



# Cardinal Chronicle

## Family Edition



Germantown Elementary School

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### Message from the Principal

“Hello, March! Let the new beginnings start.” Anonymous

GES Parents and Guardians,  
**SPRING, the final stretch of every school year, is where the rubber meets the road!** We are full-speed ahead and will NOT take our foot off the gas this any time this month through April and May! **We need YOU!** We need our students to bring the beauty and renewed energy of Spring to each school day through **good attendance (to the very end of the year!), excellent behavior and focus,** and the **strongest effort possible in ANY and ALL learning tasks and tests.** What if **EVERY STUDENT** came to school **EVERY DAY** and we had **ZERO discipline incidents to the end of the year?** Can you imagine what gains our students would make and the standards mastery that would take place for **EVERY** student in our building? The last three years have brought upward movement for GES in academic achievement and student growth. **Student attendance and chronic absenteeism is the beast we aim to conquer as we complete this school year.** Per the state, we must have an attendance rate above 95% and a chronic absenteeism rate below 14%. As of March 1, our attendance rate is right at 95% and our chronic absenteeism rate is at 12.8%. **PLEASE,** help us meet these critical benchmarks to secure an A State Report Card grade for this year. **WE CAN DO IT! LEVEL UP! #expectthebestatges** Never forget your importance and influence in the equation of your child’s education. We look to your support and partnership *every day* to do what we need to do for ALL Cardinals in our nest. Happy March!  
Thank you,  
Ms. Johnson

### Dates to Remember

- March 13: End of Q3
- March 16-20: Spring Break-No MSCS
- March 27: Q3 Honors Program  
2-5 @9 :45, K-1 @ 2:00

**Third through Fifth Grade Students will complete the district CFA over the course of the next two weeks.** This process will mirror TCAP. Tests for ELA, math and science will span two days (mornings), will be timed, our building will meet test security standards, and small groups will be in place for students with accommodations. **It is critical that all students be present and on time, eat well, rest well. We will SHINE during state testing in April!** As we count the days to TCAP, please take time to talk to your child about ending this year strong, doing their personal best every day, and making wise choices. **THANK YOU!**

### A few important reminders for March:

**For the safety and security of all, please follow our arrival and dismissal procedures. Do not drive above 15 mph on Cross Country during arrival and dismissal. Do not drive into the bus lane or Faculty Parking Lot. If you are late or arrive early, do not park in the fire/bus lane in front of school. Drive to the Visitor Lot via Farm Park, park your vehicle, and walk across the front of the school to enter the main doors.**