



## **Two Schools – One Building - One Last Time 2020-2021**



November 19, 2020

Dear Steger and Givens Parents:

This week's newsletter is combined for Steger and Givens families. The conferences held this week went very well. The teachers appreciated the opportunity to share your child's progress and work together on plans for student learning. If you didn't have time to meet with your child's teacher, please reach out to them. They'll be glad to make an appointment with you.

Reminder: ***THERE IS NO SCHOOL THIS FRIDAY THE 20<sup>TH</sup>.***

***If you did not submit, through SIS, your selection for your child's program for the next semester*** (Virtual or Responsive), you can still do so by using the following email: [secondsemester@wgmail.org](mailto:secondsemester@wgmail.org) In the email state your child's name, school, grade and what you want them to do (whether responsive or virtual). The WGSD Central Office will make the change for you. If you do not make a selection, your child will be assigned to the Responsive program.

It has been great having some of the Steger students join us at school. They are doing a good job of learning all the expectations for safety while at school. It is an absolute must that masks stay on and the children follow the social distancing guidelines. This isn't easy, but they know these actions keep us all safe and healthy. I want to acknowledge all the teachers for the care and support they are providing the students. Our Givens students have been in the safety routines for several weeks now and they need little redirection or reminders. Way to go Givens!

Our drop-off and dismissal routines have greatly improved in just one week! Thank you for following the procedures to make this work for all our students and families. At dismissal, we have asked the students who are walking home to keep their masks on as they leave campus and try to stay socially distant. Once they leave our campus it's hard for us to guide them and your help in reminding your child of what your expectations are for their walk home would also help.

To facilitate our dismissals, **we will not release students to leave after 2:20PM**. If you have a child that needs to leave for an appointment please come and pick them up before 2:20PM.

We will continue to teach and learn the building blocks for anti-bias/anti-racism focusing on putting first things first and discussing similarities, differences, feelings for grades K-5; while 6<sup>th</sup> grade takes a look at the different sources of information.

### **SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS –**

- **11/24 – WGSD Day – Wear your ORANGE AND BLACK**
- 12/11 – Silly Sock Day
- 12/22 – Dress Up (DRESS IN YOUR FINEST) Day – STEGER
  - Pajama day – GIVENS

### **NEXT WEEK – THANKSGIVING BREAK – NOVEMBER 25-27**

As we wrap up November and enjoy a long Thanksgiving weekend next week, I want to thank both the Steger and Givens families for the support and partnership shared between school and home. It has been my pleasure to be working with this school community and I am grateful for this opportunity. Please stay safe and enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

Dr. Retzlaff

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# GIVENS ELEMENTARY



**WOULD YOU LIKE THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE  
ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD  
SCHOOL?**

**Come join us! Ms. Beecham, our new principal, will share more about Givens and the work we have been doing to prepare for this transition. A Q & A Session will follow.**

**Sign Up and add Questions here:  
<https://forms.gle/GYR167Kcc6qtzPUc9>**



**If your family will attend Givens next school year, please have your child(ren) participate in choosing our new mascot. Check out our blog for more information.  
<https://www.webster.k12.mo.us/Page/23561>**

**Virtual Meeting Times(Based on current school attendance)**



**Time:  
6:30-7:30pm**

**Givens -Nov 23rd  
Clark - Nov. 30th  
Bristol - Dec. 7th  
Hudson - Dec. 8th  
Avery -Dec. 14th  
Edgar Road - Dec. 21st**