

Superintendent NEWSLETTER

October 8



Dear Gull Lake Community Schools Families and Staff,

“Smart is Smart” is a phrase I like to use when describing how a person uses their own unique gifts to solve a problem that has everyone else stumped. Over the years I have worked on many teams and projects that require both skill and inspiration to take a difficult project to the finish line. I have learned to sense the moment where someone on the team is ready to step up their game and deliver a solution that makes sense to the group so they can overcome the final hurdles and find success.

Our kids all have this creative spark of genius inside them just waiting to be drawn out by the appropriate challenge. Your child’s teacher will tell you that it is these moments of inspiration that make the teaching profession so compelling. It is the “Aha!” moments when the light goes on and our students see a clear path in front of them that keeps us coming back for more. “Smart is Smart” no matter how we arrive at our solution to a problem. We have all learned over time that there are multiple ways to solve a problem and that it is up to us to decide which solution makes the most sense.

At Gull Lake Community Schools, our staff give kids the chance to demonstrate their own unique gifts and honor their contributions as they learn and grow together. Our goal is to engage students at a deep level so that they can apply their learning to real world problems and successfully navigate the many challenges they will face. It is important that each student understand their own strengths and that they value the strengths of others so they can work effectively in a team environment. Gull Lake staff model this behavior for our kids in preparation for a successful future.

I encourage you to reflect on the way that your child demonstrates their “Smarts”. Find a way to challenge them in their area of strength and affirm them as they make progress. Your belief in their unique gifts will help them to grow as lifelong learners.

Have a great weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raphael Rittenhouse".

Raphael Rittenhouse/Superintendent
Gull Lake Community Schools



Updates

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 21 and October 22, 2021.

No School on October 22, 2021.

Early Release on November 3, 2021.