

Superintendent NEWSLETTER

October 29



Dear Gull Lake Community Schools Families and Staff,

One of the nicknames my kids have given me over the years is “*Safety Raph*”. I must admit I have earned the title because of my tendency to anticipate how the laws of physics apply to children at play. I come by this honestly, however, having several life experiences to back up my advice. Much of these experiences were helped along, you might even say “designed”, by my older brother Jeff.

Jeff was an expert at building bike ramps and hooking up new rope swings that did not have good “end user” agreements. I was the “end user” hurtling down the hill on my bike or arcing on the end of a rope for these physical experiments designed by my brother. Most of these experiments did not end well from my Mom’s perspective, given how many gallons of mercurochrome she had to apply to my cuts and abrasions afterwards.

So, *Safety Raph* wants to pass along some safety tips for this weekend as our kids go door to door trick or treating:

- Please drive safely and look for potential blind spots where kids might be crossing in front of traffic.
- Coordinate communications with your kids and establish check in times if necessary.
- Monitor your environment and anticipate for any safety issues that arise around increased foot and vehicle traffic. Be a part of the solution if bottlenecks develop.

Above all, enjoy the moment with your kids and friends. We live in a great community that watches out for one another and knows how to celebrate.

I’ll be on watch for the *Great Pumpkin*.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Raphael Rittenhouse".

Raphael Rittenhouse/Superintendent
Gull Lake Community Schools



Updates

Early Release on November 3rd.

Community Tours of Richland and Kellogg Elementary and Thomas M. Ryan Intermediate are scheduled for November 4th from 6:15 -7:30 pm. This will be an opportunity for community members to tour our new buildings.

GLHS Performing Arts Company (PAC) will have their first performance of the 2021-2022 school year on November 12th – 14th. Please see the GL website for performance times.

½ Days on November 22nd & 23rd.

End of 1st Trimester is November 23.

No School on November 24th - 26th.

First day of 2nd Trimester is November 29th.