September 23, 2022

Dear Gull Lake Families and Staff,

This morning, I had the pleasure of participating in the Homecoming pep assembly at our stadium. Our athletes, cheerleaders and staff hosted activities and ramped up our Gull Lake school spirit ahead of the game and festivities this evening. The weather was perfect with a tinge of crisp in the air and a sunny Fall sky dotted with only a few clouds. Our marching band and drum line got everyone’s hands clapping and feet moving to the beat.

Celebrating this tradition together as a multi-age school community is a true privilege. Watching our younger students look up to our upperclassmen with a starry gaze reminded me of how much it mattered to me as a kid when older students showed their kindness, support, and welcoming spirit. It made me want to follow in their footsteps and motivated me to work hard to achieve good results both in the classroom and on the field of play.

So much learning happens in these social spaces connected to the content learned in the classroom. Our school culture is enriched through these experiences, and we notice each other just a little bit more, and we matter to each other just a little bit more. Before you know it these “little bit mores” add up to a stronger sense of identity and belonging. We all do better with this kind of support.

Tonight, our Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation will be celebrating the generosity of our community members who pitch in financially to support these activities. Each of us doing our small part helps ensure that every student has a chance to experience the rich GLCS traditions we have come to value so highly.

Come out and join us for the Homecoming Parade and football matchup this evening and check out more of our GLCS Good Things here.

GO GULL LAKE!!

Raphael Rittenhouse/Superintendent
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