The Mission of Gull Lake Community Schools is to educate every child to achieve his/her full potential.
Dear Gull Lake Community Schools Families,

This school year has been going by fast! We began the year with the largest student enrollment in school history and have been living in our new and improved teaching and learning spaces brought about through the 2018 Capital Bond Project. Our team has been focused on rebounding learning and ensuring academic and social gains for students from all demographic backgrounds.

As we move into May, I want to encourage all of you to become familiar with the two education related proposals on the ballot for the May 2nd election. Informational material can be found inside this issue of the Communicator below, or on the District website.

On behalf of the GLCS Team, I want to thank you for your positive involvement in making this school community a great place to live and work!

Raphael Rittenhouse/Superintendent
Gull Lake Community Schools

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**Headlee Rollback**

*(Non-Homestead Property Tax Only)  *(Homeowners’ Primary Residence Exempted)*

- When property values increase at a rate higher than inflation – Headlee is triggered

- Headlee requires that the operating millage be reduced to 17.7769 mills which is .2231 mills short of the full 18.00 mill levy required for the District to receive the full revenue per Pupil Foundation Allowance

- If the 17.7769 mill levy is not restored to the full 18.00 mills, the District will receive approximately $62,000 less revenue than the full foundation allowance, this shortfall will continue or increase in future years if additional Headlee Rollbacks occur

- Foundation Allowance of $9,150 per pupil is based on the assumption that the district levies the full 18.00 mills

- Non-homestead property tax levied on all property except principal residence and other property exempted by law (qualified agricultural, qualified forest and industrial personal)

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May 2, 2023
Election

Go Gull Lake!!!
ChatGPT

As technology evolves rapidly, many exciting developments are changing how we live and learn. An emerging new tool is ChatGPT, an artificial intelligence platform that uses natural language processing to generate responses to various questions and prompts. For families who may not be familiar with this technology, it can be helpful to understand what it is and how it can be used.

ChatGPT is a computer program designed to understand and generate human-like responses to text-based inputs. This means that ChatGPT has the ability to learn from the language that it encounters and generate responses that are contextually relevant and appropriate.

Of course, like any technology, ChatGPT has limitations and potential drawbacks that should be considered. For example, because the platform is based on machine learning algorithms, its responses would need to be cross-referenced for accuracy to the prompt given. Additionally, there are concerns about privacy and data security, as the platform may collect information about users to improve its performance.

Overall, however, ChatGPT represents an exciting opportunity that can support families in various ways. Whether looking for information and research resources or quick feedback loops to support student questions, this artificial intelligence platform can provide information tailored to your needs. If you have not yet explored the benefits of ChatGPT, now is the time to do so and see how it can help you and your family in your educational journey.

ChatGPT was used as a research tool for definitions within this article. (ChatGPT, personal communication, March 13, 2023)
For the first time in several years, Kellogg hosted a Spaghetti Dinner with over 200 family members in attendance! Families had the opportunity to play games together after they ate and bid on several items through a Silent Auction. Thank you to all of our local sponsors for helping make this event a huge success!

Author and illustrator Gina Stevens brought a unique experience to second graders at Kellogg. Students were able to participate in an “illustrator experience” where Gina taught them how to create beautiful watercolor paintings step-by-step. Young Fives, Kindergarten, and First Grade students were able to meet Gina, listen to her stories, and ask her questions as well.

Throughout the month of March, students have been participating in a Kellogg Book Exchange. Students donate a gently-used book to one of our friendly “Book Monsters” and they get a “new” book to take home before Spring Break. PTO donates countless hours organizing and redistributing these books to students. All students also receive a brand new book from PTO so the reading excitement from the month can continue over Spring Break.

March is Reading Month and our students were so excited to participate for “dress like your favorite book character” day!
Literacy Night
2023

Our 1st Annual Literacy Night was a huge success! Thank you to the Richland PTO and the parents who provided donations towards the pizza. A special thank you to 1st Grade Teacher Peggy Kendrick for planning a fun evening for staff and families, and to our teachers and staff who organized different activities. We were able to enjoy an evening with our families, parents were able to watch presentations, and students participated in fun activities around STEAM, reading, and writing!

CELEBRITY SPELLING BEE!

Congratulations!
Spelling Champ - Paul Dykstra & Fundraising Champ - Stacy Clark

THANK YOU to ALL our Spell-ebrites and the incredible Gull Lake community for your support of GL SPELL!

Proceeds of over $5,000 will support the "One Community, One Book" literacy program, providing more than 3,000 Gull Lake students and their families the gift of reading to share--together!

