

SUPERINTENDENT **NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Gull Lake Families and Staff,

As parents, we wait upon our kids. From the time they are born, and throughout their lives, we lovingly observe them as only parents can. We are the first to see that unique personality emerge, the first to see what makes them happy, what interests them, and what strengths they use to approach a challenge. A parent's love for their child is the closest thing to unconditional love we experience in this life. Many of our other relationships have transactional components or expectations of something in return, but parents are the ones who watch their children develop as authentic individuals with dreams and purposes of their own.

At least that's the ideal, right? I don't know about you, but I am pretty sure I have *not* done a perfect job in the parenting department over my 25-year tenure as a dad. But the ideal, the standard of unconditional love and acceptance is sure worth aiming for. I am still a believer, and what's more, our kids hold onto the hope we will find our way and fully occupy this critical role in their lives. Even though we might sink under the load or crack under the pressure at times, there are flashes of brilliance where we parents come through when our kids need us most.

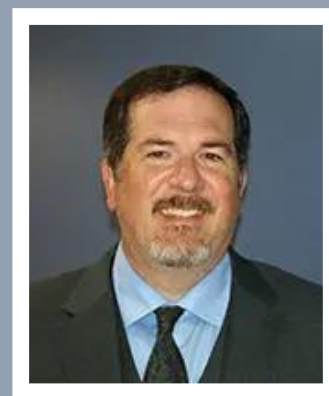
So, let's be resilient and win the long game. We are raising the next greatest generation. We have what it takes to make the journey with our kids.

A shout out to parents. Keep the faith.

Have a great weekend!



Raphael Rittenhouse/Superintendent
Gull Lake Community Schools



Updates

GL Performing Arts Company will be performing *Mythically Mythical Myths* by Jon Jory February 10th at 7 PM and February 11th and February 12th at 2 PM at the GL Center for the Fine Arts.

Early Release Day is February, 15th.

Piano Concert is February 17th at 7 PM at the GL Center for the Fine Arts.

No school on February 24th for Mid-Winter Break.



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