



A Message from Shelly 😊

Dear FTE Fabulous Families,

February is a month filled with learning, growth, and community! As we move forward in the school year, we continue to see incredible progress in our students—both academically and socially. This month, we celebrate Black History Month, providing meaningful opportunities for students to learn about and honor the achievements, contributions, and resilience of Black leaders throughout history.

I'm so proud of our teachers who work so hard to engage our students, doing everything they can to keep our students motivated and inspired. We have such a great thing going! Your continued support at home plays a vital role in everything we do. Whether it's reinforcing the lessons learned in school or helping to build confidence and success at home, you matter!

At our school, we truly believe that education is a team effort, and when schools and families work together, students thrive. Your involvement—whether through volunteering, attending school events, or simply staying engaged in your child's learning—makes a meaningful difference. As we look ahead to parent-teacher conferences and other important events, we encourage open communication and collaboration. If there are things we can be doing better, we want to hear about it. If we don't know, we can't grow. Thank you for being an essential part of our team and for your unwavering support. Together, we can ensure every child reaches their full potential!

With Much Gratitude,



Notes from the Nurse:

February is National Children's Dental Health month and American Heart month! It is very important to brush your teeth twice a day to ensure proper dental health. Here is a great video from the National Institute of Health to share with your children to show why brushing your teeth is so important!

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqD4wU1qYeQ>)

Family First Health Mobile Dentist will be at FTE on **February 26, 2025** to conduct their final dental exams, x-rays, cleaning and treatments for the year. If you are interested in your student taking part in this, please fill out the consent form from your screening in October and return it ASAP or contact me with questions. We are continuing our health screenings, including vision and hearing, so please follow up with the appropriate doctor if a referral is sent home. As a reminder with the recent cold weather, please dress your child in layers and enough to stay warm outside and comfortable inside. And remember to help stop the spread of illness by washing your hands with soap and water and keeping your child home if they have symptoms including a fever over 100 degrees, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.

~ Miss Mead



Counselor's Corner:

Mark Your Calendars! FTE's Career Day will be **Friday, May 2, 2025** from 9:00-10:30 am. We are in need of volunteers who are willing to present information about their careers to 3rd-5th graders. Volunteers can be parents, grandparents, relatives, or other supporters of the FTE community. For those of you who are familiar with how our Career Day has worked in the past, we are making some adjustments. This year, Career Day will look more like an expo with presenters set up in a central location instead of in separate classrooms. 3rd-5th grade students will rotate through the "Career Expo" during one of three 20-minute sessions and will approach the presenters' area, at which time the presenters would share information about important aspects of their job; training and/or education needed for their job; how good character and self-control help them succeed in their career; and how they use reading, writing, math, and/or science in their jobs as well as answer students' questions. Tools and tech used for the presenters' jobs could be on display at their tables as well as digital displays for short videos or photos.

Not only do students benefit from expanding their awareness of the many possibilities the world of work offers, but students also can increase their sense of purpose and motivation regarding their academic and personal/social development when they solidify the connection between their current school life and future success in a field of work that interests them. If you or somebody you know would be able to be a presenter, please complete this [Google Form](#) or contact me at ghogg@gasd-pa.org or 717-334-6254, opt. 6, ext. 3401. ~Mr. Hogg

Dates to Remember:

- February 5** Elementary Band/Orchestra Concert 6:00pm @ GAMS
- February 13** Early Dismissal for Students @ 12pm
- February 13** Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-8:30pm
- February 14** No School for Students; Staff Prof. Development
- February 17** No School for Students; Staff Prof. Development
- February 18** Board Meeting 7:00pm Admin Bldg.
- February 26** Mobile Dentist Visit #2
- March 6** Spring Picture Day (no retakes)
- March 7** Early Dismissal for Students @ 12pm



GASD Family Navigator News

It's hard to believe we are already in our second month of 2025 and that we are closing out the first half of the school year! February is a month of renewal and reflection, and is a good time to evaluate goals that might have been set, or reconnect in new or alternate ways. We encourage you to connect with your child's school and/or with us as often as you might need something. If you have any questions, are looking for ways to connect in the school or community, or have student or school concerns, please reach out to one of us or come meet us at the following locations. We look forward to meeting you soon!

- **February 5** - 9:30-11:30am @ Adams County Library (basement)
- **February 10** - 10am-12pm @ Waldo's Coffee
- **February 20** - 11am-1pm @ Dunkin'
- **February 28** - 9:30am-11:30am @ Ragged Edge

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Kindergarten Registration

Gettysburg Area School District invites parents of children who will be 5 years old before September 1, 2025, to register their child for Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year. Kindergarten registration can be completed on the GASD website and will open on **March 3, 2025**.



2024-2025 FTE Year Books

The link is live to purchase Year Books! Order forms were sent home with your child last week. KG-4th grade students can purchase a yearbook for \$10. Please be sure to place your order by **Friday March 14th 2025**. Payments can be made by cash or check (payable to GASD) OR go to <https://strawbridge.fotomerchantlv.com/search/YB30406> and enter the online code: YB30406. Any questions, contact the FTE Office Team at 717-334-6254 option 6. **Please Note:** Our PTO is purchasing yearbooks for our 5th Grade Warriors as a farewell gift.



Safety Drills at FTE

The safety of our students is our top priority. To ensure everyone is prepared in case of an emergency, we continue to practice safety drills on a monthly basis. These drills include fire, lockdown, and weather-related events to help students and staff respond quickly and calmly. Please talk with your child about the importance of these drills and remind him/her that drills are a way for us to practice keeping everyone safe. Thank you for your support in making our school a safe and secure environment for all!

Spotlight in Education: 4th Grade

4th Graders are working very hard this winter! In Amplify, students have been reading and writing about the causes of the Revolutionary War. They have been analyzing poetry and will be writing their own poems. They have also been working with types of figurative language such as similes, metaphors, anaphora, and alliteration. We have also been exploring types of circuits as well as forces and motion in science. Our little mathematicians have been expanding their knowledge of multiplication. They have been learning different strategies for solving multi-digit problems and applying these skills in real life situations.



~ Mrs. Robison, Miss Tolomay, & Mrs. Wenk

GAHS Presents: Into the Woods

February 28th @ 7pm

March 1st @ 2 & 7pm

Tickets can be purchased at the door or @

<https://www.vancoevents.com/us/events/landing/51015>

Standard = \$15.00

Senior = \$12.00

Student = \$10.00



Band & Orchestra Concert



The Elementary Band & Orchestra Concert has been rescheduled for **Wednesday February, 5th at 6pm** at the Gettysburg Middle School. We hope to see you there. Thank you for supporting the arts!

Literacy Lights the Way!

Mark your calendars! The Reading Team at FTE is planning a Family Literacy Night on **Wednesday, March 5th from 5:30-7:00pm**. This event will be held in conjunction with a fundraiser for our Celebrate Reading books in the month of March. There will be lots of fun activities for the whole family to enjoy. We hope to see you there!

FTE's Warrior Winter Blast



- **Thursday, February 13th**
- Valentines ARE permitted
- Food, snacks, candy, drinks are **NOT** permitted