
Tiger Times

Gillett School District Newsletter

November 2016



The fall of the year takes on a different meaning for each of us. For some, fall means falling leaves, less daylight, and falling temperatures. For others, fall brings the excitement and relaxation of hunting, cheering on the Packers, and spending time with family during the upcoming holidays.

During one of my first years of teaching, an experienced elementary co-teacher told me she thinks of the school year as having three sections. Each section related to a holiday: Halloween, Christmas, and Easter. She gave me advice to have teaching goals each year because each holiday seems to come quicker and quicker, and the school year really does fly by. When each holiday arrives, as Halloween just did, I think of that early advice. I do believe that this was really good advice that helps me center on a few goals before the year indeed, “fly’s by”.

I came up with four goals to concentrate on this school year. Goals that are important for our students, school, and community. Goals that help keep focus before that final holiday arrives. The goals I would like to concentrate on for this year are: **Student Academic Achievement** - helping each student do their academic best by providing individual guidance and opportunities to succeed. **A Supportive School Climate for our Students and Staff** - maintaining a safe learning and working environment with a caring and supportive staff. **Effective Communication** - providing needed information to our board and community. **Responsible Use of Resources** - being mindful and efficient with our budget.

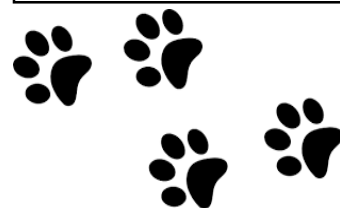
I mention these goals because this newsletter will help with communication. We are working to better communicate with members of our community. To do this, we will be developing four newsletters each year. This will provide you with more information on what is going on in our schools and a calendar of events that can help you better plan and be a part of the Gillett School District.

Enjoy the fall season and as always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding our schools and the education of the children of the Gillett community.

Todd Carlson – District Administrator

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The mission of the Gillett School District is to offer students a high quality educational experience in a secure learning environment which recognizes, values, and responds to student’s individual needs.

Community Education

The Gillett School District is working to start a new opportunity for the community in the coming months. The District is currently in the planning stages of a Community Education Program. The goal of the program will be to offer our community members options to continue to be lifelong learners.

Several class ideas are being discussed from Spanish to Woodworking to Gardening. Classes would be offered using our current facilities. A small fee would be charged to cover any materials needed. Staff or community members with expertise would be teaching these not for credit classes.



NWTC is currently offering an EMT/First Responder course to adults through our distance learning lab. This course has been very well received. As the Community Education Program moves forward, the District is looking to possibly add more NWTC adult education classes as well. Some of these NWTC classes may be available for credit.



The District is looking for community input to help get this program moving forward in a positive direction. A survey has been set up at <https://goo.gl/f6S4BN> or use the QR code. Your help in filling out the survey would be greatly appreciated and give guidance to the district as to what classes to offer. If you would like to give input, but prefer a paper survey, please contact the district office at 920-855-2137.



Weight Room Open to the Public

The Gillett High School weight room is open to the community free of charge on Monday through Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00 pm when school is in session. During this time, a school employee is there to supervise adults and high school age students. Students who are in middle school may use the weight room during that time, but must have a parent with them. If school is canceled, the weight room is closed that evening.



The weight room has free weights, weight machines, treadmills, and an elliptical. All equipment is available for public use during open weight room times. Those community members coming to use the weight room should enter the school from the back of the building, behind the greenhouse. It is door #9 and is marked "Weight Room Entrance". If you would like more information, please contact the high school office at 920-855-2137.

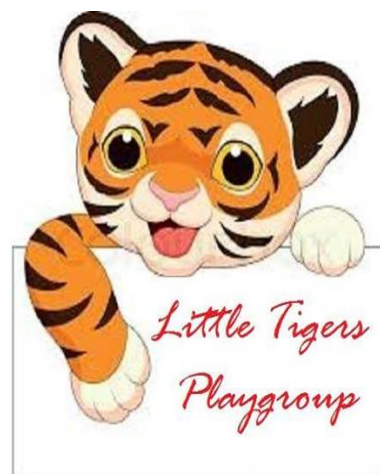
Little Tiger Playgroup

The Little Tiger Playgroup is a program offered at Gillett Elementary School, that targets families with children ages Birth through 5-years-old. The purpose of the playgroup is to get the youngest members of the Gillett Community in the school to explore the Early Childhood/ 4K classroom, participate in age-appropriate crafts, and enjoy stories and songs. Little Tiger Playgroup creates an environment that encourages networking among parents. Playgroup



also gives parents and guardians the chance to interact

with Early Childhood teachers, Speech and Language Pathologist, and administrators at Gillett Elementary. All children who attend playgroup **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.



