



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

A month of school has passed, and I want to thank everyone for an awesome start to the year. I cannot emphasize enough how lucky I feel to be a part of this district. Our staff has been working very hard setting routines and gathering baseline data to monitor progress throughout the year. I have seen our teachers and aides working with students in small groups and 1-on-1 instruction extensively throughout each day. The intensive individual and small group instruction that is taking place is unique to our school and research shows that nothing is more impactful on academic growth than these methods of instruction. Please keep encouraging your students to read every night and to try their very best in school. Remember to visit our web page at www.gfr2.k12.mo.us for additional information and like our page on Facebook as we will be sending more and more information out through it as the year goes on.

A few other reminders as we continue through the school year. If you pick your student up after school, please pull into the drive that is nearest the cemetery and follow the road behind the staff parking lot and around to the front of the building. Car riders are dismissed at 3:30 and it would help if you arrived at the school as close as 3:30 as possible. Due to the current pandemic, we encourage you to drop off and pick up your students as much as possible to limit possible exposures while on the bus. I appreciate how many of you are doing this; however, the larger number of pick ups has caused our car line to be backed up out onto F highway. This new procedure for our pickup line will remedy that issue. Remember that students are required to wear masks when they are on the bus per federal order from the CDC.

The month of October marks the beginning of our 7th and 8th grade basketball season. There are currently no restrictions in place for fans. However, students who participate will be required to always sit with the team during games. They will not be allowed to sit in the bleachers among the general population. The schedule of games will be posted on our website. Be sure to check it out and be ready to cheer on our students as they play throughout the year. Remember that as fans, you too are representatives of the Green Forest district. I encourage you to be positive and to show everyone else why Green Forest is the best school in the state.

Important Dates and Events in October

- 1st – Progress Reports
- 4th -- Smile Mobile
- 11th -13th -- Book Fair
- 14th – 7/8 Boys Basketball @ Raymondville 5:30 PM
- 15th – End of 1st Quarter, October Concession Stand
- 18th – 7/8 Basketball @ Success 6:00 PM
- 18th - 21st – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 19th – Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 19th – 7/8 Girls Basketball @ Salem 5:30 PM
- 21st – 7/8 Basketball @ Northwood R-4 5:00 PM
- 22nd – No School
- 26th – 7/8 Basketball vs. Edgar Springs 5:00 PM
- 28th – 7/8 Basketball @ Viburnum 5:00 PM

Crocker's Corner

Students have completed all their baseline testing for the beginning of the school year, and the instructional staff has created plans to ensure that each and every Mustang is successful in meeting his or her goals. In October, the first-grade families will be getting *The Gruffalo* along with a family guide to give you some ideas of ways you can incorporate reading into your nightly routine as the weather cools and time indoors lengthen. I love getting the stories of how the time together is helping students and families grow as readers and learners. Thank you to those who take the time to share them. Happy Autumn!