



Galion Intermediate School  
October - November 2019  
<http://intermediate.galionschools.org/>

**G.I.S. Welcomes Students and Parents:**

*We hope this newsletter finds you well...* as I mentioned in my August Newsletter, every other month throughout the school year, I will be posting a newsletter on our website that should provide you with updates, important events, and activities that are going on in your child's school.

Once again, effective communication among the triad of teacher, student & parent/guardian is vital to the success of your child's school year. We encourage your involvement in your child's learning through monitoring schoolwork and assignments and by becoming involved in the Parent Teacher Organization. Please encourage your child to ask for help and to ask questions. We plan to keep you informed on various fronts, such as *Facebook*; district calls, *School Messenger*; *Remind*; District & Intermediate website, District calendar; student agendas; Canvas; Tiger Folder. Our mission is: "We believe in the service we provide our students and community, achieve more than we think is possible, resulting in success, nothing less for ALL". When you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office at 419.468.3676 extension 14000.

Respectfully,

*Alex Sharick*

Mr. Alex Sharick  
Intermediate Principal

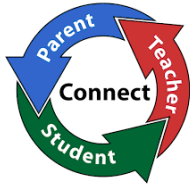
**Galion Intermediate Newsletters:**

Our newsletter will come out every other month throughout the upcoming school year. We will post our newsletter on the Intermediate website in August, October, December, February and April. Newsletters will no longer be distributed in paper form to students. If you do not have access to a computer and would still like to have a paper copy of the newsletter, you may get one from the office kiosk.

**Dates to Remember:**

October 18 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter  
October 22 & 23 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA test  
October 23 – Nov. 1 – Book Fair (Housed in the Primary)  
October 25 – Harvest Parties & Report Cards go home  
October 29 – Parent-Teacher Conferences (4-8 PM)  
October 31 – NO SCHOOL; Staff in-service then Parent-Teacher Conferences – beginning @ 12 noon  
November 1 – NO SCHOOL  
November 3 – Daylight savings time ENDS – turn clocks BACK 1 hr.  
November 11 – Veteran's Day  
November 15 – Picture Retakes  
November 22 – Progress Reports  
November 27-29 – Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:



Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 4 – 8 PM and Thursday, October 31 Noon – 7 PM, Galion Intermediate will be hosting P/T Conferences. Please remember, on Thursday, October 31 AND Friday, Nov. 1 there is NO SCHOOL as it is Staff In-service Day & P/T Conference Day. We look forward to seeing you to discuss your student's progress!

## School Picture Day:



The Galion Intermediate School RETAKE day for school pictures is Friday, November 15th. Students may wear alternate dress on Picture Day. Students should not be wearing sleeveless tops, torn jeans, or inappropriate slogans. No heels are permitted due to safety concerns on our playground. No unnatural hair coloring is acceptable. Prepay ONLY with cash, check, or money order or pre-order on-line (bring printed confirmation). Students who missed the 1<sup>st</sup> picture day will be photographed as well whether they are purchasing pictures or not. Pictures begin at 9 AM.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT:



It's Socktober!

Who: Galion Intermediate Students & Staff

What: Collecting NEW socks for those in need; Where: Classroom collection boxes

When: Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

In the last five years, we have donated over 4,000 pairs of brand new socks to our community!

Thank you for all the donations! Will you help us surpass 2,000 pairs this year for the Sixth Annual Socktober Event? On the following dates, students can wear jeans for a pair of socks donated as well as a shirt of choice for an additional pair of socks. October 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>. Students can wear a hat October 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, if they donate a pair of socks EACH day. Thank you for your help in our community Service Project.

## VETERAN'S DAY RECOGNIZED @ INTERMEDIATE ON:

Monday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>: Please wear the following to show your American Spirit...



3<sup>rd</sup> grade – wear a RED shirt

4<sup>th</sup> grade – wear a WHITE shirt

5<sup>th</sup> grade – wear a BLUE shirt

Moreover, Veterans are encouraged to come to lunch with their son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter or nephew/niece IN UNIFORM to receive a FREE school lunch compliments of the PTO. Students are encouraged to dress up like their dad/mom, grandpa/grandma or uncle/aunt in uniform as we are reminded of the mini-hero in each of our GIS students.

## Shot Record, Birth Records, Custody Paper, Proof of Residency, etc.:

New students and/or current students who have not provided immunization, birth records, custody papers, &/or proof of residency, please do so as soon as possible.

## **SPELLING BEE:**



The 1<sup>st</sup> round will be in November to determine the Top 3 spellers from each grade level. The top three spellers will take another test in December to determine the top 6 students who will represent Galion at the Crawford County Spelling Bee in January.

### **School Bus Riders:**

Questions concerning transportation, please call the Galion Transportation Department at 419-468-3432 extension 12006. If you have moved since you registered, you will need to update Final Forms, including the transportation form. Please be aware that bus changes take 2 or 3 days. You will get a phone call concerning start date and particulars of new bus arrangements.

