

**GMCS NEWS**  
**NOVEMBER 2024**

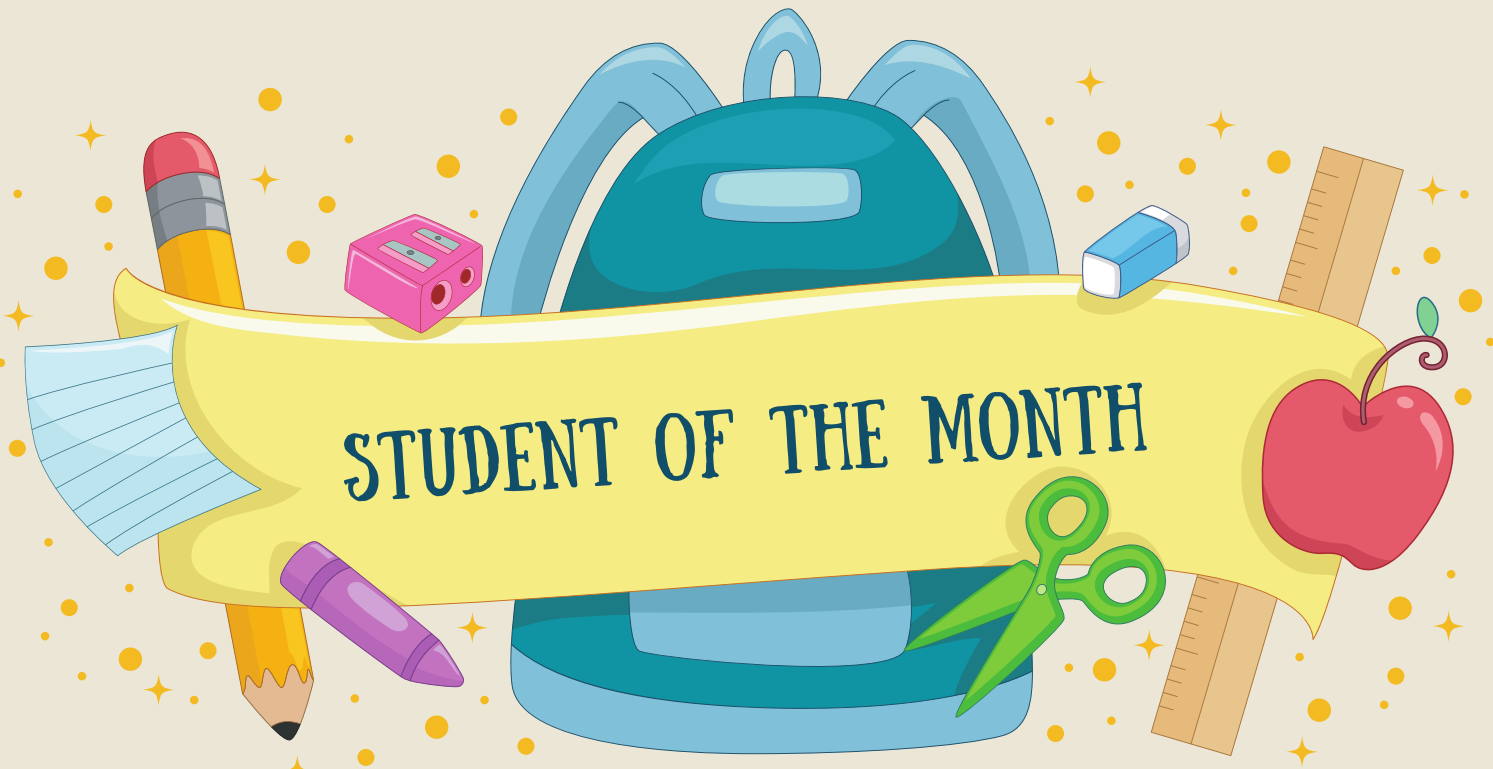
# Hello November

**No School**  
**November 08, 2024**

**Thanksgiving Holiday**  
**November 27 to December 2, 2024**

**Gettysburg Montessori Charter School**  
**(717) 334-1120 <https://www.gettysburgmontessoricharter.org>**





# KINDNESS WINNERS





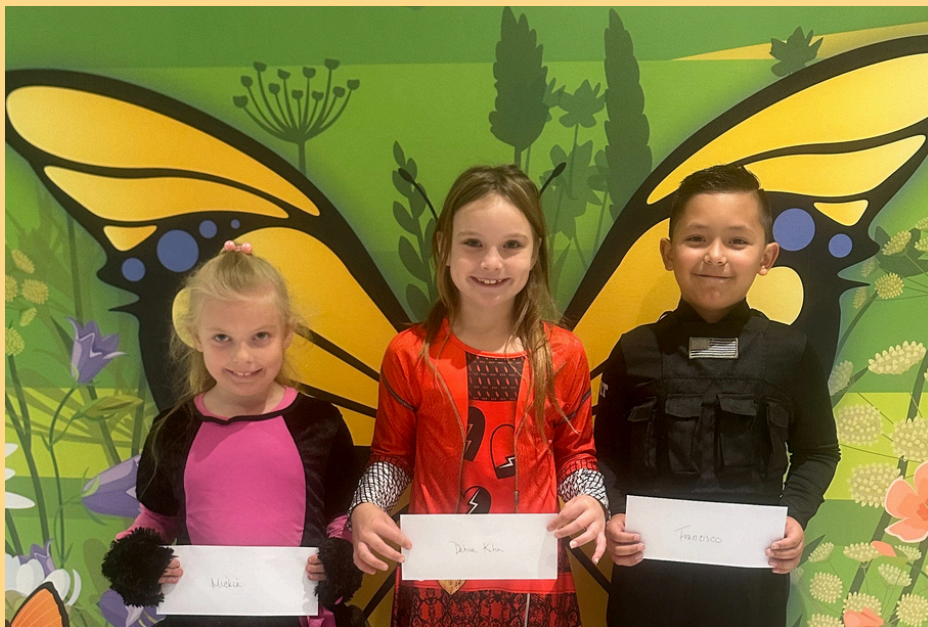
# ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT GMCS

Attendance is a crucial component of academic success. Students who attend school regularly have a greater chance of achieving their goals. By showing up to class each day, students gain more opportunities to learn and progress.

Good attendance can benefit students throughout their educational journey, from school to college and beyond, into their careers. Consistent attendance allows students to maximize their learning potential and work towards their objectives.

On October 30th, the school held a raffle for students with perfect attendance during Term 1. 49 students have been entered into this raffle, where they have the chance to win a set of Hershey Park tickets. Congratulations to the GMCS students for their excellent attendance! Keep up the great work and continue to attend school today, so you can achieve your goals tomorrow. #AttendanceMattersAtGMCS

## Hershey park ticket winners





# We need your help!

GMCS students will be honoring Veterans the week of November 11, 2024.

As a special patriotic tribute, students will be writing letters to thank veterans for serving our country and defending our freedom that we all enjoy!

If you know a veteran please send their information (name and address) to Nicole Wilt at [nwilt@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](mailto:nwilt@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org) by November 1, 2024.





# Lunch Menu

[VIEW MENU](#)

Menus are always posted to the website the last Monday of the month.

# Volunteers needed

**AG Lab**

[CLICK HERE](#)

**Holiday Shop**

[CLICK HERE](#)

Volunteers at the Holiday Shop are there to:

- Help students figure out what they can afford with the money they have.
- Help students write wish lists if they didn't bring their money.
- Help at the register with bagging purchases.
- Help with general crowd control.
- If parent volunteers want to donate money, they can donate to a general fund that can be used to help students who need it, rather than buying items for individual kids at the moment.

Reminders:

- Our school has a smart casual dress policy.
- No siblings who don't attend GMCS can accompany parent volunteers.
- Volunteers are required to submit copies of current clearances, two weeks in advance.



**GMCS team up with Stoney Point Snacks for Beef Jerky fundraiser. Packets will be sent home with your student.**



# GMCS

## News

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### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

