

Gackle–Streeter School District



A Note from the Principal

December 2025

As we welcome December, I hope everyone has settled into the time change, had a chance to enjoy the beautiful northern lights dancing across our skies, and spent quality time with loved ones over Thanksgiving. We have so much to be grateful for here at Gackle-Streeter Public School!

With colder weather ahead, please help ensure students are dressed for outdoor recess. Elementary students go outside for both morning and noon recess — jackets, snow pants, boots, hats, and gloves are now essential. Shorts should stay at home until spring returns! Student athletes- be sure to have a jacket, hat, and gloves every day when traveling to and from your sporting events.

In the event of a late start or school closure, families will receive a text and phone notification, and updates will also be posted on our school website and social media pages. Fingers crossed for a mild winter — but we will be prepared either way!

Winter FastBridge Testing

During the week of December 2–5, students in grades K–12 will participate in FASTBridge Reading and Math assessments. These assessments help us track academic growth and ensure every student is receiving the support they need to succeed.

We kindly ask families to talk with their children about the importance of doing their best, taking their time, getting adequate sleep, eating a good nutritious breakfast, and approaching the test with confidence. The data gathered plays a key role in how we support learning through our MTSS framework, including strong Tier I core instruction, targeted Tier II interventions, and WIN time.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's learning journey — together, we make a difference!

Upcoming Music Concerts

Please join us in celebrating our talented students!

- **7–12 Winter Concert** — December 4th at 7:00 PM
- **K–6 Winter Concert** — December 9th at 6:30 PM

We are excited to showcase all the hard work our students and Mrs. Muller have put into their performances!

GSPS Community Service Project — Angel Tree

In the spirit of giving, our students will once again participate in the Angel Tree Project. Instead of exchanging gifts with classmates, each student is asked to donate **\$5.00**. Students in grades 3–12 will travel to Jamestown to work together on budgeting and selecting gifts for **15 individuals** off an angel tree. Grades k-2 will stay back and create cards. This project truly brings out the heart of Christmas-compassion, teamwork, and generosity.

Student Council Update

A big *thank you* to the generous donors who contributed to the Student Council's Canvas Wall Art project! We are excited to get these pieces ordered and proudly displayed throughout the school. Thank you again, your generosity is appreciated.

Semester Testing & Tiering Information

Grades will be pulled **December 5th** to determine tiers for finals.

Tier	Semester GPA	Grade per class period	Absences	Privilege
I	3.8	94% or higher	4 or less days 32 periods	Open Campus + 3 tests
II	3.5	88% or higher	5 or less days 40 periods	No Open Campus + 3 tests
III	3.0	87% or higher	more than 5 days 41 periods	No Open Campus + 3 tests+ test you are <86
IV	<2.9	86% or higher	more than 6 days 48 periods	No Open Campus + all tests

Students who fall into Tier II who meet 2 out of the 3 criteria from Tier I can request a meeting to discuss privileges with an appeals committee.

	December 17 th	December 18 th
1 st		Test
2 nd	Test	
3 rd		Test
4 th	Test	
5 th		Test
6 th	Test	
7 th		Test

- ✓ All students will be expected to prepare and participate in the study reviews prior to semester tests
- ✓ All students will take 3 tests. 1 of the 3 must be a core- Math, English, Science, or History
- ✓ Students will be expected to remain in the classroom for the 50-minute period
- ✓ Dual credit and CDE classes- students are required to complete finals according to the instructor's instructions. GSPS TIERING will not apply towards the privilege of opting out of finals, however, we will count these tests as part of the 3 required from GSPS.
- ✓ Students who earned the OPEN CAMPUS privilege are either off campus or required to be in the study room with the same expectations as all students.

A Message of Gratitude

I want to give a huge shout-out to our incredible staff for their dedication and passion for education. Over the past couple of weeks, I've had the privilege of visiting classrooms and holding individual conferences with all of our teachers. I've seen firsthand the growth, problem-solving, empathy, and joy that fill our school every day.

