



At Gilpin Manor, we strive to be a support system for our GMES students and families. If you are in need of assistance, have questions, or just need to check-in, please email me at [dfoskey@ccps.org](mailto:dfoskey@ccps.org) or contact the school at 410-996-5040. Dr. Casbolt, our assistant principal, can also be reached at [jkcasbolt@ccps.org](mailto:jkcasbolt@ccps.org). I hope you are safe and well!

And, as always, be kind to one another.

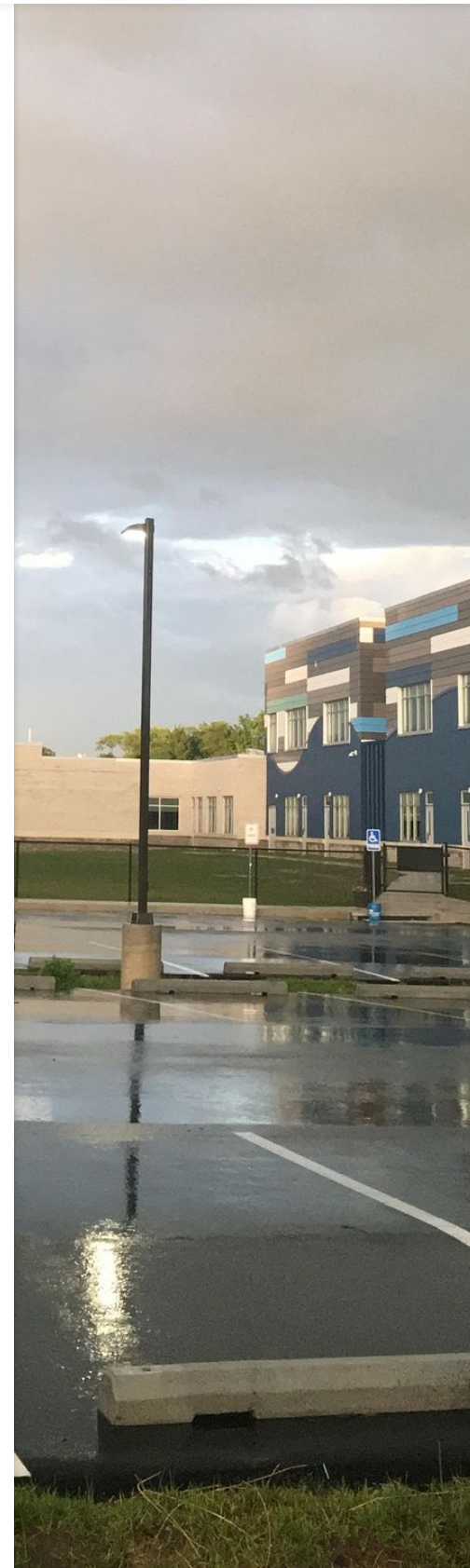
Fondly,

Don Foskey

#WeCan

Reminders:

- Check out the cafeteria [meal menu](#).
- Check out details about our [Community School Advisor and Community Schools](#).



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### Please Keep Toys at Home

We have many students bringing toys, technology devices, and Pokemon cards to school. Please note that none of these items

It's time to consider ordering yearbooks. You can access the information on the Strawbridge website here:

<https://strawbridge.fotomerchanthv.com/search/YB26247>

You can also access our School Cash system to pay for a yearbook here: <https://ccps.schoolcashonline.com>

Flyers recently went home with students. Please feel free to call the main office with any questions you might have about yearbooks and the process of ordering them.



**NOMINATIONS** are now being accepted for Cecil County's Teacher of the Year award. This program recognizes those teachers who deliver high quality daily instruction to their students and set high expectations for themselves, their students, and their schools.

Students, colleagues, parents, administrators, community leaders, and others are encouraged to submit the name of a quality educator who represents the best of the teaching profession.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Nominees must be full-time classroom, resource, or media teachers who spend the majority of their time teaching. School counselors are ineligible to participate.

Nominees must plan to continue to teach in CCPS through the 2023-24 school year.

Nominees must have completed a minimum of five years of successful teaching experience.

Nominees must be available to attend all county and state TOY events.



