Gaines Elementary
Family Newsletter

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District Mission Statement: *Swartz Creek Community Schools is a family committed to excellence, instilling the values of integrity and compassion, and encouraging every individual to embrace challenges through continuous learning*

Principal's Message



Gaines Families,

As we welcome November, I am reminded of how much there is to be thankful for at Gaines Elementary! The days are getting colder, the holiday season is approaching, and our school community continues to be filled with opportunities to learn, grow, and show kindness to one another. I feel incredibly grateful to be part of a school community where students are cared for, staff members go above and beyond, and families play such an important role in helping our Dragons thrive.

November is a wonderful time to strengthen the connections between home and school. Parent-teacher conferences provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's accomplishments, discuss progress, and work together to support continued growth. Thank you for taking the time to partner with your child's teacher. When families and schools work together, amazing things happen for our students!

We will also take time to recognize and honor our veterans on Veterans Day. We are deeply grateful to the brave men and women who have served our country and to the families who have supported them along the way. As part of our efforts to show appreciation, our students will participate in creating Caring Cards for Our Troops.

As we approach Thanksgiving break, I hope each of your families has an opportunity to slow down, enjoy time together, make special memories, and reflect on the people and moments that make life meaningful. Whether your holiday includes a big family gathering, a favorite meal, a little extra rest, or simply time together at home, I hope it is filled with warmth and happiness.

Most importantly, I want you to know how much I appreciate our Gaines families. Thank you for trusting us with your children, supporting our staff, communicating with us, and being an important part of our school community. It is a privilege to watch our students learn, discover their strengths, build friendships, and grow into kind and confident individuals. The partnership we share with you makes Gaines a special place to be.

With gratitude and warm wishes,
Kellie Robertson
Principal of Gaines Elementary 🐉❤️

Upcoming Events & Planning Ahead





Date Event

November 3- No School for Students
November 6- Gaines Bake Sale
November 9- Elementary Parent/Teacher conferences 5pm-8pm
November 11- Elementary Parent/Teacher conferences 1pm-3:30pm and 5pm-7pm
November 11- Half Day for Elementary
November 11-Veterans Day
November 12- Picture Retake Day
November 13- Half Day for Elementary
November 20- Gaines Popcorn Sale
November 25- No School Thanksgiving Break
November 26- No School Thanksgiving Break
November 27- No School Thanksgiving Break



District Calendar 2026-27
K-12 Handbook
Head Lice Prevention and Awareness
Beginning of Year Information

Here is a link to the Gaines volunteer form … Gaines Volunteer Form 2026/27

Social Spotlight



Practicing Gratitude

November is a great time to focus on gratitude! Helping children recognize the good things in their lives can build a positive mindset, strengthen relationships, and support emotional well-being.

Try it at home! At dinner or bedtime, have each family member share **three things they are thankful for**. They can be big or small, from a favorite meal, a kind friend or a favorite cozy place to rest.

Remember, gratitude doesn't mean every day has to be perfect. It's about learning to notice and appreciate the little things that make life special! ❤️

Chelsea Paull, LLMSW
School Social Worker
(810) 591-4382

Attendance - Every Dragon. Every Day.

Please call in all absences to the school office by 8:30 am.

Absence line is available 24-7: (810) 591-1078.

All absences require a phone call, note, or email (llohorn@swcrk.org) to be excused.

Birthday Message for $25



GAINES
Marquee

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEND A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO YOU FAVORITE STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER?



All messages are $25 each

Message orders must be received at least one week before the requested d
Message will appear on the marquee for one full week.
Need more information? Contact us with questions... llohorn@swcrk.org

Return this portion with your payment to the office

Gaines Marquee

Parent/Guardian: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Requested Week: _____

Weeks will run from Friday to Friday

Name for Message: _____

It will appear on the marquee, "Happy Birthday _____"

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Caring Cards for our Troops

The Caring Cards initiative is currently in full swing. While our troops serve overseas, a dedicated local team is busy preparing packets for 1,400 students to decorate in support of our military. Click HERE for the link to print a PDF. Bring to the front office when completed:)









Gaines Family Brag Board



- The Gibsons LOVE to fish! The best part is the fight! Both kiddos catch monster fish all the time!

- Looking back on October, we can't help but feel so thankful for everything this month has brought our family at Gaines. ❤️



Mom started working at the school as an aide, which has made being part of the Gaines family even more special. Tyler got to be a Creek Kid, and Morgan even earned a Creek Card for being so good for a substitute teacher! 🥰
It has been so sweet watching our boys grow, learn, and have these little moments that make us so proud. October at Gaines has truly been a blessing for our family, and we're so thankful for all the memories we've made.
The Duffiney family 🩷
We're excited to see what November has in store!
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- Madelyn Jones 2nd - this is our adventure to HalloWeekends!!





- Hank Butterworth and family carved pumpkins and went to a tractor treat this weekend!

Happy Halloween! 🎃

- Ava C scored 2 goals in soccer last week!! 🫶







- Connor, Sabra, and Raylyn are our pride and joy! Connor is 6, Sabra is 6, and Raylyn is almost 2. The older kids are in 1st grade; the little one is a little firecracker! She makes her sissy and brother go crazy for their love and attention. Every day, they are learning to be their best. We can't wait to watch them grow and learn new things in life!

- Sal and Giada were their mom's training partners for the Detroit Free Press Marathon! A family that runs together has all the fun!!





- Brady, from 3rd Grade, plays travel baseball and has been practicing with Detroit Tiger's own Brandon Inge!

- Ms. Robertson's oldest daughter, Aaliyah, turned 13 on October 27th!!



Bus Business



NO perfume, spray deodorant, or ANYTHING that “sprays”. We are having issues with allergies on the bus from students spraying these items. PLEASE check backpacks and make sure these items are left at home. Also, NO FOOD (to include candy) on the bus. This is becoming a problem as well. PLEASE remind your students of these expectations. THANK YOU!!

CREEK Expectations

C-Commit to Learning
R-Respect
E-Everyone is Responsible
E-Everyone is Safe
K-Everyone is Kind



Staff Directory and Contact Information

If you are looking for contact information for any of our teachers and support staff, please follow this link: https://gaines.swartzcreek.org/o/ges

Kellie Robertson, Principal
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Laura Lohorn, Secretary
llohorn@swcrk.org (810) 591- 1078

Mr. Delgado, Food Services
adelgado@swcrk.org 810-591-1858

Mr. Miehm, Transportation Coordinator
jmiehm@swcrk.org 810-591-2113

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