We sometimes forget to recognize how far we've come — but I see it, and I am incredibly proud. I would choose our school and students over and over again. Thank you to everyone who believes in and supports our mission at GSPS. I am so proud to be an Oriole. ❤️

Thank you for your ongoing support as we finish the semester strong. We're looking forward to a joyful holiday season here at GSPS filled with learning, kindness, and celebration.

Warm wishes to all — let's make it a wonderful December!

Proud to be an ORIOLE! ❤️ 🖤

~Mrs. Buckeye~

Greetings from the Superintendent's Desk

Wow, time really does fly! It's hard to believe we're already just a few weeks away from the holiday break and the end of the semester. Things have been going really well here at Gackle-Streeter, and that's thanks to our amazing students and staff. The positive energy around the school is contagious — our staff's enthusiasm spills over to the students, and it shows in everything they do. We're so lucky to have such great kids and caring adults who make this place feel like a true community. Visitors often comment on how respectful and welcoming our students are, which makes us all proud to be part of Gackle-Streeter School.

The teachers at Gackle-Streeter have been focusing on student data and implementing interventions to meet the needs of every student. Our school has transitioned from being a targeted Title I school to a schoolwide Title I program, allowing staff to better support all students across grade levels. In addition, recent changes to the Title I funding formula resulted in an increase in funding for Gackle-Streeter, which has made it possible to expand our intervention efforts. With this growth came the need for additional staff, and we're excited to share that **Kaitlyn Homola will be joining our team in January as a Title I teacher!** Kaitlyn will be a wonderful addition to our staff, and we're confident she will make a positive impact on our students and school community.

I was fortunate enough to be a part of the GS FFA trip to the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. 9 students traveled with Mr. Donegan and me. We were able to take in the convention and Expo while down there. On the trip home we visited the John Deere Pavilion in Moline and the John Deere Tractor and Engine Museum in Waterloo. We also made a stop at the truck museum that is located at the I80 World's Largest Truckstop near Walcott IA. What a great trip.

The winter sports seasons are upon us. Every new season brings enthusiasm and optimism. A lot of work from the athletes, coaches, and officials goes into each season. The next home basketball game will be Boy's Jv and Varsity game on December 15th. Come out and support our extracurricular programs!

We have been fortunate to enjoy a very mild fall. Unfortunately, I suspect that Ol' Man Winter is going to make an appearance sooner than later. Again this year, I will do my best to make a call regarding late starts by 6:30 am. **The School will be sending out a test call on December 2nd at 10:30 am.** Please contact the School at 701 485-3692 if you do not receive the test call. Once again, a friendly reminder to have a storm home for our son or daughter should the weather catch us at school and we not be able to run the afternoon bus routes.

I hope that the holiday season is a happy and joyful time for everybody in the Gackle-Streeter District!

Sincerely,
Supt. Mark Berg

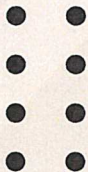


Gackle-Streeter



2025-2026

**STUDENT OF THE
FIRST QUARTER**



Grades preK-2



Aubrey Schlect

Gackle-Streeter



2025-2026

**STUDENT OF THE
FIRST QUARTER**



Grades 3-6



Brooklyn Graber

Gackle-Streeter



2025-2026

**STUDENT OF THE
FIRST QUARTER**



Grades 7-9



Maci Griffith

Gackle-Streeter



2025-2026

**STUDENT OF THE
FIRST QUARTER**



Grades 10-12



Karly Rivinius



Pre-K had a fun Halloween Party!! Thank you to Dakota Heritage Bank, Wright Insurance & Coteau Cottage!! The kids had a blast Trick or Treating!! ❤️ 😊

-Mrs. Baker & Pre-K Class





Kindergarten News

CKLA: We are reading about Farms and working on blending, segmenting, and initial sounds.