**NADELINE FLEISCHER-FILL**  
2022 CCPS Teacher of the Year

*The Teacher of the Year process allowed me to pause and think about the bigger picture of education and network with fellow educators who are making incredible impacts at other schools in our county. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that filled my cup as a teacher and has inspired me to model the importance of showing gratitude to the hardworking teachers in Cecil County. Participating in the Cecil and Maryland TOY process is a way to lead where you are, and I am so grateful for the experiences and rewards that have been offered to me as a result.*

**CRITERIA:** It is essential to describe the qualities that make the individual an outstanding educator. When completing the nomination form, include specific examples of the nominee's impact on students, other teachers, and the community. Nominees must participate in the completion of this application.

**DEADLINE:** Nomination packets are due by 4:00 p.m. on February 24, 2023. Applications may be uploaded to the Teacher of the Year 2023 file in the Google Drive or emailed to Kathy Olson (kolson@ccps.org). Paper copies are also welcomed!

**AWARDS AND HONORS:**

- \$3,000 cash award
- iPad with cover
- BEPAC Classroom Partnership Grant
- Deluxe overnight stay at a county Bed & Breakfast Inn of your choice
- All expenses paid attendance for the 2024 ASCD Conference
- State gala dinner
- Special reserved parking place at school

**EVENT DATES:**

- February 24, 2023 - Nomination packets due
- February 28, 2023 - Nominees information meeting
- March 23, 2023 - Reception to meet nominees & selection team members
- April 17 & 19, 2023 - Nominee interviews with selection team members
- April 20, 2023 - CCPS TOY Gala Event (tentative, venue TBD)
- May 2023 - State TOY luncheon at MSDE
- September 2023 - State TOY finalist interviews at MSDE
- October 2023 - State TOY Gala

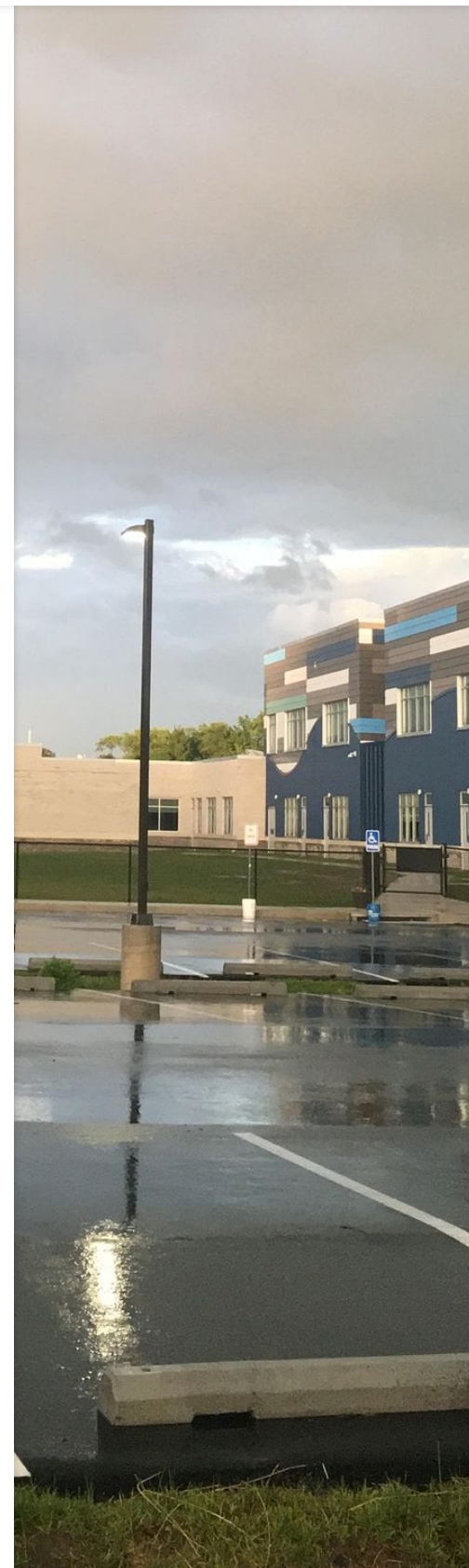


TOY 2023 application packet.pdf

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## News from 5th Grade Students - Green Team

Please see details from our 5th grade environmentalists who are working on 'no waste Wednesdays' and battery collection.



