Thank YOU!

Dear Yellow Jacket Families,

Thank you for an amazing first month of school! The staff at Gwynn Park MS is happy to have our yellow jackets back at the hive. As you know we are still facing adversity with the challenges of COVID, increased fighting, bullying, and monthly tik tok challenges. But together we continue to push forward and remain committed to student/staff safety, provide students with high quality instruction and a nurturing school environment. Thank you for your partnership and we will continue to work together to support each other during this academic school year.

Sincerely,
Dr. Forbes-Colquhoun

Parent Teacher Conferences

When

Monday, Oct. 11th, 7:45am-2:15pm

Where

This is an online event.

More information

Please be sure to sign up for your Parent Teacher Conference slot using the link located under the announcements tab on our school website.
NEW COVID Guidelines!

Please see the most recent COVID guidelines and protocols:

- **Unvaccinated students and employees may return to school after seven days** with a negative test and no symptoms. Proof of a negative PCR test on the fifth day of quarantine or later is required. Daily symptom monitoring by parents/guardians is required for 14 days after the initial exposure. Otherwise, they may return in 10 days without testing if they have no symptoms.

- **Fully vaccinated students and employees** without symptoms do not need to quarantine unless they test positive. They should get tested five days after exposure regardless of symptoms and wear a mask for 14 days.

Join Our PTSO!

Gwynn Park MS PTSO meets the last Thursday of each month. This month’s meeting will take place on Thursday, October 28th from 6:30-7:30 PM. Please use the link below to join us!

**PTSO Meeting, Thursday, September 30th from 6:30-7:30 PM.**
Meeting ID: 835 3547 0976
Passcode: 760436

In addition, GPMS PTSO is in need of parents to fill the following vacancies:

- President (Shadow Current President)
- Vice President of Membership
- Vice President of Fundraising
- Treasurer

If you are interested in running for office, please send Dr. Forbes-Colquehoun an email by COB Tuesday, October 26th.

Athletic Department Updates!

Baseball and Softball season has begun and winter sports will be starting soon. If your child plans to participate in Girls or Boys Basketball or Cheerleading, they will need a physical packet completed by a doctor BEFORE they can try-out.
Please check out our NEW mission & vision!

Mission: The mission of GPMS is to create a transformative and restorative community, in which students and the school community ensure equitable opportunities and have access to an inclusive learning experience that empowers a foundation of lifelong learning.

Vision: GPMS will strive to develop and engage students to become problem solvers, community leaders, change agents, and advocates for humanity.

Gwynn Park Middle School

Did you know our school website serves as a great means of communication? In addition, please follow our twitter page @GwynnParkMS

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Clubs & Enrichment Activities

Gwynn Park Middle School currently offers the following clubs! If you are interested in having your child participate in one of the following clubs, please email the club advisor directly!

- ESOL Tutoring- Daria Price
- Talent Show- Margie Fat
- SGA- Ellen Ashby
- Mental Health & Wellness- Monet Gilmore
- Drama Club- Stacey Gatling
- Buzzfeed (School Newspaper)- Stacey Gatling
- Entrepreneurship Club- Gail Haywood

NEW Schoolwide Policies

In order to increase student safety and decrease school and class disruptions GPMS will begin to enforce the following new policies:

ALL student phones will be turned in to their first period teacher and returned at the end of the day. Without phones, students are less likely to participate in Tik Tok challenges, record fights, or engage in cyber bullying. Please support us with this new protocol by speaking with your scholar about abiding by this policy.

Students will receive (3) bathroom passes per day. Any additional bathroom passes will be on an emergency basis.

ALL students must report to school in their designated uniform colors and dress code daily. As we approach the colder months please make sure your scholars sweater or sweatshirt is the same color as their designated uniform shirt.
6th Grade- GOLD/YELLOW
7th Grade- WHITE
8th Grade- BLACK