other community members are encouraged to attend school board meetings on a regular basis. Meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at the Thomas M. Ryan Intermediate School Media Center at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise indicated. Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in the meetings. Official minutes of each school board meeting are available for public inspection at the Superintendent's office, 10100 East D Avenue, Richland, MI 49083, or may be accessed on the school website: www.gulllakecs.org.

MEETING DATES

September 16, 2019
October 21, 2019
November 18, 2019
December 16, 2019

ONE NIGHT ONLY!

To be served at

The Gull Lake High School

7753 N. 34th Street, Richland

**Monday,
October 7, 2019**

4:30 - 7:00 pm
Carry-Out starts at 3:30 pm

Minimum Donation:

Adult \$10
Children (5-12) \$5
Kids under 5 **FREE!**

Tickets are available from any member
of the Gull Lake Rotary Club or at the
Richland Area Community Center.
www.gulllakearearotary.org



ATHLETICS SCHEDULE

VARSITY FOOTBALL

(7:00 pm)

9/6	vs Battle Creek Central
9/13	vs Loy Norrix
9/20	Lakeview
9/26	vs Niles
	*Thursday Night Game
10/5	Detroit Country Day
	*Saturday Game @ 1 pm
10/11	Lakeshore
10/18	vs Portage Northern
	*Homecoming
10/25	Kalamazoo Central

FRESHMAN/JV FOOTBALL

(Freshman - 4:30 pm/JV - 6:30 pm)

9/5	Battle Creek Central	
9/12	Loy Norrix	
9/19	vs Lakeview	
9/25	Edwardsburg (Freshman)	6 pm
	*Wednesday Night Game	
9/25	Niles (JV)	6 pm
	*Wednesday Night Game	
10/3	vs Lawton (Freshman)	4:30 pm
10/3	vs Waverly (JV)	6:30 pm
10/10	vs Lakeshore (JV)	
10/10	Open (Freshman)	
10/17	Portage Northern	
10/24	vs Kalamazoo Central	

JV/VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

(JV - 5:00 pm/Varsity 6:30 pm)

9/5	vs Kalamazoo Central	
9/7	vs Lakeshore	
9/10	vs Battle Creek Central	
9/12	Loy Norrix	
9/17	Lakeview	
9/19	Mattawan	
9/24	vs Portage Northern	
9/28	vs Portage Central	
10/1	St. Joseph	
10/3	SMAC Tournament #1	
10/8	SMAC Tournament #2	
10/9	vs Hackett Catholic Prep	
10/14	MHSAA Districts	6 pm

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

9/11	vs Battle Creek Central	6:30 pm
9/14	Fruitport Invite	8:30 am
9/18	vs Loy Norrix	6:30 pm
9/21	Portage Central Invite	8:30 am
9/25	Lakeview	6:30 pm
10/5	Hudsonville Invite	8:00 am
10/8	Quad at GL	4:00 pm
10/9	Kalamazoo Central	6:30 pm
10/12	Novi Invite	9:00 am
10/16	SMAC Crossover Match 1	6:30 pm
10/23	SMAC Crossover Match 2	6:30 pm
10/26	Wildcat Invite	8:30 am
11/2	SMAC Conference Finals	8:30 am
	*St. Joseph	
11/4	MHSAA Districts	6:00 pm
	*Sturgis	

JV VOLLEYBALL

9/7	Portage Central Invite	8:30 am
9/11	vs Battle Creek Central	5:30 pm
9/14	Hudsonville Invite	8:00 am
9/18	vs Loy Norrix	5:30 pm
9/21	Gull Lake Invite	8:30 am
9/25	vs Lakeview	5:30 pm
10/9	Kalamazoo Central	5:30 pm
10/12	Lakeview Invite	8:00 am
10/16	SMAC Crossover Match 1	5:30 pm
10/23	SMAC Crossover Match 2	5:30 pm
10/26	JV SMAC Finals @ PC	8:30 am
10/28	JV Mini	4:00 pm

HOME GAMES IN BOLD

*Schedules are subject to change.

Please check the GL athletic website at goglbluedevils.com.

*MS schedules available online at goglbluedevils.com.

*Please call the athletic office at (269) 548-3520 with any questions.

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

9/11	vs Battle Creek Central	5:30 pm
9/18	vs Loy Norrix	5:30 pm
9/25	Lakeview	5:30 pm
9/28	GL Invite	8:30 am
9/30	Portage Central Mini	4:00 pm
10/5	Portage Central Invite	8:30 am
10/9	Kalamazoo Central	5:30 pm
10/12	Lakeview Invite	8:00 am
10/16	SMAC Crossover Match 1	5:30 pm
10/23	SMAC Crossover Match 2	5:30 pm
10/26	Freshman SMAC Finals	8:30 am

BOYS TENNIS

9/4	Niles	4:00 pm
9/5	Loy Norrix	4:00 pm
9/10	vs Kalamazoo Central	4:00 pm
9/14	GK Tennis Tournament(V) @ Mattawan	9:00 am
9/16	GK Tennis Tournament(V) @ Mattawan	2:00 pm
9/17	Lakeview	4:00 pm
9/24	vs Sturgis	4:00 pm
9/28	SMAC Conference Meet(V)	10:00 am
10/1	vs Byron Center	4:00 pm
10/11	MHSAA Regionals	TBA