# NO WASTE Wednesday!

Hello Parents/Guardians,

A group of highly educated students are trying to help the environment. We are trying to have the No Waste Wednesdays on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month starting in February. So that means if your child/children packs a lunch, we do not want chip bags or a ziplock bag. If your child does not pack, we will get that covered.

Here are some environmentally friendly choices: tupperware or reusable containers. Also, instead of juice boxes, encourage your child to drink water in a reusable water bottle.

Sincerely,

GATES (Gifted and Talented Education Students) and Dr. Foskey and Dr. Casbolt.



## We want your batteries so that none are wasted to save our environment

- If you have a plastic bag you can put the batteries in there
- After that there will be a battery bucket in the front office of Gilpin manor and then you can empty them in the bucket
- The picture with the soil is eroded because of the battery acid



[No waste Memo.pdf](#)

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## Important Dates and Upcoming Events

February: [Black History Month](#)

- Week of February 13 - Random Acts of Kindness Week
- Week of February 13 - ALICE-based safe schools lessons
- Monday, February 13 - Fair Hill visits Kindergarten
- Tuesday, February 14 - Valentine's Day celebrations
- Friday, February 17 - PTA Sweet Tarts Dance 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 20 - Presidents Day - No School
- Wednesday, February 22 - Board of Education FY24 Budget Hearing
- Friday, February 24 - Group and Class Picture Day
- Friday, February 24 - Teacher of the Year nomination packets due
- Week of February 27 - Read Across America Week



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## MY FAMILY MATTERS

BUILDING STRONGER FAMILIES IN CECIL COUNTY

**GILPIN MANOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
203 NEWARK AVE, ELKTON, MD 21921

**Please join us for a FREE Olive Garden dinner and a fast-paced, interactive workshop designed to build a stronger family.**

Doors open at 5:00PM  
Dinner Served: 5:00-5:45PM  
Session Starts Promptly at 6:00PM  
All sessions are **FREE!**

- Childcare will be available for children 5 to 12
- Meals will be provided to ALL attendees
- Spanish Interpreter Present
- Transportation can be arranged with 48 hours notice. Please contact the YES office at 443.593.3900
- Teachers will lead the children's program while parents attend workshops
- Earn credits for community service programs

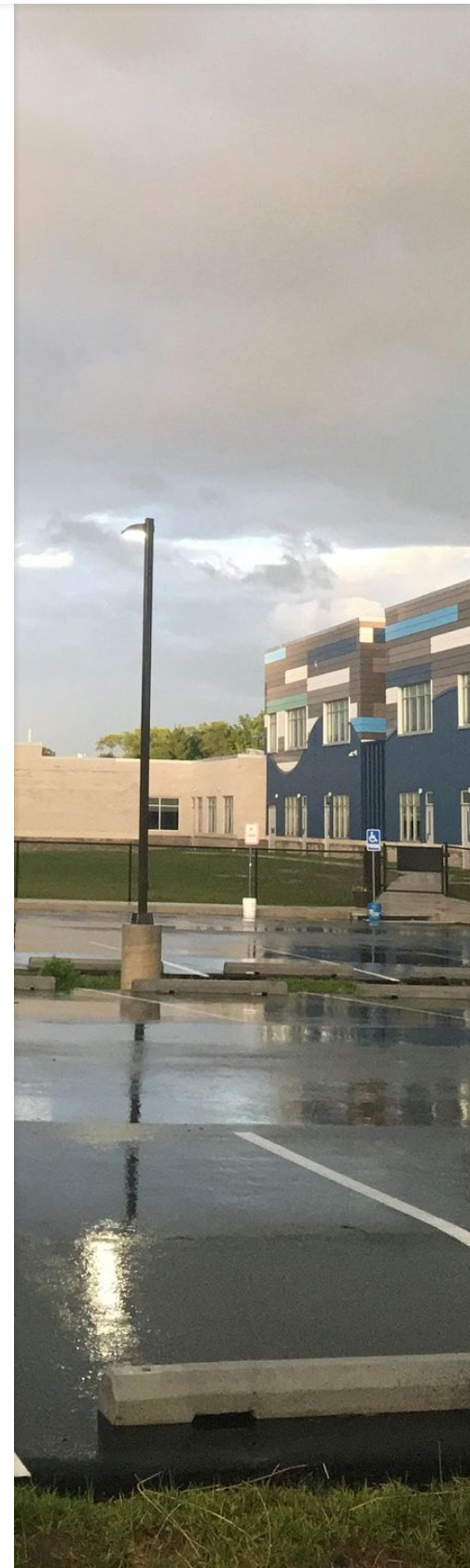
DATE	TOPIC	DINNER
01/05/2023	<b>Communication &amp; Feelings</b> Feelings are an emotional state or reaction. Communication is the successful understanding or sharing of ideas and feelings. Talking to and understanding your loved ones is one of the most important steps of healthy parenting.	Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo
02/02/2023	<b>Let's Have a Heart to Heart</b> A little empathy every day makes the world a better place! This MFm session will explore empathy vs. sympathy. We will discuss practical everyday strategies that model empathy for our families and community as well as empathetic responses and emotional intelligence.	5 Cheese Ziti al Forno
03/09/2023	<b>Keeping Kids Drug Free</b> Now, more than ever, it is crucial that we talk with our kids about the dangers of drug use. In this workshop, we will discuss common reasons why kids engage in substance misuse, the dangers of substance abuse, and what we can do to raise drug free children.	Spaghetti & Meatballs
04/13/2023	<b>Open Discussion Q&amp;A</b>	Chicken Scampi