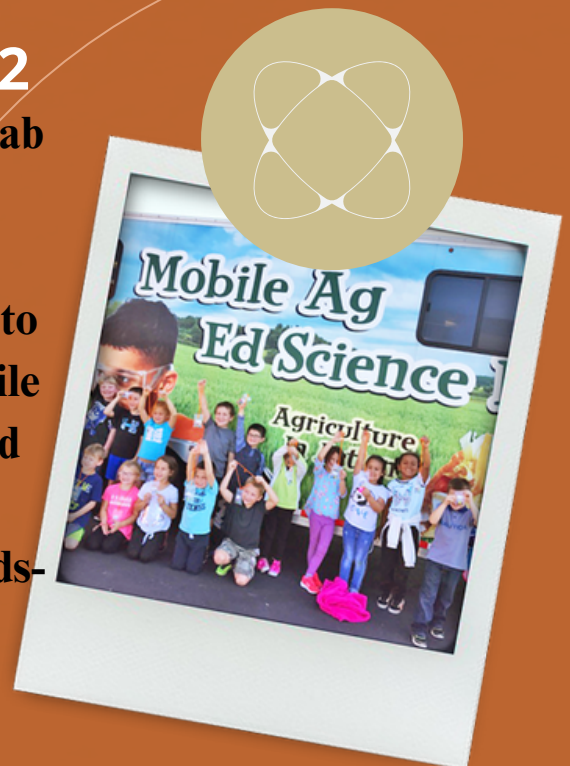
**are scheduled for November 04-08**

**Please contact your teachers to schedule a conference.**

### **Mobile AG Lab**

**November 18 to November 22**

**The Mobile Agriculture Education Science Lab is a 40-foot mobile classroom that travels across the state of Pennsylvania bringing an interactive field trip style experience directly to schools and students in grades K-8. The Mobile Ag Lab is equipped with over 30 STEM-based science experiments and lessons, a certified teacher, and all the supplies needed for a hands-on learning experience.**





# WORLD KINDNESS DAY



**Students will be celebrating World Kindness Day on November 13, 2024.**

*ALWAYS REMEMBER*

*TO BE KIND*



LET'S CELEBRATE  
*World*  
**KINDNESS DAY**  
**NOVEMBER 11 - 15**

**Monday, November 11**

Red, White and Blue Day

**Tuesday, November 12**

Peace, love & kindness! "Tied together with Kindness"  
Wear your tie dye, tie, bowtie, bow, hair tie scrunchie.

**Wednesday, November 13**

Bright and happy! Wear bright colors today and proclaim  
that our future is bright when we are kind!

**Thursday, November 14**

Keep Calm and be Kind! Wear Pj's

**Friday, November 15 - Red Shirt Day**



## RED SHIRT DAY

Let's all wear red on Friday, November 15, 2024, to show our support and raise awareness for education for children and youth experiencing homelessness!

The Education for Children and Youth (ECYEH) Awareness Week raises awareness of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, focusing on providing educational stability and consistency to students experiencing homelessness in Pennsylvania.

### McKinney-Vento Act

The goal of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is to ensure that each homeless child or youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, and extra-curricular activities, as provided to other children and youths. The Gettysburg Montessori Charter School will ensure that children and youth who are homeless are free from discrimination, segregation, and harassment. Any information regarding each student's homeless status shall be handled in a confidential and professional manner by school and system personnel.





# GMCS FID

(Flexible Instruction Day)



It is that time of year again when we need to prepare for Flexible Instruction Days due to weather emergencies. It is expected that all students will attend asynchronously on FID unless technology/internet access is unavailable. Students are to follow the FID schedule below and complete the assignments posted in Google classroom. If technology is unavailable, students will be expected to complete the FID learning packet provided by their teacher.

## SCHEDULE FOR FID DAYS

**10:00** All Students must be logged into Google Classroom to view the morning announcements and participate in asynchronous morning meetings/discussion boards.

**10:00 - 12:00** Students work on assignments posted in Google Classroom or on paper packets issued by their teachers.

**12:00 -12:30** Lunch and Movement Break

**12:30 - 3:00** Students work on assignments posted in Google Classroom or on paper packets issued by their teachers.

## FID LEARNING PACKETS AND ATTENDANCE

Prior to a FID your teacher(s) will be sending five days worth of instruction home as needed in the event you are unable to attend school asynchronously via Google classroom on a FID. It is important that students do not complete FID packets prior to a FID and that the packet is available for students in the event technology is unavailable. When technology is unavailable, students must complete ALL assignments for each day at home to receive credit for attending that day. Students will be marked absent until a written notification of their participation/attendance in FID and a COMPLETED packet is returned to school the first day following an FID to verify their participation in the FID. If a student was absent on a FID they will be marked unexcused until GMCS receives proper excuses from parents.

If a hotspot is needed for participation on FID days, please contact the office and one will be issued to your student. Parents should contact the school prior to a FID.



# DELAYS AND CLOSING



Please check our website for weather delays & closing information at [gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](http://gettysburgmontessoricharter.org). Emails and text alerts will be sent and information is posted on WGAL.

Contact

[info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](mailto:info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org)  
if you are not receiving alerts.



