

Dear GCS Morning and After School Child Care Families:

November 1, 2021

Happy November and Thanksgiving! October was a fabulous month for us, and we are looking forward to November now as well. It is hard to believe that the Thanksgiving holiday will be here in just a few more weeks, but the beautiful leaves falling from the trees confirm the changing of seasons. It is also a great time to reflect on all of the things that we are thankful for, and we are very grateful for each one of you.

We do want to remind everyone that we will **not** have morning or after school care this coming Monday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> or Monday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, as there is no school on either day. We will not have school on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 and 26 either, as they are school holidays this month as well. Also, if there is an inclement weather day called for GCS, then our program will also be closed.

Our weather has been extraordinarily good this fall, but please be sure to remember to send weather appropriate clothes for your child(ren) each day. We try to take them out every single day, so once the snow flies they need their snow pants, boots, coats, hats, and gloves each day that they come to our program.

The October bills will go out in the next few days, so please be sure to let us know if you do not receive yours in the mail. Payments are due by Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, and they are due in full by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month or a \$10 late fee will be applied to your balance. This will be strictly enforced. You can pay with either cash or a check when you drop off or pick up your child, or you can drop off a payment at the Board office from 8:00 to 4:00 p.m. each day or call me to pay by credit card. My phone number is (989) 705-3018.

We continue to remind you that we have many security protocols in place for our building:

- We keep our buildings locked at all times for your child's safety, so everyone must come to the gym entrances for Morning Latchkey drop-offs, and the front of NOE and SME and the gym entrance at GIS to sign out your child. We will then bring them to you for pick-up.
- We will continue to check identification and cross reference emergency cards when an individual we do not recognize is picking up a child. Again, this is for the safety of the children.
- We provide a snack and a drink for all the children, as our program is a nut free zone.

We have great staff working with us this year, and I want to introduce them to you now. At SME we have Kathy, Julie, Dawna, Paula, Marlene, Linda, Natalia, Renee, Sara, and Sandy working with the Latchkey children. We have Michele, Tammy, Alyson, Chloe, Katie, Sherry, and Sharon watching the students at NOE. At GIS we have Ronda, Chonnie, Marcia, Melissa, Tracy, Samantha, Christina, Nancy, Jen, and Kelli working with the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. In the spirit of this time of year, we want to thank all of you for choosing the GCS After School Care program, and we appreciate you very much.

Most Gratefully,

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