### **Student Absence:**

State Law, under the Missing Children's Act, requires that you contact the school if your child will be absent. Please call us at 419-468-3676 extension 14003 or option 2 prior to 9:40 A.M. If your call goes to voicemail, please leave a message. *If you do not contact us, we are required to contact you at home.* In addition, a written note with an excused reason is required when the student returns to school. Attendance/truancy policies are explicitly followed at Galion City Schools. We strongly urge you to review attendance/truancy policies on the GIS web page.

### **Dispensing of Medications by School Personnel:**

If prescription medicine must be given during the school day, it may *ONLY* be administered by authorized school personnel and *ONLY* upon receipt of the proper form completed by the doctor and parent. These forms are available in the school office or on the school website. According to State Law, all medications must be locked in the office. Non-prescription medication is also kept locked in the office and medication will be administered *ONLY upon receipt of a completed form from the parent as to how the medication is to be administered.* Non-prescription and prescription medications need to be in the original container.

### **Obligations – School Fees:**

The instructional fee is \$25.00 this year. The technology usage premium, which cannot be waived is \$20.00. If you qualify for a waiver of the \$25 instructional fee, please be sure to complete the “Sharing of Information Permission” and submit it. Fees can be paid and lunch/breakfast funds replenished with cash or check at school or online via *PaySchools*.

### **Progress Reports, Grade Cards & Conferences:**

Students with D's and F's will be notified, so on-going communication can occur between student, teacher and parent.

### **Dress Code/3 R's (Respectful; Responsible; Ready) of G.I.S:**

A copy of the dress code as well as the 3 R's of the Intermediate's Positive Behavior Intervention System (i.e., PBIS) expectations are on the website. In order to ensure a safe learning environment, we are asking students and parents to become familiar with the dress code and the 3 R's. The 3 R's represent being respectful, responsible, and ready in all of the different settings your child will be in this school year.

If students violate the dress code, they will be removed from class and given an opportunity to change their clothes. Additional violations may require disciplinary action.

### **BUS DRIVER HIGHLIGHT:**

Every day of the week – rain, snow or shine, we are fortunate to have dedicated drivers who safely transport our students to school & because of their commitment to us, we want to say, “Thank You” & “We appreciate YOU”.

### **Services @ the Intermediate**

Licensed Social Worker Miss Kirstie Naumoff, extension 14005 will be here on Tuesday; Thursday; Fridays PM. We will share her services with the District. She will provide comprehensive school social work services to parent, students & school staff, addressing barriers that limit students from receiving full benefits from their educational experience. Moreover, she will respond to referrals from school administration, parents and teachers by providing direct services and by assisting families in accessing appropriate community resources. As well, we still will have the services of Community Counseling.

Refrigerator Page  
School Year 2019-2020  
Intermediate IMPORTANT Information!

Website: <http://www.galionschools.org/>  
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Telephone: 419.468.3676 – Automated attendant.

Listed below are the options available when responding to the automated attendant.

- #1 Intermediate School Office
- #2 Attendance/Dismissal change
- #3 School Social Worker
- #4 Transportation
- #5 Technology
- #6 Food Service
- #7 Find a Staff Member by Name
- #0 Operator

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November 22 – Progress Reports  
November 27-29 – Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL  
December 20 – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter  
December 23-31 Winter Break – NO SCHOOL  
January 1-3 – Winter Break continued – NO SCHOOL  
January 10 – Report Cards go home  
January 17 – Staff In-service – NO SCHOOL  
January 20 – MLK Day – NO SCHOOL  
February 7 – Progress reports go home  
February 17 – President’s Day – NO SCHOOL  
February 18 – Parent-Teacher Conferences  
March 6 – Intermediate Family Dance  
March 13 – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter  
March 12 & 13 – PBIS bowling  
March 20 – Spring Picture Day  
March 25 & 26 – ELA testing 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades  
April 6-10 – Spring Break – NO SCHOOL  
April 21 & 22 – Science testing 5<sup>th</sup> grade ONLY  
April 24 – Progress Reports  
April 28 & 29 – Math testing 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades  
May 15 – Intermediate Field Day  
May 26 – Student last day of school – FULL DAY - & End of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter  
May 31 – Class of 2020 Graduation

APPOINTMENTS/EARLY RELEASES FROM SCHOOL:

Please send a note with your child the morning the student needs to be released early from school or for an appointment during the school day. This note should be turned-in to the main office. The student will wait in the main office until you arrive and sign him/her out of the building. If it is an emergency that your child leaves early, please call ahead, so that we can get them excused from class and to the office in timely manner.

BUS PASS:

In order for your child to ride the bus home with another student a bus pass must be issued by the main office. Please send a note in the morning and have the student bring it to the main office. A note must be received from both students’ parents in order for a bus pass to be issued. Written permission is required. No phone calls home will be made for bus passes.