GMCS Proudly presents  
**Family Skate Night at Magic Elm**  
located in Hanover

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**Let's roll into Thanksgiving break with some family fun!**

**Student admission & skate rental are free.**

**Date: November 26, 2024**

**Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm**

**Location : 625 W Elm Ave,  
Hanover, PA 17331**



**Please Note**

**\*This is NOT a drop off event.  
Parent supervisors are required \***

# DONATIONS NEEDED



*GMCS is accepting donations for local nursing homes.  
Items will be collected through December 13, 2024.  
Donation box is in the lobby.*

*Help spread Joy throughout this season.*

- tissue paper and construction
- paper for crafts
- picture books
- dot to dot books
- body wash
- lotion
- deodorant
- hairbrush
- table top organizer
- pens
- wordfinds
- crayons
- colored pencils
- ChapStick
- glue sticks
- bottle glue for crafts





# Dental & Physical Exam

**Kindergarten and entering students:** Physical Exams, Vaccinations Records and Dental Exams

**3rd Grade:** Dental Exam

**6th Grade:** Physical Exam

All students entering the public school system are required by the state of Pennsylvania to have a physical exam, vaccination record (or exemption) and dental exam on file with the school.

In addition, all **3rd graders** are required to have an additional **dental exam** completed, with a form provided to the school.

Also, all **6th graders** are required to have a **physical exam**, with the form provided to the school.

Thank you so much to everyone who has turned these forms into the school. We know it's a busy time of year and appreciate your efforts! If you are still working on making appointments or picking up completed forms - thank you! It's not too late. These forms are still needed for the 2024-2025 school year.

The forms are available on the GMCS website or can be picked up from the school. If you have any questions or can provide the date of an upcoming appointment when forms will be completed, please call the school nurse at 717-334-1120.

Thank you!  
Nurse Chapman





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## Gettysburg Montessori Charter School

Thank you for helping make our fundraiser a success.  
Your support is needed and appreciated.

**SALES DATES:** 11/1/2024 - 11/15/2024

**TURN-IN:** 11/15/2024 - Please turn in your money collection envelope and order forms.

Print your full name, phone, and class/team on your orders forms.

**Delivery date is scheduled for Friday 12/13**

**DETAILS:** We will be selling items from the OTIS SPUNKMEYER EXTRAVAGANZA brochure

Money is collected when you take orders from your customers.

**PAYMENTS:** Checks made payable to: GMCS

**QUESTIONS:** Please contact Nicole Wilt [nwilt@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](mailto:nwilt@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org)

*If you're interested in this program or any other programs for your group, club, team or school, please contact Kyle at Simply The Best Fundraising: 717-439-9122, [shoemaker.stb@gmail.com](mailto:shoemaker.stb@gmail.com)*

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Sell 1- Fidget worm

Sell 4- \$5 and a superhero collectible for every 4 items sold

Sell 8- Spinning Connect 4 game

Sell 16- Mini mushroom speaker

Sell 24- Noise canceling headphones and superhero collectible set of 12

Sell 36- Hover drone and GOFORIT card game

Sell 48- \$50 Amazon gift card or Fire 7 mini tablet

Sell 76- \$100 Amazon gift card or 32 inch smart TV

GET MORE  
ORDERS!

Shop Online

SELLERS  
MUST REGISTER!

Scan  
this  
QR  
Code:



Or text "Fund" to: 833-943-1979

Or visit the website:  
[NeedsYourSupport.org](http://NeedsYourSupport.org)

Group ID:  
KP5AS





# We are hiring Substitutes

Interested candidates should email  
[Info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org](mailto:Info@gettysburgmontessoricharter.org)  
or submit a letter of interest and  
résumé to:

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School  
c/o Employment  
888 Coleman Road  
Gettysburg, PA 17325



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CHARTER SCHOOL

*Inspiring a Love of Learning*

# HOLIDAY SHOP IS COMING!! WE NEED YOUR HELP



Hello GMCS Families,

We need your help. The Holiday Shop is just around the corner. We will have a donation box in the front office for donations. If you have any questions, please contact the front office.

## Donated items needed:

**Gift Bags , Bows, Tissue paper**

**Desk / Office décor or organizers**

**Sports team items/generic sports items**

**Mugs, Notepads, Pens**

**Keychains (possibly w/ space for a picture)**

**Earbuds, Pop Sockets, Electronics stickers (decorative, not destructive)**

**Frames, Fun socks, pillows**

**Bath toys**

**Gloves, Hats, Small pillows**

**Any other Ideas are welcome:) Keeping with the \$1-\$5ish price rang**





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# Look Ahead December

**Early Dismissal  
December 13**

**Winter Break Holiday  
No School  
December 23 - January 01**



# Save the Date

## Winter Concert

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

## Holiday Shop

12/11 to 12/17

## Winter Spirit Week

12/16 to 12/20

## Majestic Theater

Students 1st to 6th grade

12/11/2024

