

MARCH



A Message from Shelly 😊

Dear FTE Families,
On behalf of our teachers, we want to thank you for your support during our FIDs (Flexible Instructional Days). These days can be challenging and cause added stress. We've had quite a few weather-related schedule changes and you guys have been absolute rockstars and your kids work so hard, too!
#WarriorWay. At least the weather more recently has shown some signs of Spring!

Parenting comes with so many demands, and we know how much you balance each day. Yet, despite the busyness of life, you continue to show up—for your children, for our school, and for our community. Whether it's through big gestures or small moments of encouragement, your support makes a difference. We see your dedication, we appreciate your partnership, and we are so grateful to walk this journey with you. We are incredibly grateful for the many ways you support your children and our school community. Whether you're volunteering, attending events, cheering from the sidelines, or partnering with us in learning, your dedication makes a difference.

We love you guys and your kids so much and want to ensure each child feels safe and has a sense of belonging. If we can be doing something better, please let us know-if we don't know, we can't grow. Let's keep the momentum going, celebrate each win, and look forward to all the wonderful things ahead. Hope to see you around FTE :)

Grateful for you,



Spring Pictures & Yearbook Reminder

Spring Pictures: Thursday, March 6th



- Individual and class group photos
- Full picture packets for individual photos will be sent home for families to choose their purchase.
- Orders and payments for group classroom pictures - due on Picture Day (Thursday, March 6th).

Yearbook orders due: Friday, March 14th

- Payments can be made by cash or check (payable to GASD) OR for ordering online, click [here](#).
- Please Note: Our PTO is purchasing yearbooks for our 5th Grade Warriors as a farewell gift.

Dates to Remember

- March 3** Board Meeting 7:00pm; Admin Bldg.
- March 5** Literacy Lights the Way Event @ 5:30pm
- March 6** Spring Picture Day (no retakes)
- March 7** Early Dismissal for Students @ 12pm
- March 13** FTE PTO Meeting @ 5:30pm (Cafe)
- March 14** 3rd Grade Field Trip to KidSpace
- March 17** Board Meeting 7:00pm; Admin Bldg.
- March 19** Fine Arts KG and 2nd Grade @ 6:00pm
- March 20** Fine Arts 1st and 3rd Grade @ 6:00pm



Notes from the Nurse:

Health Screenings for K-5 Students are required by PA Department of Health.

Timeline:

- ✦ Vision screenings (3-5 completed; K-2 by end of April)
- ✦ Height and weight measurements
- ✦ Hearing screenings (K-3)
- ✦ A referral will be sent home for any concerns. Please make sure to follow up promptly, as these issues can affect your child's learning.
- ✦ Financial assistance for vision care is available through the Lions Club—please reach out if you need help.

Wishing our families a healthy and happy March!
~Ms. Mead



Kindergarten Registration

- Registration opens **March 3rd** [online](#) for all incoming Kindergartners who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2025
- [Kindergarten Warrior Welcome Event: April 1st and 2nd](#) from 10am-7pm @ the Administration Building located at 900 Biglerville Rd



FTE Spring Scholastic Book Fair: March 17-21

- Family/community shopping night: Wednesday, March 19th & Thursday, March 20th (before the K-3rd grade Fine Arts evening performances)
- Visit our Book Fair [website](#) to see some of the books we will have available.
- You can also sign your child up for an eWallet—an easy and cash free way for students to purchase books.

***parking may be limited during evening events*

Counselors Corner - Career Fair

We're looking for volunteers to share their careers with 3rd-5th graders! Parents, grandparents, and community members are encouraged to participate. If you're interested in presenting, please fill out this [Google Form](#) or contact ghogg@gasd-pa.org. We look forward to your participation!

- **When:** Friday, May 2, 2025 from 9:00-10:30 am.
- **Who:** Volunteer presenters and 3rd-5th grade Warriors
- **Where:** FTE Gym.
- **How:** Each grade (3rd-5th) will have 20 minutes to explore the various careers.
- **What:**
 - Share job responsibilities;
 - required education/training;
 - how character and skills help in their field; and
 - how subjects like math and science are used in their work.