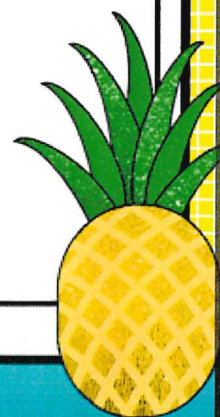
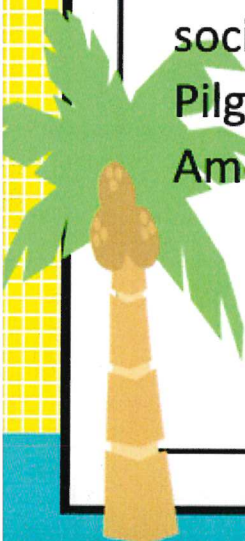
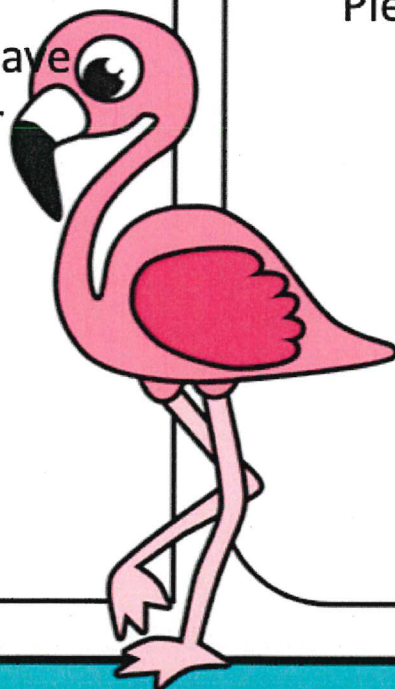
Math: We are working on position words and decomposing numbers.

Science: We are working on the seasons and storms.

Social Studies: We have been working on our social skills and Pilgrims and Native Americans.



Please keep practicing sight words!



Newsletter

October in
2nd grade

We made some
great memories
in October!

- Homecoming
- Leadership
Team Activity
- Fall Concert
- Run/Read &
Coffee with Kids
- Bingo @ the
Care Center
- Monthly books
from the
Auxiliary. THANK
YOU!!!
- Halloween



December THIRD GRADE

By: Ivan



For Halloween we dressed in costumes and had a parade. We trick-or-treated and played bingo and musical chairs.



We celebrated Princess's birthday by playing Simon Says and Red Light Green Light.

We were learning about birds in Amplify and we got to see our wingspan. I'm also excited to learn more math!



We made cards for Veteran's Day.



Miss Myra came and did art with us. We made a teepee full of symbols.



Exploring Layered Security with Creativity!

Our 8th graders have been diving into the concept of layered security, an essential principle in cybersecurity that uses multiple protective measures to safeguard systems. To make learning engaging and hands-on, students applied their knowledge in two creative ways:



Layered Ice Cream: Students built delicious multi-layered ice cream creations, each layer representing a different security measure. This tasty activity helped them visualize how multiple defenses work together to protect data.



3D House Models: They also designed and constructed 3D houses, incorporating security features like fences, locks, and alarms to represent physical and digital layers of protection. This project reinforced the idea that security is strongest when multiple layers work in harmony.

Through these activities, students not only learned the theory but also experienced how layered security applies in real-world scenarios. Their creativity and understanding truly shone through!

Liezl Ferreira

Smart Lab Spotlight: Bubbling Lava Lamp Science!



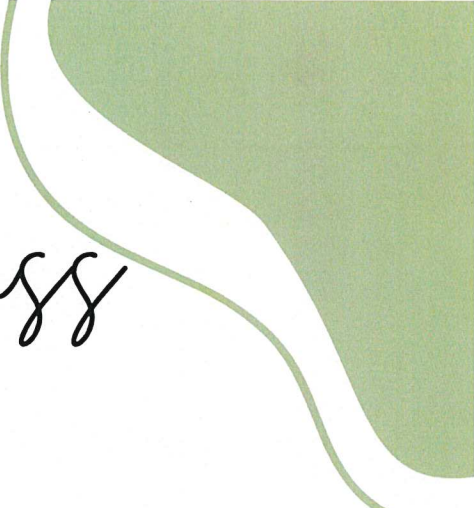
This week in Smart Lab, our students became hands-on chemists as they created their own lava lamps using simple household materials. With a clear jar, vegetable oil, water, and a few drops of food coloring, students constructed colorful mixtures that set the stage for an exciting reaction.



