

GEMS Parent Group Meeting

On Tuesday evening, September 28th at 7:00pm, we will host our first parent group meeting for GEMS. We will meet for about 30 - 45 minutes in the Science classroom (first right through the main GEMS entrance). This is a change from what has been previously published.

The Parent Group will serve the school in many ways including raising money, providing support at community presentation nights and providing support for extra-curricular functions.

If you are unable to meet with us at this time, please e-mail Mr. Kutnow to express your interest at kutnow.1@gemsschool.org. We look forward to your involvement!

HOMEWORK

One of the primary ways to assess student progress is through completed work. This includes homework, quizzes, tests, group projects, ISN notebooks, presentations and fieldwork assignments.

This does not mean that students will have homework every night. However, please feel free to stay in touch with teachers if you are unsure about any of the assignments or the work in which we are having every student engage. We are excited about all that your student will be learning and how we will be able to connect it to the learning they are doing in all of their classes.



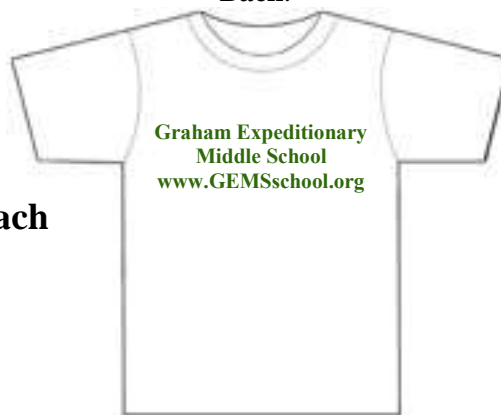
T-SHIRT SALE

GEMS t-shirts are for sale! Some of you have already paid for one! Some of you owe money because you signed up for one. Some of you might want to still place an order! Call us to let us know if you want to place or add to an order.

Front:



Back:



\$10 each



COME WITH US: WE NEED CHAPERONES!!!

GEMS is planning 2 fieldwork experiences in October and we need parents to join us! The first trip will take place on October 4th. We will need chaperones from 9:00am - 3:30pm. The other trip is Tuesday, October 12th. We will need chaperones on this trip from 9:00am - 5:30pm. Please call the office and let us know if you are able to join us ASAP! For more information, please see page 2 for more descriptions of these trips. These are exciting learning experiences and you too will be glad you came!



Upcoming Dates

September 24-25

Professional Development Days:
NO SCHOOL!

October 4

Fieldwork to The Hanby House, The Kettle House, and Southwick Funeral Home (all stops on the Underground Railroad)

October 12

Fieldwork to the The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, OH)

October 13

Enrollment Information Session

October 15

Capital Day:
NO SCHOOL!

October 28-29

Professional Development Days:
NO SCHOOL!

November 3

Enrollment Information Session

November 19

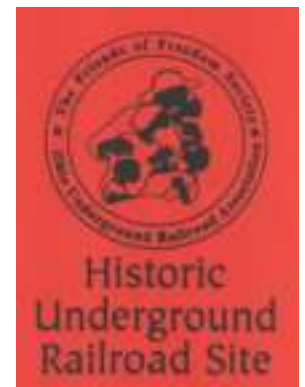
Community Presentation Night

November 22-23

Student-Led Conferences

December 1

Enrollment Information Session



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT THE BRETNELL REC. CENTER

Many programs are available to students at the Brentnell Recreation Center (just next door to GEMS). From homework help to sports and art, Brentnell Recreation has something for everyone. Visit the center soon. The new fall program started Tuesday, September 14 and there is still time to sign up.

HOMEWORK HELP

Tuesdays - Fridays, 3:30pm - 5:30pm

FLAG FOOTBALL

Games are on Saturdays - the cost is \$5.

Ages 9-11: Practices on Tuesdays from 5:30 - 6:30

Ages 12-14: Practices on Thursdays from 5:30 - 6:30



SOCCER

Games are on Saturdays - the cost is \$5.

Ages 10-12: Practices on Wednesdays from 5:30 - 6:30

GYMNASTICS

Fridays from 4:00pm - 5:00pm - No fee!

For all ages



ART CLASSES

Tuesday - Friday from 4:00pm - 5:30pm - No fee!

Any age.

For more information, contact the Brentnell Community Center:

1280 Brentell Ave
Colmbus, OH 43219
614.645.7640

<http://parks.columbus.gov/Facility.aspx?id=26060>

Online registration available

A complete fall schedule of activities is also available online

MAP ASSESSMENTS

Each fall and spring, we have our students take the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments. MAP assessments have been administered to all students this past week and will be administered again in May. These assessments are nationally normed; giving us a picture of where our students are in comparison to their peers nationally; helping us measure how much our students learn in the course of a year; and providing specific learning targets to guide teachers in their teaching. As we evaluate all of the scores across subject matter, we will continue to communicate with parents.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

GEMS is enrolling 6th, 7th and 8th grade students, as spaces are available. Parents are important advocates for our school. We know that many prospective students and families attend Enrollment Information Sessions because they are referred by trusted friends and colleagues. Please help us get the word out to the communities where you live and work and let them know that GEMS is a new choice for middle school students in Central Ohio.

- Wednesday October 13th 6PM at GEMS - 1270 Brentnell Avenue
- Wednesday November 3rd 6PM at GEMS - 1270 Brentnell Avenue
- Wednesday December 1st 6PM at GEMS - 1270 Brentnell Avenue