YOU can still BEE a part of the BUZZ!
Donate to the GLCS Foundation to benefit One Community, One Book

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Gull Lake Community Schools
Our Ryan students had the opportunity to participate in a Band Fitting activity in March, which allowed students to practice and be evaluated on what instrument that may suit them best if they plan to participate in the band in 6th grade. Thank you Mrs. Latham, Ms. Chabitch, and the many volunteers that participated to make this day possible.

Lunch & Learn

Throughout the school year, Ryan Intermediate staff has enjoyed opportunities for job-embedded professional learning during our monthly Lunch & Learn events. This is paired with unlimited classroom support from the GLCS Instructional Team, so our teachers are empowered to try new strategies with students.

Educators gather together for a short professional development where a new instructional strategy supporting our district goal is introduced for immediate application in the classroom. All GLCS staff are working to increase opportunities for students to read, write, and speak with purpose, which is the basis for all literacy practices.

When it comes to your to-do list, put your future first.

To find out how to get your financial goals on track, contact us for a complimentary review.
DECA

In March, forty-four students attended the DECA State Career Development Conference this year at the Huntington Center in Downtown Detroit, MI. Some students participated by presenting their business development and research ideas to business professionals, and other students demonstrated their ability to think on their feet and creatively help businesses solve problems. Gull Lake members participated in twenty-two different events, with six of them walking away as overall finalists and two qualifying to move on to the next level at the International Career Development Conference that will be held in Orlando, FL at the end of April. Four students will also be attending leadership development workshops while in Orlando.

If you have any interest in helping with the DECA program, please feel free to reach out to any of our business teachers at GLHS - Andrea Hudson, Jennifer Natzel or Jason Coats.

National Honor Society

March 10th was the annual NHS Fun Night, and NHS high school students hosted Ryan Intermediate students for a night of fun! Students had a wonderful time participating in dodgeball, basketball, movies, karaoke, and crafts.

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WINTER SPORTS RECAP

It was another exciting, successful winter sports season here at GLCS! Our Competitive Cheer team continued their winning tradition by winning the Division 2 SMAC Championship for the second straight year! The team also finished in the top four at MHSAA Districts, qualifying them for the Regional round of the tournament. The Blue Devil Wrestling program had another phenomenal year, winning the SMAC East Division Title as well as the MHSAA District Title. This year we had four wrestlers qualify for the MHSAA Individual Wrestling State Championships: Camden Miller, Garrie Mann, Rasler Warner and Sophia Mattioli. Sophia is the second female wrestler from GLCS to qualify for the state finals! The GLMS wrestling team also won the MS League Championship for the second straight year!

2022-2023 SMAC ALL DIVISION/CONFERENCE RECIPIENTS

Competitive Cheer
Mackenzie Thornton
Sophia Martins
Meghan Clifford
Kennedy Abegg
Honorable Mention
Cadence McComb

Girls Basketball
Bree Eklund
Honorable Mention
Abby Sexton
Lilah Smith

Wrestling
Jesse Crawford
Hayden Oman
Taylan Diehl
Camden Miller
Dan VanderMeer
Carter Skinner
Garrie Mann
Brody Grimes
Honorable Mention
Korbin Diehl
Caleb Mason
Blake McKenzie

SAVE THE DATE!
Ascension Borgess of Richland will have their staff on hand on Thursday, August 3 at GLHS conducting sports physicals for all of our student-athletes! The cost is $30, more details to come!

SAVE THE DATE!
GULL LAKE SPORTS BOOSTERS
35TH ANNUAL GOLFOUTING
JULY 31, 2023
GULL LAKE VIEW GOLF COURSE
KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR REGISTRATION INFO!
SUMMER SPORTS CAMP DATES

Many of our varsity programs offer summer sports camps during the summer. Each camp is run by the varsity coach and players of that sport, and ages range from 1st grade through 8th grade. Registration forms and more information will be posted on our Gull Lake Athletic Website, www.GoGLBlueDevils.com, and sent out through PeachJar in mid April.

FALL SPORTS START DATES, 2023

It’s never too soon to start thinking about fall sports! Mark your calendars for our Fall 2023 sport start dates so you and your student are prepared!

High School Sports (football, volleyball, cross country, boys tennis, girls golf, boys soccer):

Monday, August 7

Middle School Sports (football, volleyball, cross country):

Monday, August 14

All students will need an updated physical, dated on or after April 15, 2023, on file. As soon as you get your student’s physical, make sure to upload it to their student central account on planeths.com so they are set for the 23-24 school year!

SAVE THE DATES!

