



Bulldog Bulletin



Title I School

August – September 2017

Bulldog Time - Wonder

Bulldog Time Committee

Each day at Georgetown Middle School begins with homeroom or as we like to call it Bulldog Time. This time is used to reinforce our school motto, review school rules and procedures, and teach character education.

Beginning mid-September, students will participate in a novel study of the book *Wonder*. *Wonder* is a young adult novel that tells the story of Auggie, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face. The book describes Auggie's journey with facial difference as he transitions from homeschool to public school. We hope our study of *Wonder* will inspire GMS students to want to DO SOMETHING to make a difference in the world! #choosekind

Anti Bullying Assemblies with Keith Deltano

www.DontBullyOnline.com

Keith Deltano, one of the nation's most requested anti bullying speakers will be at GMS on September 28 and 29. He will hold a parent assembly on the 28th at 6:00pm in the GMS auditorium. Admission is free and all parents are encouraged to attend.

Deltano has performed anti bullying assemblies for middle schools throughout the nation. He uses serious comedy to engage students, teachers, and parents during his school events. Deltano addresses cyberbullying, physical bullying, racism, exclusion, verbal bullying, gossip, and the mean girl phenomenon. GMS is excited about Mr. Deltano's visit. This is definitely something that you don't want to miss! Check out his website for additional information.

No Child Left Behind

"Parents Right to Know" Information

Georgetown Middle School will provide parents the following information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher(s):

- Licensing Credentials and "Highly Qualified" Status
- The Baccalaureate Degree Major(s) and Graduate Certification held by the teacher
- If applicable, the "Highly Qualified" Status of Paraprofessional(s) in your child's classroom.

If you desire to obtain this information, please contact Seth Hillman, GMS principal.

Let Learning Begin

By Seth C. Hillman
Principal

Welcome Back! We are off to a fast paced and exciting start here at Georgetown Middle School. This year is going to be filled with learning, laughter, and some great activities. This year we also plan to refine and improve upon our motto of being respectful, responsible, courteous, kind, and helpful. We hope you will help us reinforce these powerful adjectives when your children are home and in the neighborhood. If we continue to all work together as the bulldog family, our children will become lightning rods for success.

Just a few reminders:

1. Please turn in all forms.
2. Sign up to be a part of our PTO.
3. Open House September 21st
4. First B-Team Football Game September 6th.

Lastly, as the year progresses and if you have the opportunity please stop here at Georgetown Middle School so we can get to know you. We are always looking for volunteers to help our students and staff.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28	29	30	31	Sept 1
			College Spirit Day	GMS Spirit Day
4	5	6	7	8
Labor Day No School				
11	12	13	14	15
			Book Fair Begins	Picture Day 
18	19	20	21	22
			Interims GMS Open House 4-6	
25	26	27	28	29
			Anti Bullying Assembly 6:00	

The mission of Georgetown Middle School is to provide students with opportunities to become successful and responsible citizens in an ever changing society.

**Georgetown Middle School
Title I Parent Involvement Policy**

I. To develop the Parental Involvement Policy, Georgetown Middle will:

- a. Conduct an annual fall meeting to inform parents of the school's Title I participation and to discuss the Title I program.
- b. Distribute the policy by way of students and school website.
- c. Conduct an annual spring Title I meeting with parents to update the policy to meet the changing needs of parents, community, and school.
- d. Hold meetings with our Title I committee to stay abreast with school, parents, and community needs.

II. To build strong parent/community involvement, Georgetown Middle will:

- a. Involve parents in the ongoing planning, review, and improvement of the parental involvement program.
- b. Implement parent/community nights/meetings—Title I Planning Meetings, Curriculum Nights, Open House, PTO, variety of workshops, volunteer opportunities, and parent conferences.
- c. Sign a Title I Parent-Student-Teacher compact to promise to work together to improve teaching and learning.
- d. Provide a Suggestion Box both in the guidance office and online & respond in a timely fashion (within the grading period) to suggestions through:
 - i. School website, telephone calls, emails, personal notes, flyers, etc.
 - e. Monthly issues of *Middle Years: Working Together for School Success*
 - f. *The Bulldog Bulletin*, newsletter produced by GMS administration
- g. Involve parents/community in School Improvement, Career Day, Job Shadowing, field trips, business partners, etc.

III. To share responsibility for high expectations for students, Georgetown Middle will:

- a. Explain the curriculum, standards, classroom /homework expectations, and assessments through:
 - i. PTO/Open House, family nights, grade level meetings.
 - ii. Georgetown County Student Handbook.
 - iii. Parent-Student-Teacher Compact.
 - iv. Newsletters, district/school websites, teacher web pages, emails, etc
- b. Provide on-going reports of student performance through progress reports, interims, report cards, Parent Portal, and teacher's web page on the school website, parent-teacher conferences, emails, etc.
- c. Provide parents with strategies to help with class work/homework/parenting.

IV. The school will continue to communicate with home and community.

- a. Communication is provided on an ongoing basis through:
 - i. Parent-teacher conferences, phone call, notes, newsletters.
 - ii. Report cards, interims, and progress reports.
 - iii. Open house, workshops, PTO, Title I meetings.
 - iv. Placing our Title I and Parenting Policy in prominent areas in the community (local library, business, etc).
 - v. District/school websites and teacher web pages.
 - vi. Parent Portal and School Messenger.
- b. Parents and community will continue to serve on the Title I committee, PTO board, and School Improvement Council.

Parent Comments

If you would like to make a request to change any part of the GMS Title I Parent Involvement Policy, please submit the suggestion to the guidance department or submit through the online Suggestion Box at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XNYKDBH> .