While parents attend the workshop, students aged 5-12 will participate in social-emotional lessons, where they will learn calming strategies, communication skills and coping techniques to help them navigate life's challenges.

## February Playgroups

For Children Ages Birth to Five and Their Families/Caregivers

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1 <b>LET'S</b>	2 <b>ENJOY</b>	3 <b>THE ARTS!</b>	4 BVES 10-11:30 Family Resource Center (FRC)	5 CHAR 10-11 CES 10-11 NCC 2-3	6 3 Sing and Swing 10-10:30 PVES 11-12	7 <b>WE ARE</b>	
8 5 Mold playdoh, color and draw, craft together!	9 6 BVES 10-11	10 7 NCC 10-11 CCU 10-11	11 8 BVES 10-11:30 Family Resource Center (FRC)	12 9 CHAR 10-11 CES 10-11 NCC 2-3	13 10 Sing and Swing 10-10:30 NCC 10-11 FRC PVES 11-12	14 11 <b>PRESENT</b>	
15 12 Let's sing songs and play instruments!	16 13 BVES 10-11 Sing Soothe Sleep 7-7:30 (online)	17 14 NCC 10-11 CCU 10-11 Happy Valentines' Day	18 15 BVES 10-11:30 Family Resource Center (FRC)	19 16 CHAR 10-11 CES 10-11 NCC 2-3	20 17 NCC 10-11 FRC PVES 11-12 Live with Ms. Ve!	21 18 <b>IN PLAY!</b>	
22 19 Enjoy dancing and scarf play!	23 20 President's Day No School or Playgroups today	24 21 NCC 10-11 CCU 10-11	25 22 Visit the Open Gym at NCC 10-12	26 23 CHAR 10-11 CES 10-11 NCC 2-3	27 24 Sing and Swing 10-10:30 NCC 10-11 FRC	28 25 Sing and Swing 10-10:30 PVES 11-12	
29 26 <b>REPEAT!</b> :-)	30 27 BVES 10-11	31 28 NCC 10-11 CCU 10-11	<b>Create a Valentine with your child and share it with us at playgroup to enter our February Family Prize Drawing!</b>				

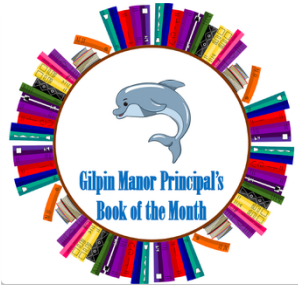


Please remember some of our car loop expectations. Family members *must* stay in the vehicle at all times. Students should get out of the car on the passenger side, not the driver side. Please turn music down, keep your car tag on the rearview mirror, and follow all directions given by the school staff members present.



Please note that you are **ONLY** allowed to turn right out of each car loop. This keeps traffic flowing smoothly. This ensures the safety of everyone.

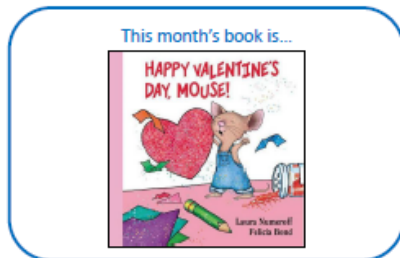
The car loop operates from 8:45-8:55 a.m. and then again from 3:30-3:45 p.m.



