



# GMS Weekly Update

*December 18-21*

## Principal Points

I'm not thinking about the game! I'm not thinking about the game! Who am I kidding...Everyone is thinking about the game! I truly cannot wait to show up to AT&T Stadium with a sea of purple this Saturday! No matter the outcome, this State Championship game means so much to both of our communities of Port Neches & Groves! We are so proud for the many former Groves Middle School students who are representing the Indians in every organization and on the absolute biggest stage in extracurricular school events. All of you should be so proud of this accomplishment as well, due to the fact that many of your students dreams began with each one of you! Go Big Purple! Safe travels and see all of you at the game!

Everyday in our announcements you all hear the words Kindness, Acceptance & Respect! These are truly words in which we all should try to live by on a daily basis. Is it tough to be kind to those students who are always disrupting your class? The answer is Yes. Is it hard to accept a student's excuse for not giving their best effort? Once again, Yes. Should we show respect to a student who is continually disrespectful to others in the class? Yes!

As educators we see all aspects of our students lives from the outside first. This typically being in their appearance, language, manners, friends, etc. For many of us, what we see on the exterior may end up keeping us from exploring the interior of a student. Therefore, we often tend to make prejudgments of these students that make it extremely difficult for us to teach them. Better yet, we have already made up our minds of a student due to hearing from previous interactions with our colleagues. We now have prejudged a student before they have even stepped foot in our classroom. Has anyone other than myself been guilty of doing such a thing?

Prejudgments are exactly what it states, opinions of someone or something before knowing all of the facts. It causes us to put up a guard with these students; therefore, it often causes us to miss out on exploring their most vital gifts, which is their mind, heart and spirit. If we want our students to model **Kindness**, **Acceptance** and **Respect** in return, then it must begin with each of us, every single day!

By being kind, our students will know that you care!

By choosing to accept, our students will begin to believe!  
By giving respect, our students will begin to give you their best!

As we move into the new year, I want to challenge everyone to promote Kindness, Acceptance & Respect in regards to all stake holders at GMS.

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"There is nothing better than being a Brave!"

## **This Week's Events**

Monday, December 18th

- Lady Braves Basketball @ Mauriceville
- Braves Basketball vs Mauriceville

Tuesday, December 19th

Wednesday, December 20th

Thursday, December 21st

- Early Release
- End of the 3rd 6weeks
- Student Fun Day

Friday, December 22nd - January 7th

- Christmas Break!!!
- Groves Christmas Party @ Avenue Axe will be on Jan. 7, 2024. (6:30 pm- 9:30 pm)

## **Things To Remember**

- January Flex Day Forms Due by December 15th.
- Lesson Plans due by 7:45 a.m. Monday morning.
- All classroom doors are to remain locked at all times.
- Grades need to be entered weekly.
- Remember to be at your assigned duty station.
- Tutorials begin everyday at 7:45 a.m.
- Promote Kindness, Acceptance & Respect to all at GMS!
- There is nothing better than being a Brave!

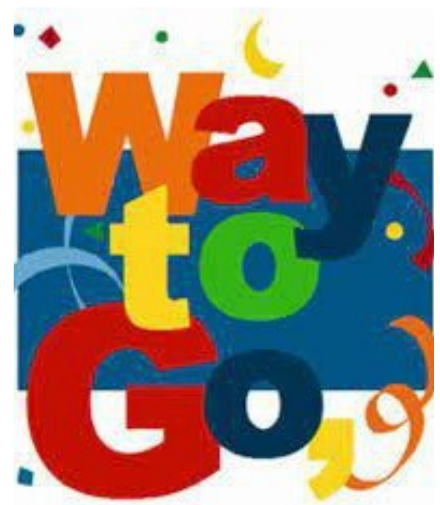
## **Faculty Shoutout**

### ***Dan Pham***

Dan is such a great role model for all of our students at GMS! She is consistent, follows protocol, is prompt and works diligently to make sure that all of her students are prepared academically for the future. Furthermore, she's willing to do whatever she needs to do to help her coworkers and does so with a smile and positive attitude. Speaking of positivity, how could I not mention the most positive thing that she brings to GMS....Her need for having FUN! It was a true shock to find out that she is the one behind all of those crazy and exciting dress up days in the 6th grade hall. I'm not lying when I tell you all how much trouble I was in with my youngest son, due to not making his transformer costume as cool as Mrs. Pham's! Lol.



Dan, in all seriousness, we are so appreciative of all the fun and excitement that you bring to the students and staff of GMS! You remind us all on a daily basis in what teaching is truly about: loving what we do, loving why we do it and loving who we serve! Thank you!



12/18 - Debra Sangster  
12/20 - Whitney Broussard  
12/30 - Laura Pontiff



**Brett McPhatter**

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