



THE GMA GAZETTE

GEIST

MONTESSORI ACADEMY

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A bi-weekly newsletter from Geist Montessori Academy



Trunk or Treat

GMA will be sponsoring a trunk at the Town of McCordsville's

Trunk or Treat event on October 30 from 3-5pm in the parking lot of Outlook Church. We will be handing out information about the school along with Halloween treats. We would love to see our students come out and support the event.

We also need your help! We need bags of candy and non-treat items like stickers, pencils, erasers, mini toys, and other trinkets to hand out at the event. If you would like to donate, please send a bag of treats to school with your child **by Friday, October 28**. We are also looking for a few volunteers that would be willing to help at the event from 2-3:30pm and 3:30-5pm. Please let Ms. Ginger, our PK teacher, know if you are interested in helping with the event. Her email is gtrusner@gma.k12.us.in.

Upcoming Events



- 10/17-22 Scholastic Book Fair
- 10/19 Coffee Chat @ GMA, 8:45-9:30am in the Redbud Room
- 10/21 Q1 progress reports sent home
- 10/22 Fall Market at Geist Montessori, 11am-2pm
- 10/26 School Skating Party, 5:30-8pm at the Roller Cave
- 10/26 GMA Board of Directors meeting, 5:30pm in the Redbud Room
- 10/26 PTO meeting, 6pm in the Redbud Room
- 10/28 PTO's Monster Mash Family Dance, 6pm
- 10/30 Town of McCordsville's Trunk or Treat event, 3-5pm
- 11/4 Art to Remember orders due
- 11/23-25 Thanksgiving Break - no school
- 12/5-8 Winter NWEA assessments, K-8th grade
- 12/19-1/4 Winter Break - no school
- 1/5/23 Students return to school



Coffee Chat @ GMA

Join us for the second monthly Coffee Chat @ GMA right after carline on October 18. Come chat with Ms. Jen and Ms. Jamie and meet other families in our GMA school community! Donuts will be provided, but BYO coffee. [RSVP here!](#)



Fall Market at Geist Montessori

The second annual Fall Market at Geist Montessori is **this Saturday** from 11am-2pm! This is a much-loved community event filled with food trucks, local artisan vendors, and family fun for all. The Scholastic Book Fair will also be set up for families to shop together.

Girl Scout Troop Formation

Girl Scouts of Central Indiana are forming troops right now! Girl Scouts welcomes all girls in grades K-12. We are extending our call-out to the girls and their families at Geist Montessori Academy. If you are interested in joining, please contact Saania Turk, at sturk@girlscoutsindiana.org for more information!



We Need Substitute Teachers!

If you or someone you know would be willing to work as a substitute teacher for our school, please fill out [this form](#). Ms. Stephanie is working to build a list of people who are willing to be called upon to sub for our teachers when needed. If you have questions about subbing at GMA, please email Ms. Stephanie at sedwards@gma.k12.in.us. We will have a mandatory training for all of our new substitute teachers in November.

PTO Updates



Our PTO has been growing as more families get involved with our school and want to help create a strong school community for our students and staff. We are grateful for the partnership with our PTO and are excited about all of the things they are working on for our school this year!

We currently have a need for individuals to step up as leaders within our PTO. There is a need for someone to volunteer to serve as the President of our PTO this year and also someone to serve as Vice President. These are critical roles to the success of this organization this year. If you are at all willing to consider a leadership position, please reach out to Ms. Vicki, our PTO Secretary, at vkortz@gma.k12.in.us.

The first PTO event of the year is happening in October. They will host a Monster Mash Family Dance on the evening of October 28. This is a **family event**, not a drop-off event. All students must have an adult present at the dance with them in order to attend. Look for more information from PTO about this family event soon!

If you are looking for ways to get connected with your GMA school community, please be sure to attend the next PTO meeting on October 26.



Global Read Aloud at GMA

This summer, Ms. Jen and Ms. Jamie wrote a Donors Choose grant to support the purchase of the books each classroom would need in order for our entire school to participate in this year's Global Read Aloud. This grant has made it possible for all of our classrooms - from Pre-K through Middle School - to begin this engaging project this month.



The idea behind The Global Read Aloud is *one book to connect the world*. Teachers make online connections with other classrooms - all over the world - reading the same book. Then, students are able to discuss the book, send postcards, meet via video call, etc. with their partner classes throughout the time that their teachers are reading aloud the selected book. It's an amazing opportunity for everyone. Be sure to ask your child about their experiences with The Global Read Aloud this month!

Some of our classes were able to start the project before Fall Break, while others are waiting until after break to begin. Here are a few pictures from Ms. Vicki's kindergarten class and Ms. Morganne's middle school students beginning this special project.