## Principal's Book of the Month

We are excited to continue our 'Principal's Book of the Month' program at Gilpin Manor. Throughout the school year, Mr. Foskey will select a book that will be given to every GMES student. During the month, students are encouraged to read the book. Teachers may complete activities with the book in classrooms as well.

The 'Principal's Book of the Month' program will help us continue to build our learning community. One book will give us a common experience to discuss with our entire school family. Our books might have gentle messages, celebrate a person or event, or give us ways to discuss our Gilpin values. These books are intended to highlight something special and bring joy to our lives. We hope you and your child will read our book of the month.



Join Mouse from 'If you Give a Mouse a Cookie' as he celebrates Valentine's Day with all the friends he loves.

#### Focus

love, Valentine

#### Link

You can watch and listen to the book being read aloud here: [Happy Valentine's Day, Mouse!](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5qutWew6Z7o)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5qutWew6Z7o>

#### Ways to Read the Book

- Independent Reading – Students may read the book to themselves.
- Partner Reading – Students may read together at the same time with a friend or family member.
- Read To – Students may listen as the story is read aloud to them.

#### Activities

- Notes to Friends– Just like Mouse, write notes to your friends telling what you love about them.
- AVID Notes– Jot down important information from the story as you read. This is a good reading practice.

#### Response Prompt

What do you love most about each of your friends? Be sure to tell them!

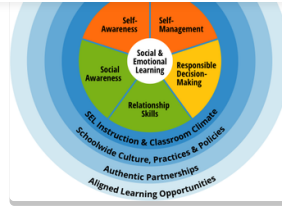


## Social-Emotional Learning

Throughout the third marking period, our students will work through our Second Step Elementary unit 3 which focuses on empathy and kindness. Children will learn how to recognize kindness and act

To support families with SEL, below are a few resources:

- [Second Step Program: Information for Families](#) (see sample lessons!)
- [What Parents Need to Know About SEL](#)
- [Resource Guide to Social and Emotional Learning](#)
- [Let's Talk SEL](#)



## Social & Emotional Learning Builds Life Skills



**Self-awareness** to develop a healthy sense of who you are, and better understand your thoughts and feelings



**Self-management** to manage your thoughts, feelings, and actions toward goals



**Social awareness** to better understand different views and have empathy for others

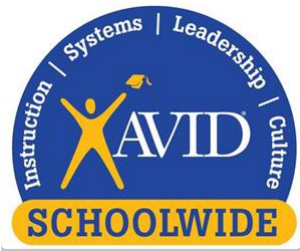


**Relationship skills** to communicate and connect, problem solve together, and stand up for others



**Responsible decision-making** to make constructive choices, analyze our actions, and find solutions

From "What is the CASEL Framework?" on case.org



## AVID: Advancement Via Individual Determination

As part of our work as an AVID school, we take time to teach students organizational skills, note-taking habits, and writing skills. We also enhance our lessons with different levels of questioning and creative ways to engage students in their learning. Ask your student how they remain organized at school!

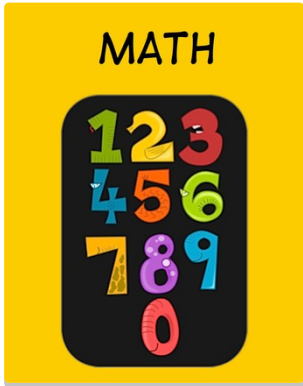
To learn more about AVID, please view this presentation from our Gilpin University event: [AVID](#).

Additional [Parent/Guardian AVID resources](#) from AVID.

## Bookworms

Bookworms in the literacy curriculum that the CCPS elementary schools use to provide instruction in the areas of reading, writing, and word work. You can explore some additional details in this January [Bookworms Bulletin!](#)





## Support for Math Facts

Families, are you looking for additional activities to support your student beyond math facts? Consider this resource recommended by Scholastic to help families and students.

[K-5 Math Teaching Resources](#): Is a website full of games and activities for each math standard that allow you and your child to better understand different topics being taught in the classroom. There are different categories to choose from: number sense, geometry, and measurement and data. Click on the activity or game that will help practice different mathematical concepts. Recommended for Kindergarten through 5th grade.