The real magic happened when they added an Alka-Seltzer tablet. Suddenly, bubbles burst to the surface, carrying vibrant blobs of color through the oil in a mesmerizing display. Laughter, excitement, and wide-eyed wonder filled the room as students watched their lamps come alive.

Through this fun experiment, students explored important scientific principles such as density, solubility, and chemical reactions—all while enjoying a dazzling visual show. It was a memorable activity that blended creativity with curiosity and reminded us how engaging science can be!

Liezl Ferreira



Sophomore Class Fundraiser

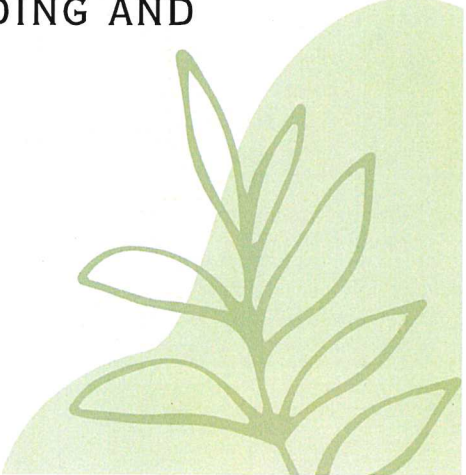
THE SOPHOMORE CLASS WILL NOT BE DOING THE
TRADITIONAL PLANT FUNDRAISER THIS YEAR. IF YOU
HAVE PURCHASED PLANTS FROM US BEFORE,
PLEASE BE AWARE THAT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO
RELY ON US FOR THEM THIS SEASON AND MAY NEED
TO BUY FROM ANOTHER SOURCE.



BEGINNING IN JANUARY, THE CLASS WILL BE
SELLING WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE BARS FOR \$2
EACH OR 3 FOR \$5 .



THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND
CONTINUED SUPPORT!



Speech Team News

The competitive speech season is right around the corner! Our meets start in January and end with Regionals here at GSPS on April 6 and State Speech on April 25th. All students in grades 7-12 can compete.

There are 14 categories to choose from such as Humorous Interpretation, Radio, Poetry, Inform, Persuade, and Humorous or Serious Duos. You do not need to memorize anything (except a short introduction) and you can practice on your own at home. The length of a piece is 7-8 minutes

If you are in other activities, you can still do speech. Meets are usually on Saturdays and spread out from January through March. It's ok if you have to miss one. If you would like to try it, talk to Ms. Trouba soon so we can start getting ready for competition!!



GSPS

What's the best thing about the month of December? Well, Christmas and everything that goes with it of course. That, of course, means Christmas concerts! The high school Christmas concert is on Thursday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. The elementary Christmas concert is Tuesday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m. The K-6 elementary students will also be presenting the Dicken's Christmas Carol in addition to the 5th & 6th grade band selections.

Reminder to both HS and Elementary parents, we are asking every family to bring some goodies to share again this year. For each concert we will have hot apple cider and hot chocolate available for everyone to enjoy along with the goodies. Also, don't forget the man in the red suit will be there for all the kids to come tell their wishes to at the elementary concert.

Other Christmas performances:

5/6th grade go to the Gackle Care Center on December 16th.

K/1/2nd go to the Gackle Bank on December 17th.

3/4th grade will be going to the Streeter Bank. Date and time TBD.

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COFFEE WITH KIDS

GSPS GYM

Friday, December 5th

9:00-9:30

PLEASE JOIN US





Mark your calendars! Archery will be starting before Christmas break this year. Our first practice will be on Tuesday December 16th right after school. We will be requiring 2 practices a week again this year, 1 morning and 1 after school. More details to come at the first practice. We are excited to be seeing you in a couple weeks!

