

Superintendent NEWSLETTER

April 8



Dear Gull Lake Families and Staff,

With warmer weather on the way, there are new opportunities to get outdoors for projects and learning activities with your child. With our focus on literacy skills throughout the year, now is a good time to encourage your student to apply their book knowledge to real world problem solving. Think about what your kids' interests are, and where they might achieve a sense of satisfaction in making improvements around your home or property. After all, nothing builds confidence like learning a new skill. Once we have that skill, we are eager to share that knowledge with others in meaningful ways. It is one of the ways we are hardwired, and it helps us survive and thrive.

Do you have a deck that needs prepping and staining? How about your garden beds that need soil preparation and planting? You might be surprised how much your kids are willing to help if you invite them to participate and walk them through the process. They are sure to get that sense of reward upon seeing the completed project and they will have an ownership stake and sense of pride. Make sure to allow extra time for the teaching process and encourage questions about every aspect of your project. Talking is teaching and the verbal processing also supports literacy skills by introducing enriched vocabulary terms that are specific to the project you are completing.

You are sure to enjoy doing these kinds of sweat equity projects together and it reinforces the bonds and connections with your child. Every kid (even those who may initially resist the activity) quietly wish for and value the individual attention you give them when you work together side by side. So, get out there with one of your kids in tow and hunker down on a project. You will be reminded how rewarding this time together can be.

You can find additional news on district highlights in our [GLCS Good Things](#)

Have a great weekend!

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

Raphael Rittenhouse/Superintendent
Gull Lake Community Schools



Updates

GLVP Virtual Registration Expo Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 12 pm. Link to register is on the GL website calendar.

Early Release Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

GL Center for the Fine Arts Gala Thursday, April 21 – 24, 2022. See website for more information.

½ Day of School Thursday, April 28, 2022.

Class of 2024 Early College Informational Meeting Thursday, April 28, 2022, 7 pm in the GLHS Media Center.