## Attendance

Arrival: 8:45-8:55 a.m. Dismissal: 3:30-3:45 p.m.



Attendance at school each and every day is very important. This makes sure students have consistent access to teachers and learning experiences. We will share weekly attendance rates for each grade level and the whole school each week.

Check out this great resource about attendance at school: [Absences Adds Up!](#)

Our goal each week is for each grade level, and our school overall, to have 92% or greater attendance. Attendance rates for this week are posted below:

**PS:** 88.6% **PK:** 88.0% **K:** 84.5% **1st:** 86.5%

**2nd:** 93.0% **3rd:** 94.5% **4th:** 91.9% **5th:** 95.4%

**Overall:** 90.5%

**WE WILL ALL STRIVE TOWARD OUR GOAL NEXT WEEK!**

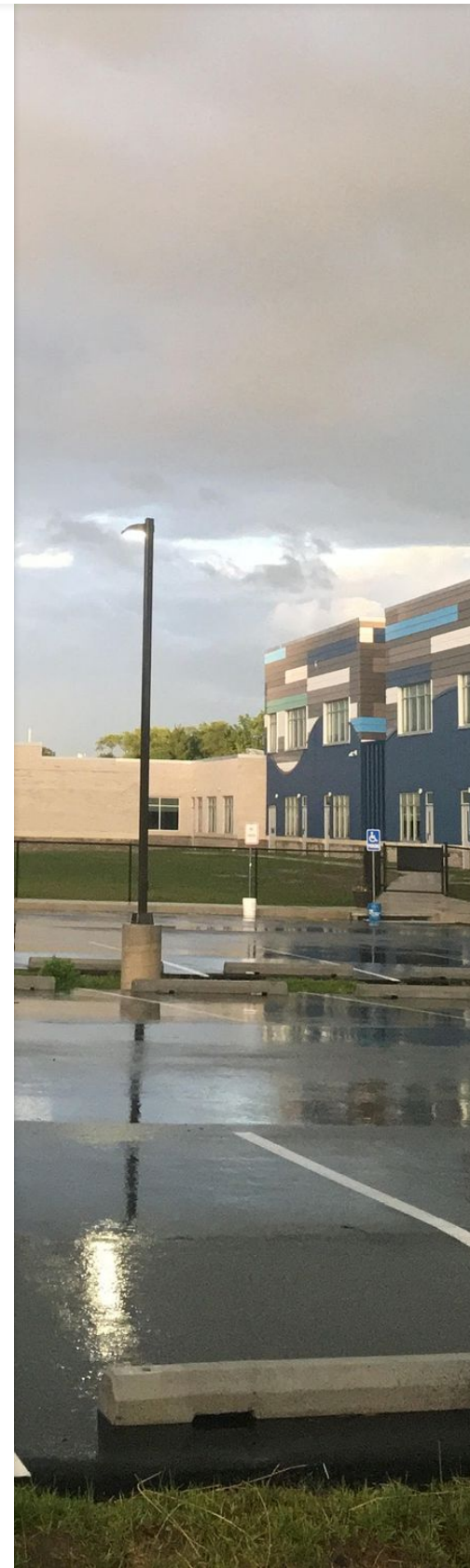
There has been a lot of illness making its way throughout our community. Please encourage good handwashing habits, covering faces when coughing, and staying home when sick.



## Cafeteria News

Gilpin Manor is very fortunate to be able to offer a free breakfast and lunch to every student. To access the meal menu, please see this link: [Meal Menu](#).

Students are invited to get a meal from the cafeteria or to bring one of their own.



PTA meetings take place during the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the GMES library. We hope you will join us for our meetings!



If you are interested in joining the PTA, a committee, or have any questions, please email us at [gilpinmanorpta@gmail.com](mailto:gilpinmanorpta@gmail.com)

### **2022-2023 PTA Board Members:**

- President - Renee' Sayers
- Vice President - Heather McCauley
- Treasurer - Ashley Carmichael-Stokes
- Secretary - Crystal Blake
- Past President - Sabrina Roberts
- GMES Staff Liaison - Kelly Strawbridge

Be sure to 'Like' our Facebook page - [Gilpin Manor PTA](#).



