

# GES Smoke Signal

Empowering Each Child to Design the Future

## Mothers vs Sons Kickball Game

The boys have spoken! They challenge their moms to a kickball game on Friday, May 3, from 6:00 to 7:30ish.

Sponsored by the GES School Improvement Council, our first Mothers vs Sons Kickball Game will be held on the baseball field

on our campus. We will be entertained by our professional announcer, who will be giving away some prizes during the games, which will be played by grade. All participants must sign up beginning next week. We also need some volunteers to sign up to officiate the games. Look for a sign-up sheet to come home next Wednesday.



## 2019-2020 PTO Nominations Ballot

Please complete the nomination form below for next year's PTO officers and return to the office no later than April 11. Please include name and contact information (phone or email).

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

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April 1

**Sarah Weeks, author**

April 2 & 5

**Historic Columbia Foundation  
Program for 3rd Grade**

April 3

**Report Cards**

April 4

**4th Grade Musical**

*7:00 pm, Cafeteria*

April 8 - 12

**South Carolina History Week  
for 3rd Grade**

- ▶ 4/8 Zen Pender, Native American Presentation
- ▶ 4/9 Jonathan Miller author and SC History Night, 6 - 8:00
- ▶ 4/10 Savannah River Ecology Lab

April 9 & 11

**5th Grade Field Study  
to Charleston**

- ▶ 4/9 Buzhardt, Steele, Racey, Carpenter, Margraf, and Leo
- ▶ 4/11 Johansson, Jones, Miller, Hall, and Conde

April 12

**Title I Free Book Giveaway**

April 15 - 19

**Spring Break**

April 22

**3rd Weather Makeup Day  
Come to School!**

April 25

**Chorus Concert and  
Art Leaders Showcase**

*6:30 pm, Cafeteria*

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## Bringing Music to Life

GES 3rd graders are learning about folk songs from around the United States and doing different activities with each new song. So far we've played a cup game, created motions to songs, and have showed our instrument skills by playing the xylophones. Our 4th graders have been busy preparing for their upcoming musical, and our 5th graders have completed a unit on Music in Movies. Now we are finishing up our own version of March Madness using our Quaver curriculum.



April is a busy month for Music events! Don't miss our 4th grade musical, *Disney - The Movies, The Music*, on April 4. On April 9, we will celebrate South Carolina History with the 3rd graders on South Carolina History Night. They will sing South Carolina songs and show off our state folk dance, the square dance. The GES Chorus will perform our Spring Concert on April 25, along with some awesome art being displayed by the 5th grade Art Leaders. Be our guest!

## 4th Grade Focus

In ELA, we are working on our test prep unit. Students focus on how to transfer skills they learned earlier this year to answer questions and relieve testing anxiety. In Science, we are jumping into the lives of plants and animals. We focus on their life cycle, adaptations, classification and structures. Students participate in a number of in-class activities and projects, including growing their own plants. In Social Studies, it's time to move west!! This unit focuses on Pioneers, Manifest Destiny, Westward Expansion and so much more! Students participate in class projects, research, video clips and guided notes. Finally, we are wrapping up our unit on customary measurement in Math. The focus of our next unit will be on perimeter and area. We will also begin reviewing the critical standards that we learned earlier this school year. Stay focused!



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