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Mrs. Kistler, Principal

Gretna Public Schools – Aspen Creek Elementary – 10325 S. 188th St - Omaha, NE. 68136 - 402.332.5617

Gretna Public Schools

The mission of Gretna Public Schools is to accept all students unconditionally and maximize their potential.

Goals

1. To develop a positive educational environment that accepts all students and emphasizes their intellectual, physical, emotional and social development.
2. To adopt financial policies that ensure quality educational facilities, equipment, and materials to aid in the accomplishment of the district's educational goals.
3. To attract and retain highly qualified personnel and promote opportunities for their professional growth and development.
4. To develop students' knowledge and values so they will be effective participants in our democratic society.
5. To develop academic skills in the areas of reading, writing, computing, listening, and speaking so students may effectively interact in our society.
6. To provide opportunities for students to gain an appreciation for the fine and performing arts.
7. To provide educational programs, which allow students to identify and achieve their career goals and emphasize the value of hard work.
8. To introduce students to a variety of activities which encourage them to develop morally, physically, socially, academically, emotionally and spiritually.

School Day Hours



8:00am - 3:00pm
Monday - Friday

Activities Calendar

January

- 11 Report Cards Posted
- 11 PTO Family Night – Books Before Bedtime 6:30pm
- 15 PTO ACE Appetite Night- Marcos Pizza
- 16 5th Grade Kindness Club
- 21 NO SCHOOL- Teacher In-Service Day
- 25 SPIRIT DAY - Wear your Gretna Gear
- 30 PTO Hy-Vee Shopping Night
- 31 Preschool Open House 5-6:30pm

February

- 01 PTO Family Night- Valentines Dance
- 06 4th Grade Kindness Club
- 06 PTO Aspen Appetite Night- Jimmy John's

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE!

Gretna Public Schools will be holding a Preschool Open House Night on Thursday, January 31st from 5:00-6:30 p.m. We will soon be accepting applications for the 2019-2020 School Year. If your child is three or four years old by July 31, 2019, they are eligible to attend one of our programs according to their age. For the 2019 school year, there will be 4-year old preschool classrooms at all of our buildings - Aspen Creek, Gretna, Palisades, Thomas and Whitetail Elementary. We also have two 3-year old classrooms open at Gretna Elementary.

Come and take a tour, learn about our curriculum, and meet the preschool teachers. Preschoolers are welcome to attend. This is an open house, so you may come and go any time between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

We hope to see you on Thursday, January 31st!

Principal Corner

Dear Parents,

It was a great week and nice to be back on our normal five day schedule. Report cards were posted today. Be sure to visit with your child about the progress made throughout the past quarter. If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact his/her classroom teacher for clarification.

Looking ahead I want to remind you there is no school on Monday, January 21st. I hope to see some of you this evening for our PTO family night from 6:30-7:30.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Wendi Kistler

No act of KINDNESS no matter how small is ever wasted. -AESOP

Visit the Gretna District Website and links to all the schools at <http://www.gpsne.org>

Please help...

Please make sure to notify the school office if your child will be late or absent. 402-332-5617.



Thank You!

Gretna Public Schools take all aspects of your child's safety as one of our most important responsibilities. School meals are no exception. Nutrition Services participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and offers safe and wholesome meals for all students with no bias or discrimination. It is required by The Nebraska Department of Education Nutrition Services that all diet accommodations are reviewed annually. The state form(s) are only used if your child will need meal or snack accommodations while at school and from Nutrition Services.

If your child will need a meal accommodation, please see printable flyers for forms that parents/guardians will need to complete in order to help ensure the safety of your student(s.)

If you would like to discuss your child's dietary needs or need help completing this form, please feel free to call Sharon Schaefer, Director of Nutrition Services, by phone (402) 332-3936 x.3833 or by email sschaefer@gpsne.org.

Need help? Please contact your school counselor...

Sometimes there are moments in life we need some help. Mr. Lingenfelter has a variety of agencies who contact him throughout the year for help with food, clothes, and other needs.



It is confidential! You can call or email him for more information at jlingenfelter@gpsne.org or call 402.332.5617.

STAY CONNECTED TO SCHOOL EVENTS AND THE COMMUNITY. CHECK OUT WHAT'S UNDER THE "PRINTABLE FLYERS" LINK!

[2018-19 School Calendar](#)
[2018-19 Bus Registration Form](#)
[2018-19 School Supply List](#)
[Preschool Supply List](#)
[Gretna Gym Time Forms](#)
[ACE Birthday Book Club](#)
[Gretna Public Library Calendar](#)
[Lunch Prices](#)
[Math and Science Connection](#)
[PTO Newsletter](#)

CHECK OUT THESE NEW FLYERS:

[Preschool Open House](#)
[Meal Accommodation Letters](#)
[K of C Free- throw Contest](#)
[Gretna Youth Wrestling](#)
[Tree Top Therapy-Young Athletes Program](#)
[Gretna Storm Flyer](#)
[Gretna Google Docs for Students](#)
[G1 Volleyball Info/Camp](#)
[G1 Volleyball Fall Rec League](#)
[Gretna Cub Scout Flyer](#)
[Fit Girl Empower U](#)

** Lunch deposits can now be made online.

Visit www.gretnaschoolspay.org

CHANGE REGARDING HOT LUNCH PROGRAM:

An email was sent regarding a change to our hot lunch program. We will begin using state-of-the-art identification equipment for our district's hot lunch program. This new form uses the finger and its image to uniquely identify your child. The equipment protects your child from others accessing his/her account or others mistakenly entering your child's lunch number. We will begin the process on Monday, November 26th. If you have any questions regarding the system, please call our Superintendent's Office at 402-332-3265 and ask for Sharon Kerr.



PTO NEWS

Books Before Bed

Please join us on Friday, January 11th from 6:30—8pm for a night of family reading fun! We will have a variety of stories being read throughout the school for you to enjoy in your pajamas!

We will also have space in the library for you to bring your own book to read. We encourage you to bring your One Book One School book!

SAVE THE DATE!



As you may have heard, Mr. Brown, one of our 4th grade teachers, was recently diagnosed with NonHodgkin's Lymphoma. The PTO wanted to help, so we are using our March 15th Lancer's Hockey event as a fundraiser for Mr. Brown and his family.

If you know anyone who would be willing to make either a cash or a raffle donation for this fundraiser, please send an email or message the PTO on Facebook.

More details and the registration link coming soon!



Looking for a fun family night out? Come out to Urban Air, 15364 Weir Street on Thursday, January 24th from 4-8pm. Prices are as follows with 20% being donated back to the school! Click [HERE](#) for more information regarding what is included in these packages.

Ultimate: \$19.99

Deluxe: \$15.99

Basic: \$10.99 (does not include sox).

Appetite Night



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Upcoming Activities Calendar:

- 1/11 ACE PTO Family Night
- 1/15 Appetite Night @ Marcos Pizza
- 1/24 Urban Air
- 1/30 Hy-Vee Shopping Night

PTO Board Members

- Allison Malone, President
- Erin Willnerd, Vice President
- Michele Prell, Secretary
- Susan Horst, Treasurer
- Stacy Eshbach & Michaela Kortus, Fundraising Chairs
- Natalie Kelsay, Volunteer Coordinator
- Debi Tangeman, Box Top Volunteer

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