

Superintendent NEWSLETTER

February 4



Dear Gull Lake Families and Staff,

Yesterday, as I was participating in a late afternoon virtual conference, my phone lit up with a message from my wife, Julie, that the neighborhood kids were asking for me to join in a sledding party at the neighbors' well-groomed hill. I looked out the window and saw several neighborhood parents in attendance with their GLCS students having a good ole' time linking up inner tube caravans for long swooshing runs down the hill. There was plenty of spraying snow face washing the riders as I observed the fun everyone was having. Our dogs, Howie and Auggie, were racing alongside every caravan and trying to gulp the flying snow along the way. They greeted each rider at the end of the run with a tail wagging welcome.

Julie and I have been empty nesters for the past few years and this impromptu gathering to sled was too much to pass up. I donned my bibs, hat, boots, and gloves and joined the group. I jumped onto a caravan at the top of the hill, and we all linked up, arms to boots, for a fast and smooth ride down the hill, cushioned by air. This boisterous fun went on for several more trips before the group disbanded to travel home and warm up freezing hands and faces.

I can't think of a better way to have seized the moment, and it all began with a simple invite. As you go about your daily routines this weekend, I hope you get a chance to invite (or be invited) to a fun activity that helps you appreciate your friends and neighbors and get to know them a little bit better.



Have a wonderful weekend!
Best regards,

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

Raphael Rittenhouse/Superintendent
Gull Lake Community Schools



Updates

GLHS Student Senate Blood Drive on Thursday, February 10, 2022, 8 am – 1:45 pm

Early Release on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

½ Day of School on March 10 and 11, 2022 for 2nd trimester exams.

3rd Tri begins March 14, 2022

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