Volleyball: June 12 - 15
Boys Basketball: June 26 - 29
Girls Basketball: June 19 - 22
Baseball: June 12 - 15
Softball: June 19 - 22
Football: July 24 - 26
Cheer: July 24 - 26
Girls/Boys Soccer: July 10 - 13

INTER-CITY TENNIS
(Grades 6th-12th)

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Matches on Fridays
June 13th-July 21st
$90

TEEN CLASSES
(Grades Pre-K-8th)

Mondays & Wednesdays
Session 1: June 12th-June 28th
Session 2: July 3rd-July 19th

More information & the registration form can be found at gulllakecs.org, goglbluedevils.com, or by emailing wbrockway@gulllakecs.org.
If you’ve visited Liz’s Parkview Cafe, or stopped by the Administration Office, you will see our Student Of The Month listed on the letter board at each location. We’d like to congratulate the following students for being chosen as our Student Of The Month! The Student of the Month is chosen due to his/her academic achievement, attendance, and positive attitude. Each student receives a $50 gift certificate, courtesy of Liz’s Parkview Cafe.

Gateway students made a visit to check out KCC’s Regional Manufacturing Technology Center and KVCC’s Industrial Trades Programs. We know that employment opportunities in these fields are at an all time high, and many students are excited to explore and see what their options are as they look ahead to life after graduation.

We love our Richland Community Library and the way they support our students! Thank you to those from “Meet the Michigan Authors” who donated funds to purchase books for our school library. We also appreciate the continued support from Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation, Richland/Gull Lake Area Lion’s Club, and Gull Lake Area Rotary.

Father/Daughter Dance Returns
The Gull Lake Area Community Volunteers sponsored the Father/Daughter Dance after a 3-year respite, and over 700 young girls and their escorts attended the dance this year! They had a wonderful time getting dressed up, having their photos taken, and dancing the night away to music provided by GLHS junior, DJ Nate Hubbard. Thank you to the GLHS Volunteers who helped us throughout the dance with set-up, clean-up, and taking photos for our photo-booths!

The Father/Daughter Dance is a fundraiser and the proceeds from this dance help support many of our programs throughout the year. “Fall Warm-Up”, provides coats and snow pants for children in need, and we distribute clothing, educational toys, and food to families in need through our “Bright Holidays” program in December. GLACV also provides medical, dental, and educational support for students, as well as summer camp scholarships and college scholarships for high school seniors who demonstrate exemplary volunteerism in their community.

Congratulations to the grand prize raffle winner, Jordan Pant, for winning a certificate for a week’s stay at Sherman Lake YMCA summer camp!
GLCS FINE ARTS FOUNDATION CELEBRATES ITS FIFTH YEAR AWARDING THE FINE ARTS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The GLCS Fine Arts Foundation is pleased to once again award two scholarships to GLHS Seniors who have contributed to the Fine Arts during their time at GLHS.

The recipient of the Robin Nott Performing Arts Company Scholarship is Ava Erdmann. Ava has participated in PAC for the last four years, both on-stage and off-stage, including roles in The Great Gatsby and Mythically Mythical Myths, and serving on costume and set crews for other productions. Ava is also a talented, competitive gymnast and is an active member in her faith community. In the fall Ava will be attending Purdue University, where she will be studying pharmaceutical sciences.

The recipient of the GLCS Fine Arts Foundation Scholarship is Glenn Hedin. Glenn has been a very active member of PAC since his freshman year, participating in every show in the last four years. He is currently the Vice President of PAC and is an energetic leader and valued volunteer. Glenn is in the Early College program, and upon completion, he hopes to attend the University of Michigan where he plans to study history and fine arts.

We wish them both the best of luck in their future Fine Arts endeavors!
MEETING DATES

April 17, 2023
May 15, 2023
June 19, 2023

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Parents and all other community members are encouraged to attend school board meetings on a regular basis. Meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at the Thomas M. Ryan Intermediate School Media Center at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise indicated. Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in the meetings. Official minutes of each school board meeting are available for public inspection at the Superintendent’s office, 10100 East D Avenue, Richland, MI 49083, or may be accessed on the school website: www.gulllakecs.org.

The Gull Lake High School Performing Arts Company

PRESENTS

Clue

Based on the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn
Written by Sandy Rustin
Additional material by Hunter Foster and Eric Price
Based on the Paramount Pictures Motion Picture based on the Hasbro board game CLUE

May 12 @ 7pm
May 13 @ 7pm
May 14 @ 2pm

Starring
Glenn Hedin, Nolan Loukes,
Landen Birchmeier, Jack Alspach,
Alexa LaDuke, Kailynn Bachman,
Halle Tull, and Avery Horrigan

For tickets and info visit us at https://www.gulllakecs.org/glcafa

Graduating Leaders

Enrolling for the 2023-2024 School Year for Kindergarten & Young Fives

Information on how to enroll available on our district website www.gulllakecs.org/district/enrollment

Enrollment Forms Due May 26, 2023

State law requires that children who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 2023 be eligible to enroll into a kindergarten program for the 2023-2024 school year. Children whose birthdays fall between September 1, 2023 and December 1, 2023 may be eligible for our Young Fives program.