### **Title I**

Gilpin Manor Elementary is a Title I school. As a result, we receive additional federal funds to support students and families. Title I is a federal program intended to help ensure that all children have the opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach proficiency on challenging state academic standards and assessments. To learn more, you can find the CCPS Title I page on the CCPS website: [CCPS Title I](#).

Below are two of our GMES Title I documents:

[GMES Title I Compact](#)

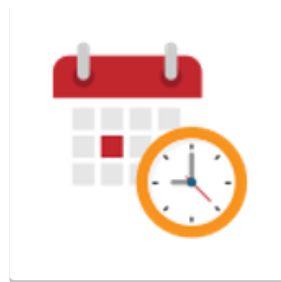
[GMES Family Engagement Plan](#)

### **GMES Schedule**

Office Hours: 8:00 am. - 4:30 p.m. (M,T,TH,F) 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (W)

School Hours - PreK-5th Gr: 8:45 a.m. - 3:35 p.m. (M,T,TH,F) 8:45 a.m. - 1:50 p.m. (W)

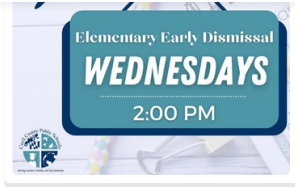
School Hours - Preschool: AM Session- 8:45 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. PM Session- 12:50 p.m. - 3:35 p.m.



### **Cecil County Judy Center**

The Cecil County Judy Center offers a variety of services and activities. Access their website [here](#) for more information.





## CCPS and GMES Resource and Support Information

### CCPS Technology Support

Videos about navigating online platforms, logging on, submitting assignments, and more!

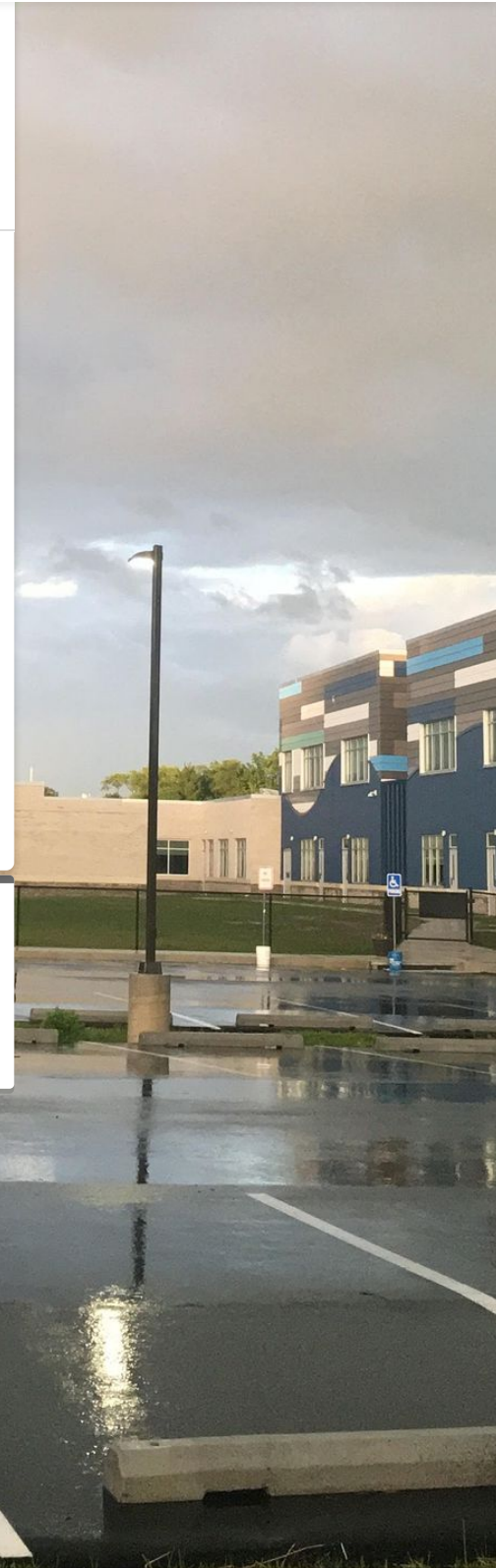
### CCPS Food and Nutrition Meals Information

### Connect with Don Foskey

Don is using Smore newsletters to spread the word online.

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Contact Don Foskey



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Communicate quickly and effectively with interactive newsletters.

Smore empowers educators to connect with their community, streamline school communications, and increase engagement.

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