Coaches

Bill Monson, Becky Rivinius, and Stacy Ruff



HAPPY WINTER



December

- 2nd -5th : FastBridge Assessments K-12
- 3rd : Late Start- school begins at 10:16
- 4th : 7-12 Music Concert 7:00
- 4th : Miss Myra will be here all day
- 5th : Coffee with Kids 9:00-9:30
- 8th : Jr. High Girls Basketball game here in Gackle at 4:30 vs. BCN
- 9th : K-6 Music Concert 6:30
- 11th : All School Assembly
- 15th : Boys JV/Varsity basketball game vs. BCN 5:30
- 17th /18th : Semester Tests- 7-12
- 19th : Early dismissal 12:30- End of Quarter 2

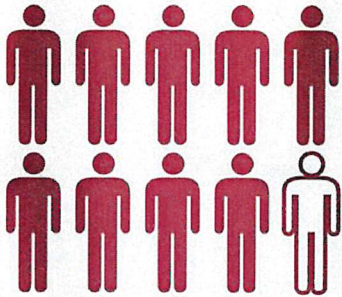
Winter Break begins on December 9th at 12:30

School will RESUME on January 5th

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HOLIDAY Fun Facts



9 OUT OF 10
Americans celebrate
Christmas.

HOW WILL AMERICANS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS?

 Attend a gathering
with extended
family or friends

86%



Give homemade
gifts (baked goods,
crafts, etc.)

58%



Buy gifts for
family or friends

86%



Attend a
religious service

54%



Put up a
Christmas tree

79%



Pretend Santa Claus
will visit home

31%



Send Christmas
or holiday cards

65%



Go caroling

16%

The U.S. Postal Service receives
MILLIONS
of letters to Santa each year.



More than
1.8 BILLION CANDY CANES
are made each year.

90% of those are sold between
Thanksgiving and Christmas.

American adults are
expected to spend an
average of

\$720

on Christmas gifts
.....▶ this year.

*Top items Americans are
planning to buy this year:*

<i>Clothing</i>	<i>79%</i>
<i>Gift Cards</i>	<i>65%</i>
<i>Toys</i>	<i>60%</i>
<i>Books</i>	<i>51%</i>

8-12 MILLION ARTIFICIAL TREES
are sold in the U.S. every year.

25-30 MILLION REAL TREES
are sold in the U.S. every year.



Estimated retail sales by the nation's department stores:

\$24.4 BILLION DOLLARS



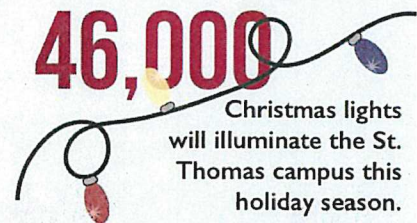
HOW DOES ST. THOMAS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS?



St. Thomas's
artificial tree
decorating the
student center is
34 FEET
tall.

46,000

Christmas lights
will illuminate the St.
Thomas campus this
holiday season.



December

2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Pancake, fruit Lunch Meatball Subs, Chips 1	Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Lunch Ring Sausage, Mashed Potatoes 2	Breakfast No Breakfast Lunch Calzones 3	Breakfast Omelet, Hashbrown Lunch Ham & Cheese sliders, Tator Tots 4	Breakfast Waffles, Yogurt Lunch Pizza 5
Breakfast French Toast Sticks Lunch Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Chips 8	Breakfast Breakfast Sandwich Lunch Chicken Alfredo, Breadsticks 9	Breakfast Tornados Lunch Ham, Cheesy Hashbrowns 10	Breakfast Donut, Fruit Lunch Hot Dog, Chili 11	Breakfast Bagel Lunch French Bread Pizza 12
Breakfast Breakfast burrito Lunch Hamburger Hotdish, Breadstick 15	Breakfast Pop Tart, fruit Lunch Super Nachos 16	Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Lunch Chicken Strips, Mashed potatoes 17	Breakfast Muffins, Yogurt Lunch Orange Chicken, Rice, Pineapple 18	Breakfast Cinnamon roll Lunch Sub Sandwiches, Chips 19
NO SCHOOL THROUGH THE 4 th OF JANUARY 22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		



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