Dear Gull Lake Families and Staff,

*Runnin’ down a dream, that never would come to me, workin’ on a mystery,*
*goin’ wherever it leads, runnin’ down a dream...*

Tom Petty’s hit song has been heard by just about everyone, young or old. The lyrics speak to a life lesson that has been phrased differently by others trying to articulate the same concept:

- You’ve got to make your own luck.
- Success is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration.
- If your ship doesn’t come in, swim out to it.

The list goes on...

There is a reward that comes to those practicing being resilient. We teach it to our kids every day. We tell them if they want something to work for it. If they want to get better at a skill, we tell them to practice. If they fall down, we tell them to get back up, rub some dirt on their scraped shins, and get back in the game. I’m not so sure about the dirt or even the red Mercurochrome we used to apply back in the day as a badge of courage, but it supports the main point of hanging in there until we find success.

A shout out this weekend to pursuing our dreams and modeling it for our kids. Rub some dirt on it and have a great weekend!

Raphael Rittenhouse/Superintendent
Gull Lake Community Schools

**Updates**

**Early Release** on February 14th.

**No school** on February 23rd for Mid-Winter Break.