# **Gideon Pond Elementary School**

## Each Student. Future ready. Community strong.

Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District 191 is a future-forward school district creating barrier-free pathways for learning for everyone in our community. We believe learning is a lifelong pursuit, and create programs, services and opportunities that inspire this belief.



Hello Gideon Pond Families. I'm Principal Salma Hussein, and it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Pond Family. I am excited to get to know your student and work with you to support their success at Gideon Pond and beyond. Parents and guardians are encouraged to get involved. During the school day, you can volunteer or join the Gideon Pond PTO. Because of parents and guardians like you, Gideon Pond is a terrific school. We are going to have a fantastic school year complete with learning, fun, and building relationships with one another.

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# **ACADEMICS**





## **Pathways**

At the elementary level, our unique Pathways approach to learning excites students and gives them a glimpse into their future by embedding rich experiences in areas including arts, engineering, entrepreneurship, and health and wellness. Pathways allow students to wonder and reflect on what's next in their educational journey.

Learn more at pathways.isd191.org.

#### **Gifted and Talented**

Advanced Learning is a valued part of the One91 learning experience, and is guided by our commitment to equity, access and academic rigor. Our inclusive identification system ensures that these opportunities are available to every student in grades 2-5 across all our elementary schools.

Advanced Learning instruction focuses on helping our students to be future ready by embedding into our instruction the 4 Cs of 21st Century Learning: Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Creativity. Research projects focus on inquiry and creating solutions to real-world problems.

## Core Areas of Learning

Students receive a well-rounded learning experience that includes rigorous literacy, math, social studies and science instruction, as well as time set aside to meet individual student needs called What I Need (WIN) time. All students also participate in specialist classes including music, art, digital learning and physical education.



# STUDENT EXPERIENCE

### PBIS: How we take care of one another

All District 191 schools use Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) as a way to teach schoolwide expectations and to let students know when they have met those expectations.

At Gideon Pond, PBIS is how we take care of one another. PBIS is predictable behavior that establishes consistent school day rituals and routines that benefit all members of the school community, including our families. Every member of our school community is recognized for their humanity through PBIS.





#### **School Activities**

Each year a variety of programs are offered through our school, either through partnerships with our Community Education program or directly through our school community. Students will have a variety of ways to participate throughout their time here at Pond. The following are just a few of the programs that are typically offered during the school year: School safety patrol, Student Council, Care Club, Chess Club, and our Community Garden Group.

# Our Values: We are respectful, responsible and safe

Respectful, responsible, and safe are the core values of Gideon Pond Elementary School. Each student at our school is responsible, respectful, and safe. To help each other, we collaborate. As a student, you will have adults ready to support you in being successful at Gideon Pond and beyond.

We are the Gideon Pond Panthers and our Mascot's name is Midnight.





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