Hello! And welcome to the first edition of the new James Gettys Newsletter. We hope to have these newsletters become an important refrigerator document that reminds you about things happening in our learning community. We are also looking at ways that students can become owners of this newsletter and gain valuable real life experience from creating a regular newsletter. It has been a pleasure to learn about and become a part of the James Gettys Community and I look forward to the year ahead. Please read about some new—old initiatives and remember to schedule your parent conference soon. (See the letter on the back.)

SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT! Be a STAR☆

We are reviewing and learning about how to be a productive member of our learning community. Our students will learn guidelines to be sure everyone at James Gettys—

Stays safe.
Takes responsibility.
Achieves
Respects themselves, others and our school.

There will be mystery adults with special STAR tickets who will reward unsuspecting students who are being stars! They will eventually get group experience rewards to show appreciation for their noticed behaviors. Areas we will learn about include: the cafeteria, the hallway, the playground, the restrooms, the classroom, the school bus and the bus loading area... You can be a star EVERYWHERE! See the grid with behavior guidelines attached to this newsletter.

Thank You Mrs. Pecaitis for a great Jump for Heart day!

Thank You Mrs. Getz and all the staff involved for a great Artist in Residency experience for our 4th and 5th grade learners.

Special Note:
If you are planning to come to lunch with your child please notify the office no later than 9:00 that morning. We also prefer that you have clearances on file and that you don't bring fast food items to honor our wellness policy and help keep our school safe! Thank You!

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The vision of James Gettys Elementary School is to ensure that each student will achieve maximum growth through high expectations and differentiated support. All teachers will utilize best practices while teaching to high standards given appropriate resources. All students, parents, and staff will work together to create a nurturing community in which everyone belongs and demonstrates exemplary character.

A Few Safety Messages:
Please be sure you stay in your car and come through the parent pick up line. Our district maintenance department is evaluating some changes to our pick up arrangement but until that work is done please stay in your car. Walking through the parking lot is dangerous.

Please call by 2:30 if there are changes to the way your child goes home at the end of the day. It is very difficult to get messages to students and teachers if calls come in after that time. No calls will be taken for changes in transportation after 2:30 unless it is an emergency. Thanks for helping us keep JG students safe!!!

Upcoming Dates:
Nov. 1—PTO Fundraiser pickup
Nov. 7,8,9—Parent Conferences
Nov. 12—Veteran’s day program
Nov. 16 Picture Retake Day
Nov. 21-26 Thanksgiving Break
Important Parent Conference Information

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Parent Teacher Conferences at James Gettys Elementary School are scheduled for **November 7th, 8th and 9th**. As has been past practice we will be utilizing a web-based tool for scheduling conferences. This process is simple and efficient as it allows parents to access teacher schedules and then sign-up for a time that is convenient. The program also has a feature that allows you to schedule several conferences if you have more than one teacher to meet with. To sign up for a conference, please go to: [www.myconferencetime.com/jamesgettys](http://www.myconferencetime.com/jamesgettys) and follow the directions on the website. Find the appropriate teacher, click on his/her name, and select a time.

If your child(ren) have support teachers that work with them (i.e. learning support, gifted support, reading support, speech support, and ELL support), you do not need to schedule a conference with those teachers as they will work their calendar so that they can be a part of your child’s conference.

The following teachers/staff are available for a conference as well. If you would like to meet with any of them individually, please feel free to sign up for a conference with them: Mr. Hogg, Mrs. Weikert, Mrs. Getz, Mrs. Pecaitis, Mr. Sterner, Mrs. Guy, Mrs. McDonald and Miss Young.

If you have special conference needs please contact your child’s teacher for special arrangements. We are happy to accommodate any family situation but please keep in mind that there are limited conference time slots. It is our goal that every student at James Gettys has at least one parent/guardian meet with his/her teacher. This opportunity to discuss your child’s progress is our honor and will contribute to their success this year.

The website will be available starting **Friday, October 19 at 8:00 am**. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office. Thank you in advance for working together with us to enhance your child’s school experience,

Mrs. Lisa Royek
~Principal

Winter Clothing Give Away

James Gettys will be hosting a clothes and toys give away to benefit James Gettys Families. In order to do this, we need your help. We are collecting donations of new or gently used winter clothing and shoes of all sizes, as well as, new or gently used games and toys.

We will be sending out more information in the very near future about the dates and times for the Winter Clothing Give-Away. In the meantime, donations will be accepted in the office at James Gettys until Wednesday, October 31st.
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