Message from the Principal...

Happy New Year Green Gables Families,

We hope all of our Green Gables community celebrated a joyful and healthy winter break; Welcome back and Happy 2021! On January 19th we look forward to welcoming our in-person learners back to the school building.

We are continuing to plan strategically to keep our students and staff safe in the building and adjust to new ways of doing things this school year. We must continue to be flexible and give grace as we navigate through our current learning environments and meet the needs of our Green Gables students. We always appreciate your partnership and look forward to the remainder of the school year. Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions or concerns.

May you have a new year that is filled with love, laughter, and good health!

Remember: We’re all in this together! I’m looking forward to a great second semester.

Happy 2021!

Warmly,

Suanne Hawley
Principal, Green Gables Elementary
January 4th  NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK
January 5th  NO SCHOOL – Professional Learning Day for Staff
January 6th  Remote Learning Resumes
January 12th  Accountability Meeting 4:30-5:30pm via Zoom
              PTA Meeting 6:00-7:00pm via Zoom
January 15th  1st Round of Choice Enrollment Ends
January 18th  NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day
January 19th  In Person Learning Scheduled To Resume
              2nd Round of Choice Enrollment Begins
January 25th  Kids Health Heart Challenge Begins
January 29th  NO SCHOOL – Professional Learning Day for Staff
Kids Health Heart Challenge
January 25th through February 25th

I am excited to inform you that we will be able to participate in the Kids Health Heart Challenge (formally known as Jump Rope for Heart) this year 2021. The event will start on 1/25 and will continue through February ending 2/25. Please be on the lookout for more information as we get closer to the Kickoff. The event will be accessible to both in-person and remote families. I am excited about what the American Heart Association has done for our students. If questions arise please do not hesitate to email me at Elizabeth.Minor@jeffco.k12.co.us
Next virtual PTA meeting is January 12, at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. Check the weekly messenger for the link to learn more about what’s happening at Green Gables and in our community.

Thanks to PTA volunteers, we have been able to hold the Read-a-Thon fundraiser, help provide treats and decorations for the First Day of School, Halloween Parties, and Winter Wonderland reverse parade, support the Giving Tree, kick off a new Greener Green Gables Committee, and more!

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Tech For Ed

Dear Families,

During the month of January, our fifth, sixth, ninth and tenth grade classrooms will engage in digital citizenship learning related to Media Balance & Well-Being. These lessons focus on agency, not addiction, and quality time, not simply total screen time.

At home, you can support your students in understanding Media Balance & Well-Being, especially in the areas of texting and using Google Chat.

Regular communication: Begin conversations about Internet safety as soon as you allow your kids on the Internet. You can use block filtering and monitoring for kids ages 6-9 to prevent them from going onto an adult site, for example. Once kids are 12, 13, or 14, they know how to get around “Net Nanny” type programs and turn them off, as well as how to change browser history, so you need to have those conversations — the sooner, the better!

Set up family rules: Adults have ultimate decision-making power over when, how often, and where devices can be used. Bedrooms and nighttime is often when kids are vulnerable. Consider taking up phones, Chromebooks, and other devices at bedtime. Have screen-free times like dinner and after school work is completed, so they can have time to decompress from screens and interact with those around them. If you have a child who engages in risky behavior, insist on getting their passwords and “spot checking” their profiles. As a parent, you need to factor in your child's personality and then decide how closely you will monitor their online activities.

Join the same networks: If your child is on social networking apps like SnapChat, you might want to join, too. This will allow you to see what the privacy features are. If your child has a public account, this is a good time to discuss how others see them and how this could affect decisions like employment and college acceptance in the future. Help them understand that they should not be sharing personal information, become “friends” with people they do not know, and how online words and images are long-lasting, even if they seem deleted.

Help identify emotions: Ask your child how they feel when on certain programs and apps. Check in with them to help them identify anxiety and give them permission and encouragement to take a device break. Anxiety could also be a sign of cyberbullying, in which they will need your help. Teens need to know that not everyone online is who they say they are. They should always report inappropriate material or conversations to you and to the website immediately.

Monthly Motto: We find balance in our digital lives.

Discussion Question for School and Home: How can we help students use media in healthy ways?

Media Balance & Well-Being Family Activities:
Kindergarten  English
Grade 1  English
Grade 2  English
Grades 3-5  English Spanish
Grades 6-8  English Spanish
Grade 9-12  English

Family Supports
7 Surprising Apps Kids Can Use to Chat with Friends
How to Handle Disturbing Content you Find on your Teens Phone
Help Kids Make Friends and Interact Safely Online
Digital Wellness for Families
Jeffco Student Use of the Internet agreement

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