

Message from the Director:

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing summer! I am excited to start my first year at GCS and can not wait to get to know all of the students and families in this great community!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and give a brief description of the background in education. I have been working in education for 16 years. I started out as a Recreation Leader in the Before and After School Program in Adams 12. I taught middle school English/Language Arts for eight years in both public and charter schools. I have been in administration for the past five years in charter schools in both School District 27J and St. Vrain Valley School District. On a personal note, I have four children; two six year olds and two three year olds. I am really excited to be joining GCS and am looking forward to the amazing learning that is going to take place this year!

Looking to the future!

I know last year was a trying time for everyone. I am looking forward to a new year that will focus more on learning and hopefully less on COVID. Keeping that in mind, there are still some protocols and precautions we need to take to ensure students remain in school and learning. Please help us in following the protocols below:

- All K-6 students must bring a mask to school
- Students will wear masks in common areas and when working closely with other students
- Staff will wear masks in common areas, but vaccinated staff will be allowed to remove masks while teaching or in their classroom
- Students will still have several handwashing breaks throughout the day
- Sanitation of desk, doorknobs, and other high traffic areas will occur frequently throughout the day
- Masks will NOT be worn outside or in PE
- Students and staff need to remain home if they feel ill in any way

This new year brings an atmosphere of excitement to focus on instruction and learning. Our teachers are diligently preparing and planning for the growth and success of your students. We have a team of very talented staff members that are always pushing the limits to create unique learning experiences. If you are curious on how you can support ongoing learning from home, here are some things to consider:

- Students need to attend school daily and arrive on time
- Students need to eat breakfast and have a good, hearty lunch daily
- Participation and work completion in class is vital to student learning and helps teachers understand student performance
- Daily reading will help foster a love of learning and academic growth
- Open communication with your student's teacher is key to student success

Remember that Back to School Night is August 12th from 5 -7 with staggered arrival times. Please look to your email for specific updates. I look forward to meeting everyone and kicking off a brand new year.

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