

Superintendent NEWSLETTER

March 11



Dear Gull Lake Families and Staff,

Last Saturday, the temperature in Richland soared to 67 degrees and our neighborhood sprang to life. Folks went out for walks with their dogs and neighbors chatted each other up for the first time in weeks. My wife and I took Howie the Hound out for a stroll, stopping along the way to say hello to friends and neighbors while our dogs greeted each other with that familiar tail wagging strain on the leash.

Everyone wore a smile and it felt good to soak up the sun in shirtsleeves. The conversations featured everyone's Spring projects and yard cleaning resolutions. If someone had turned on a record player with the song "Dancing In The Streets", I think we would have all tried out a few moves. The brief burst of Spring was just what we all needed to get a taste of what is coming in the weeks ahead.

It is in this spirit that we reference our [GLCS Good Things](#) and recognize a few recent District Highlights:

- Our Middle School and High School Bands all earned straight ones at District Festival! Congratulations to Michele Chabitch and Anna Martuch for their instructional leadership and excellence, and to our musicians representing Gull Lake "With Pride"!
- Stop by to check out the First Robotics competition taking place in the GLHS gymnasium today and Saturday! We have many teams from around the state competing and collaborating in the name of STEM learning.
- Dr. Carmen Maring has been selected to serve on the NAESP (National Association of Elementary School Principals) Board as a Member At Large representing the Middle Level. Her voice will impact education policy matters and legislative issues at the Federal level. Congratulations to Dr. Maring for being selected for this critical role as an advocate for education and for her continuing service to our kids and families at GLCS!

The Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department reports a low transmission rate/Recovery phase for COVID-19:

<https://www.kalcounty.com/hcs/datahub/covid19.php>

Have a great weekend and GO GULL LAKE!

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

Raphael Rittenhouse/Superintendent
Gull Lake Community Schools



Updates

First Robotics competition @ GLHS, starting at 11 am on Friday and continuing throughout Saturday.

3rd Tri begins March 14, 2022.

Incoming Kindergarten/Young Fives Welcome Night on March 14, 2022, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm at Richland & Kellogg Elementary.

Early Release on March 16, 2022.

Class of 2024 Early College Informational Meeting on March 22, 2022, 7 pm via zoom. See the website calendar for the link to register.

No School on March 25, 2022.

Spring Break is March 28 –April 1, 2022.

School Resumes Monday, April 4, 2022.

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