



Dear GCS After School Care Families:

May 1, 2023

Happy Mother's day to all of you awesome moms! We appreciate you very much, and your children do love you and are grateful for you even when they forget to tell you.

It's hard to believe, but we only have a little over a month left of school at this time. Our last day of After School Care will be Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, as there is only a half day of school on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. It has been a great school year in spite of some challenges along the way, and we are very thankful for the opportunity we have had as a staff to work with all 300+ of the wonderful children in our program this year.

Please note that there will be no After School Care program on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, as we commemorate Memorial Day.

It is great to see and feel some nice weather lately, but we do ask that you continue to dress your child in layers and weather-appropriately. Our Michigan weather keeps us on our toes, and it seems to change continuously. We will be going outside every day unless it rains, so be sure to send a jacket or sweatshirt with your child when it is cold.

The April bills will go out this week, so please be sure to let us know if you do not receive yours in the mail. Payments are due by May 20<sup>th</sup>, and they are due in full at that time or a \$10 late fee will be applied. This will be strictly enforced. You can pay with either cash or a check at the schools when you pick up your child, or you can call the Board office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day to pay by credit card.

**Update: May and June billing will be combined and sent out by June 10<sup>th</sup>! The due date for these invoices will be extended until June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

We continue to remind you that we have many security protocols in place for our building:

- We keep our buildings locked at all times for your child's safety, so everyone must come to the front of NOE and SME and the gym entrance at GIS to sign out your child. We will then bring them to you for pick-up.
- We will continue to check identification and cross reference emergency cards when an individual we do not recognize is picking up a child. So please bring your ID's with you. Again, this is for the safety of the children.

Thank you so much for partnering with us for your child's after school care needs this year, as we appreciate you very much.

Have a great month of May!

Most gratefully,

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