Students who will be attending 4-year-old Kindergarten during the 2017-2018 school year need to attend **AT LEAST** one playgroup this school year. This will allow your child to meet the

teacher, explore the classroom, hang out with classmates, and get a head start on their first year of school. Guardians will be asked to fill out a simple questionnaire about their child's social emotional development to assist the teacher better understanding your child.

The Little Tiger Playgroup serves as the Gillett School District Child Find program. Child Find is a legal requirement that schools find all children who have disabilities and who may be entitled to special education services. If you have concerns about your child's



development, you are encouraged to bring him/her to a Little Tiger Playgroup.



The Little Tiger Playgroup meets on select Wednesdays throughout the school year. Youngsters and adults should come to the elementary school from 1:30 to 2:45 on Playgroup days. The next Playgroup is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16. Please check the newsletter calendar for future dates.

If you have any questions regarding the Little Tiger Playgroup, please contact the District's 4k/Early Childhood teacher, Mrs. Bessette. She can be reached by email at sbessette@gillett.k12.wi.us or by phone at 920-855-2119.

Our School, Our Community

Another year has started at Gillett Elementary School, and we are excited to have the honor of educating the youth of our community. Our facilities extend beyond the regular school day, however. On any given night, you will find a number of community events being held in our building.

Several nights a week, you may find the Seeds 2 Service group working with students after school in our community garden or teaching them nutritious cooking lessons. This program, presently under the direction of Mrs. Sara Peterson, has been a great partnership between our school and a great community group that has served our children. On another night, you might find our local Girl Scouts meeting in our library or cafeteria. And our gymnasium is always busy after school, into the late hours of the night, with the sounds of our community-run youth basketball programs. Several times a month, Mrs. Bessette, our Early Childhood and 4K teacher, organizes a playgroup for our community's birth-through-5-year old children to come into the school, discovery resources, and connect with fellow young parents.



Coming up on the horizon is one of our most prized community events: on Friday, November 11th, Gillett Elementary School will host our Veteran's Day Ceremony. All of our local veterans are invited to attend this annual event, which starts at 9:30 AM. We hope that many other members of our community will also join us for a wonderful program that honors our local heroes who have served us. We'll see you there!

Gillett Elementary School: proud to be a part of the Gillett Community. Go Tigers!

Curt Angeli - Elementary School Principal

Athletic Pass Information

The winter sports season is getting under way. Attending games and events is a great way to encourage our youth while showing pride in our community. Individual prices for admission to regular season varsity athletic events is \$2.00 for students and \$3.00 for adults during the 2016-2017 school year.



Yearly Passes can be purchased at the high school office for entrance to all regular season Gillett home games. Family passes cost \$45 and allow everyone in your household to attend. Single Adult passes are available for \$25 while student passes are \$15. These passes are valid for all sports. If you purchased one for fall sports, it is good for the entire school year.

Free M&O Senior Passes are also available at the high school office. Anyone who is 62 or older is eligible to receive a free pass to all regular season M&O sporting event. This pass allows free entrance to any conference game, no matter where it is played or which teams are playing. This means you can cheer on athletes from multiple M&O schools.

Due to WIAA regulations, passes are not valid for tournament games and special events.

Staff Honored for Years of Service

The Gillett School District is very fortunate to have many dedicated staff members who do great things every day for our students and our school. Each and every staff member deserves a big thank you! At the September staff in-service, Todd Carlson, district administrator recognized employees who reached milestone years of employment with the district.

30 Years of Service

LuAnn Neuenschwander
Elementary Teacher



25 Years of Service

Becky Pockat
Elementary Secretary



25 Years of Service

Debra Regal
Elementary Teacher



20 Years of Service
Don Olderman
Secondary English Teacher

Kathy Woodke
Elementary Custodian



15 Years of Service

Janice Boucher – District Bookkeeper
Margaret Nauke – Elementary Teacher
Shannon Slatky – Elementary Teacher
Maureen Wollin – Secondary Food Service

10 Years of Service

Lori Kallies – Secondary Custodian

5 Years of Service

Suzzann Bessette – Elementary Teacher
*Chris Brooks – Special Education Teacher
*Twila Clements – Support Staff
*Nancy Dake – Art Teacher
Ray Johnson – Technical Education
*Renee Mueller – Speech/Language Pathologist
*Mary Tebo – Special Education Teacher
*Angela Wandrey – Support Staff
Jill Weyers – Special Education Teacher

Thank you staff for your dedication to our students!

