



Georgetown Middle School ~ "Home of the Tigers"
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Welcome back to another exciting year at Georgetown Middle School. I am very proud to serve as the principal and work with an amazing team of educators and students. We have had a busy couple of weeks since the first day and I wanted to take a moment and recap some of these events.

- Tiger's Day was held on Friday, August 16. Sixth grade students were able to come to GMS and load their lockers, practice their locker combinations, and walk their schedule. They also received a special gift to welcome them to GMS.
- Students first day was Monday, August 19 and we started with perfect attendance! This was a great start to the year, but we have already seen an increase in absences and tardies. "Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behavior and have a better chance of graduating from high school." absencesaddup.org
- We kicked off the Fall Fundraiser and have been monitoring sales for the past week by awarding beads for those that show they have sold an item. Our last day to win beads is on Friday, August 30. All materials for the fundraiser (order forms and money) will be turned in to the office on Wednesday, September 4.
- Open House was held on Thursday, August 22 and there was a great turn out.
- We have adopted Class Dojo as our primary communication and point sharing tool at GMS. Both Elementary schools in the district already use this program and have been very successful. We are hoping for the same success with our implementation.

During Open House I spoke on the importance of partnering with home to increase communication and collaboration. We want parents to be involved in their child's education and see the amazing work that is being done in the classroom. Class Dojo will allow teachers to share their class stories, students to share their work portfolios, and lines of communication to be opened using a single media source. We look forward to partnering with the families of this community.

A few final notes:

- We will also have a "Dine-In" night at Texas Roadhouse on Oct 10. 10% of your ticket will benefit our school if you show your server the flyer or a screenshot of the flyer that will be shared closer to the event date.
- As a reminder, please do not drop off or pick up your child behind Georgetown. This includes those who may also have a child at Rogers. This is a high traffic area for students and we try to limit the amount of vehicles in that area. Please refer to the RES handbook for proper RES drop off procedures. GMS students can be dropped off and/or picked up in the front parking lot in the designated areas.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Mr. Thomas Brown
Principal