Presenters can bring tools, tech, or digital displays to showcase their work.
~ Mr. Hogg

GASD Family Navigator News

As we continue to progress through the school year, we'd like to remind you that we are here to support you as your GASD Family Navigators. Whether you have school-related questions or concerns, need help connecting with community resources, or have other needs, please don't hesitate to reach out to us! We will continue to be in the community this month to give you the opportunity to stop by and connect with us.

Check out the dates and times below:

- March 3** - 10am-12pm @ Waldo's Coffee
- March 11** - 10:30am-12:30pm @ McDonald's on Steinwehr
- March 21** - 9:30am-11:30am @ Adams County Library
- March 26** - 8am-10am @ Dunkin Donuts

- ❖ **Weekly Appointments in March:** Families can schedule a meeting with one or both of us in person, via Zoom, or by phone. Sign up using the provided link.
- ❖ **Healthy Eating & Nutrition Event:** Open to all GASD families this month.
 - Details are on the flyer below, including a QR code for registration.
 - Advance registration is encouraged to ensure enough supplies.
 - Contact us with any questions.

Spotlight in Education: K-3 Fine Arts

We're excited to announce our upcoming Fine Arts Night Performances! On both nights, the doors will open at 5pm so that you can view your child's artwork and visit the Book Fair before the performance.



Wednesday, March 19th, 6:00pm Kindergarten and 2nd grade will perform "The Music of Mister Rogers." Students Report time: 5:30pm (classroom).

Thursday, March 20th, 6:00pm 1st and 3rd grade will perform "Decades of Friendship." Students Report time: 5:30pm (classroom).

Hope you'll come out and enjoy the talents of our students. We look forward to this special evening!

A Note from FTE's Kitchen Team!

The FTE kitchen team reminds parents that breakfast is free for all students daily, with a variety of options and fruit available. We hope to see your child at breakfast!



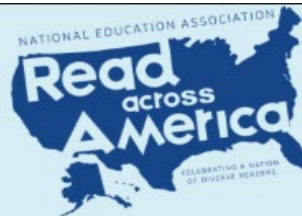
FTE Highlights – A month in Review

- **100th Day of School**
- **4/5th Grade Band-Orchestra Concert**
- **Warrior Winter Blast**
- **Launching of our new Kid Café**
- **Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- **Warrior Way School-Wide Reward**
- **Grade Level Data Huddles**
- **Professional Development**
- **Black History Month**
- **FTE All Staff Team Huddles**
- **Mobile Dentist**



Read-A-Thon Fundraiser

We are kicking-off our Literacy Lights the Way Read-a-Thon fundraiser! This benefits our Celebrate Reading program where every student gets to choose a book at no cost. Students are encouraged to read 20 minutes every night and collect donations from family and friends. The fundraiser runs from March 5-19. Donations can be made online at: <https://givebutter.com/FTEBooks25> or by sending a check to school made payable to: GAEF. Thank you for your support!



Read Across America Week

March 3 - 7

Mon 3/3	Our nation has many popular vacation spots including Mount Rushmore in South Dakota and the "Windy City" of Chicago, Illinois. Dress like a tourist OR wear something from your favorite place to visit.	
Tues 3/4	Hawaii is known as the "Rainbow State" because rainbows are so often seen there. Wear your favorite color OR lots of different colors today!	
Wed 3/5	Texas has the most college sports team and California has the most professional sports teams. Dress to support your favorite team OR wear a school spirit shirt.	
Thur 3/6	New York City, Los Angeles, and Miami are all known for fashion trends. Dress to impress for picture day today!	
Fri 3/7	Characters in books are from all different settings across the nation and world. Dress up as your favorite book character AND/OR bring your favorite stuffy to school.	