*Some staff members may have more years of service at the Gillett School District but were employed by another agency while working at Gillett Schools.

Take Time to be Thankful

I know that the rapid pulse of school days has made the first quarter go by in a blink of an eye. In the spirit of spending time to reflect and being thankful over the month, I suggest we all pause and consider the things we are doing right, the incredible support we have, and our relationships with one another.



We have talented students. Every year we see students excelling both in and out of the classroom. As a result, you see that our students often take advantage of all the experiences that are available to better prepare themselves for their futures. In the past few weeks, I have had the opportunity to speak with several returning graduates that express their gratitude for the opportunities they had to take college credit-courses while in High School. Two of whom, started with over 20 credits to their name - saving them and their families thousands of dollars. Likewise, students are taking advantage of the many extracurricular opportunities. Whether it is developing their skills to work with others in the various sports we offer or taking on leadership roles in student organizations such as FBLA, FFA, NHS or student council, we should be very proud of our children and thankful that they are making the most of the opportunities that are given to them.

Our staff is dedicated and caring. Despite a climate that finds a statewide shortage of educators, Gillett has been fortunate to fill our few vacancies with highly qualified staff. Likewise, we are retaining many of our new staff despite often being recruited to fill vacancies in other school districts. This, more than anything else, demonstrates the commitment of our staff to our students and community.

Our parents and community are involved and have the best interests of the kids and the school district in mind. Many parents and community members make so much of what we do happen. Parents who shuttle students to and from practices. Community members partaking in the variety of fundraisers that are done to fill the void of shrinking budgets. Parents and community members who volunteer their time to assist as coaches, role models, etc. I am thankful that we have a community that values working together to see that our students have better opportunities than what we may have had ourselves.

Finally, we have a devoted and thoughtful School Board. They spend countless hours preparing for and participating in meetings. They are genuinely concerned about all stakeholders in our community, and they believe in providing the best opportunities possible while maintaining a reasonable budget.



I know you are thankful, too. Take time with loved ones over the next months. Take time to tell others about gratitude. Recharge with appreciativeness.

Thank you for everything you do to support Gillett Secondary School.

Steve Linssen – Secondary School Principal



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You're Invited...

To the Gillett School District's Annual Veteran's Day Program. This year's program will be held on Friday, November 11th at the Elementary School starting at 9:30AM. This community event showcases students from the Gillett School District paying tribute to our local veterans.



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Gillett School District Calendar



Thursday, November 3

JH Boys Basketball @ Suring 5pm

Saturday, November 5

NHS Dodgeball Tournament

Monday, November 7

JH Boys Basketball @ Lena 5:30pm

PTO Meeting 6pm

Technology Committee Meeting 7pm

Wednesday, November 9

District Planning Meeting 5:30pm

Thursday, November 10

JH Boys Basketball vs Oconto 5:30pm

Friday, November 11

Veteran's Day Performance 9:30am @
Elementary School



Saturday, November 12

Ruby's Pantry – Registration 8:00 to 10:00 am

Tuesday, November 15

JH Boys Basketball @ Wausaukee 5:30pm

HS Girls Basketball @ Bonduel 5:45pm

Wednesday, November 16

Little Tiger Playgroup 1:30pm

Thursday, November 17

HS Girls Basketball @ Weyauwega-Fremont
5:45pm

Regular School Board Meeting 7:30pm

Monday, November 21-25

No School - Teacher In-Service/ Thanksgiving
Break

Tuesday, November 29

JH Boys Basketball vs Suring 5:30pm

HS Girls Basketball @ Suring 5:45pm

HS Boys Basketball vs Three Lakes 5:45pm

Wednesday, November 30

Little Tiger Playgroup 1:30pm



Thursday, December 1

JH Boys Basketball @ Coleman 4:30pm

Friday, December 2

HS Girls Basketball @ Lena 5:45pm

Saturday, December 3

HS Wrestling @ Little Chute Invitational 10am

Monday, December 5

HS Girls Basketball @ Coleman 5:45pm

PTO Meeting 6pm

Tuesday, December 6

HS Wrestling vs Coleman, Bonduel and
Wittenberg/Birnamwood @ Suring 5pm

JH Boys Basketball vs Lena @ 5:30pm

HS Boys Basketball vs Suring 5:45pm

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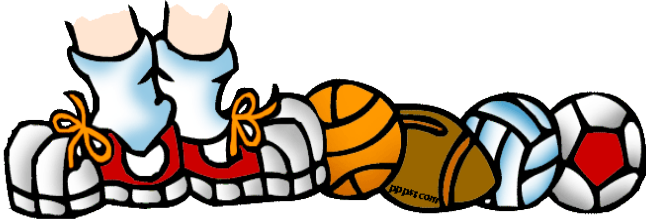
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Thursday, December 8

