

Dear GCS After School Care Families:

January 3, 2024

Happy New Year 2024! We hope that everyone had a great holiday break, and that you are now enjoying the beautiful winter wonderland that surrounds us. It's hard to believe that we are almost half way through the school year, but that is what it says on the calendar.

We want to welcome all of our new students that have joined our program recently, as we are happy to have you with us. Please be sure to say "hi" to them when you get a chance.

We also want to give a huge "Thank you" to the Otsego County Foundation for the grant they gave our program last year. It has already benefitted several families, and we are very thankful for their support of Gaylord Community Schools and our students.

Please note that there will not be After School Care on January 15th, as there is no school that day.

The December bills are going out this week, so please be sure to let us know if you do not receive yours via email. Payments are due by January 20th, 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 online via MyProcure.com or with either cash or a check at pick up at each school, or you can call the Board office from 7:30 to 4:00 p.m. each day to pay by credit card. The phone number there is (989) 705-3008.

Please be sure to let us know of any After School Care change of plans and schedules for your students at GIS, SME and NOE, so we can adjust our class rosters. We also ask that you make sure to turn in any phone or address changes to me, so that we can keep our emergency forms current as well.

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

- We keep our buildings locked at all times for your child's safety, so everyone must come to the front of NOE and SME, the Registrar entrance at the ECC, 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.

Remember to send snow pants, coats, hats and gloves with your child to school and to our program, as the children do go outside and play every day unless it is raining or below 0 degrees.

We sure appreciate you and your children being a part of our After school care program, and we wish you a great rest of the month.

Most Sincerely,

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