GIRLS GOLF

9/6	Marshall GC	9:30 am
9/10	Cedar Creek GC	3:30 pm
9/12	Stonehedge North GC	3:30 pm
9/13	Coldwater GC (V)	9:00 am
9/13	Hickory Ridge GC (JV)	9:00 am
9/16	Cedar Creek GC(JV)	9:00 am
9/18	Eastern Hills GC	3:30 pm
9/27	Milham GC	3:30 pm
10/2	Stonehedge North GC	10:00 am
10/7	MHSAA Regionals @ Moors GC	9:00 am

CROSS COUNTRY

9/7	Lakeview Invite @ Riverside Elem.	9:00 am
9/14	Holly Invite (V) @ Springfield Oaks Park	
9/17	SMAC East Jamboree @ KVCC	5:00 pm
9/21	Cougar/Falcon Invite @ Calvin College	8:30 am
10/1	SMAC East Jamboree @ Linden Grove	5:00 pm
10/5	Portage Invite @ Portage West MS	12:00 pm
10/19	SMAC Conference Meet @ Riverside Elem.	9:00 am
10/26	Regionals (V) @ Portage West MS	10:00 am
11/2	State Finals @ MIS	



Gull Lake Community Schools

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2019

- 9 **GL Sports Booster Meeting** 7 pm
Location: GLHS Teacher's Lounge
- 11 **MS PTO Meeting** 9 am
Location: Middle School Library
- 12 **GL Band Parent Assoc. Meeting** 7 pm
Location: GLHS Band Room
- 13 **Richland PTO Meeting** 9 am
- 16 **Renaming of the Administration Building** 5:30 pm
Location: Administration Building
- Board of Education Meeting** 7 pm
Location: Ryan Intermediate
- 17 **Kellogg PTO Meeting** 9:05 am
- 18 **Community Volunteers Meeting** 7 pm
Location: Richland Township Hall
- 20 **Ryan PTO Meeting** 10 am
- 23 **Fine Arts Foundation Meeting** 6 pm
Location: Ryan Intermediate
- GLCS Foundation Meeting** 6:30 pm
Location: GL Administration Building
- 25 **Early Release**
See GL website for dismissal times
- 27 **½ Day of School**
See GL website for dismissal times

OCTOBER 2019

- 4 **Ryan Rally PTO Fundraiser**
- 7 **Rotary Spaghetti Dinner** 4:30 – 7 pm
Location: GLHS
- 10 **Flu Clinic** 2 – 5 pm
Location: GLHS
- 11 **Richland PTO Meeting** 9 am
- 14 **GL Sports Booster Meeting** 7 pm
Location: GLHS Teacher's Lounge
- 15 **Kellogg PTO Meeting** 9:05 am
- 16 **Community Volunteers Meeting** 7 pm
Location: Richland Township Hall

- 18 **Ryan PTO Meeting** 10 am
- Homecoming Parade** 5:30 pm
Location: Richland Village Park
- Homecoming Game** 7 pm
- 21 **Board of Education Meeting** 7 pm
Location: Ryan Intermediate
- 21-24 **Mobile Dentist**
- 24 **Parent/Teacher Conferences** 5 – 8 pm
- 25 **NO SCHOOL**
- Parent/Teacher Conferences** 9 – 4 pm
- 26 **Mother/Son Dance** 7 – 9 pm
Location: GLHS
- 28 **Fine Arts Foundation Meeting** 6 pm
Location: Ryan Intermediate
- GLCS Foundation Meeting** 6:30 pm
Location: GL Administration Building

NOVEMBER 2019

- 6 **Early Release**
See GL website for dismissal times
- 8 **Richland PTO Meeting** 9 am
- 11 **GL Sports Booster Meeting** 7 pm
Location: GLHS Teacher's Lounge
- 11-16 **Ryan Int. Book Fair**
- 14 **GL Band Parent Assoc. Meeting** 7 pm
Location: GLHS Band Room
- 18 **Board of Education Meeting** 7 pm
Location: Ryan Intermediate
- 19 **Kellogg PTO Meeting** 9:05 am
- 20 **Community Volunteers Meeting** 7 pm
Location: Richland Township Hall
- 25 **½ Day of School**
See GL website for dismissal times
- 26 **½ Day of School**
See GL website for dismissal times
- 27-29 **NO SCHOOL**

FINE ARTS

GLHS PAC Performances

Fall 2019

"The Man Who Came To Dinner"

November 15 & 16..... 7:30 pm

November 17 2:00 pm

GLMS Cafetorium

Admission: \$5/person

Marching Band

October 2019

- 5 MCBA Competition @ Portage Northern
MSMBA Competition @ Vicksburg
- 9 MSBOA Festival @ Vicksburg
- 19 MCBA Competition @ Jenison
- 26 MCBA Competition @ Rockford

November 2019

- 1 MCBA State Finals @ Ford Field



Gull Lake Community Schools