HS Girls Basketball vs Oneida 5pm
HS Wrestling vs Southern Door @ Suring 7pm

Friday, December 9

HS Boys Basketball vs Lena 5:45 pm & Pep
Band



Saturday, December 10

Ruby's Pantry – Registration 8:00 to 10:00 am
JH Boys Basketball 8th Grade Tournament @
Lena 8am
HS Wrestling @ Wabeno 10am
HS Girls Basketball vs Southern Door 11am

Monday, December 12

JH Boys Basketball vs Crivitz 5:30pm
HS Boys Basketball @ Coleman 5:45pm

Tuesday, December 13

HS Girls Basketball vs Peshtigo 5:45pm
Middle School Band/Choir Concert 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 14

Little Tiger Playgroup 1:30pm
District Planning Meeting 5:30pm

Thursday, December 15

Elementary Music Program 1:15pm in
Auditorium
JH Boys Basketball @ Oconto 5pm
HS Boys vs Oneida 5:45pm
Regular School Board Meeting 7:30pm

Friday, December 16

HS Girls Basketball @ Niagara 5:45pm

Saturday, December 17

HS Wrestling @ Kewaunee Invitational 9am
HS Boys Basketball vs Gilbraltar 5:45pm

Monday, December 19

HS Band/Choir Concert 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 20

JH Boys Basketball vs Peshtigo 5:30pm
HS Boys Basketball vs Peshtigo 5:45pm

Thursday, December 22

HS Wrestling vs Oconto 7pm

Monday, December 26 - 30

No School - Winter Break



Monday, January 2

PTO Meeting 6pm
Technology Committee Meeting 7pm

Tuesday, January 3

HS Boys Basketball @ Elcho 5:30pm
HS Girls Basketball vs Wausaukee 5:45pm

Thursday, January 5

HS Girls Basketball vs Crivitz 5:45pm & Pep
Band

Friday, January 6

HS Boys Basketball @ Niagara 5:45pm

Saturday, January 7

HS Wrestling @ Oconto Falls Invite 9am

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Monday, January 9

HS Girls Basketball @ STAA 5:45pm

Tuesday, January 10

HS Boys Basketball vs Wausaukee 5:45pm

Wednesday, January 11

Little Tiger Playgroup 1:30pm

District Planning Meeting 5:30pm



Thursday, January 12

HS Boys Basketball @ Crivitz 5:45pm

HS Wrestling vs Coleman 7pm

Friday, January 13

HS Girls Basketball vs Suring 5:45pm & Pep Band

Saturday, January 14

Ruby's Pantry – Registration 8:00 to 10:00 am

HS Wrestling @ Peshtigo Invitational 8am

Monday, January 16

JH Girls Basketball @ Suring 5:30pm

Tuesday, January 17

HS Boys Basketball vs STAA 5:45pm

HS Wrestling @ Laona/Wabeno 7pm

Thursday, January 19

JH Girls Basketball vs Lena 5:30pm

HS Girls Basketball vs Lena 5:45pm

HS Wrestling @ Lena/STAA 7pm

Elementary January Jamboree 5pm

Regular School Board Meeting 7:30pm

Friday, January 20

No School - Teacher In-Service

HS Boys Basketball @ Suring 5:45pm

Saturday, January 21

HS Winter Dance 8pm

Monday, January 23

HS Girls Basketball vs Coleman 5:45pm

Tuesday, January 24

HS Boys Basketball @ Lena 5:45pm

Wednesday, January 25

Little Tiger Playgroup 1:30pm

Thursday, January 26

JH Girls Basketball vs Oconto 5:30pm

HS Girls Basketball @ Oneida 5:45

HS Wrestling @ Crivitz 7pm

Friday, January 27

HS Boys Basketball vs Coleman 5:45pm & Pep Band

Saturday, January 28

HS Wrestling @ Sturgeon Bay Invitational 9am

Monday, January 30

JH Girls Basketball @ Wausaukee 5:30pm

HS Pops Concert 6:30pm



Tuesday, January 31

HS Girls Basketball @ Peshtigo 5:45pm

HS Boys Basketball @ White Lake 5:45pm

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