

# George Read Middle School Newsletter

Newsletter  
Fall 2018

Principal Nick Wolfe

Administrators: Michelle Jones, Mike Rees, Katy Corey



**George Read Middle School**

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## Main Office Staff

Mr. Wolfe, Principal

Ms. Johnson, Secretary



## 6th Grade Office Staff

323-2760

Ms. K. Corey, Administrator

Mrs. K. Carlson, Guidance

## 7th Grade Office Staff

323-2770

Ms. M. Jones, Administrator

Ms. K. Carlson/ Mr. N. Fortuna Guidance

## 8th Grade Office Staff

323-2765

Ms. M. Rees, Administrator

Mr. N. Fortuna, Guidance

Mrs. E. Alexander, Secretary

## Other George Read #'s

Mrs. J. Adams, School Nurse

323-2766

Ms. A. Segeda, SEC. 323-2760

Ms. D. Stockton, Mental Health  
Therapist 323-2760

Cafeteria, 323-2776

**School Hours** 7:15- Doors open  
7:15-7:39- Homeroom/Breakfast  
7:39- Academic Day Begins  
2:18- Dismissal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer with friends and family. For those that don't know me, my name is Nick Wolfe and I am so excited about being the new principal here at George Read MS. It is such a privilege to be able to have the opportunity to move from an assistant principal to principal of the same school. I look forward to meeting the new 6<sup>th</sup> grade families and those new to George Read.

I am committed to continue to develop strong positive relationships between the staff and students at George Read MS. We have introduced Responsive Classroom in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade this year. This is a nationally recognized program designed to build a sense of solid school community by creating safe, joyful, and engaging classrooms. The program has a strong emphasis on helping students develop their academic, social, and emotional skills. All sixth graders will participate in an Advisory Meeting each morning to reach these goals.

Our seventh and eight grade students will participate in the Second Step Program. This is a web-based program rooted in social-emotional learning that will help transform our school into a more supportive and encouraging learning environment to help our students thrive. I believe these two programs will help foster a sense of safety and respect amongst the students at George Read.

This year all of our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will have one-to-one technology. What this means is that every student will have their own assigned chrome-book, which they will be responsible for during the school day. These devices should be distributed around the second week of school.

I look forward to an exciting and wonderful school year! Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

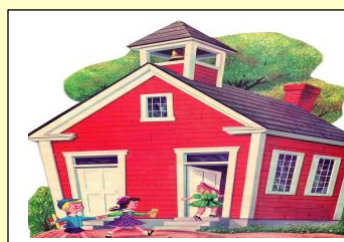
Sincerely... Nick Wolfe

## Introducing Our Newest Staff Members



Mike Rees- Assistant Principal  
Katy Corey -Student Advisor  
Stephanie Pampena-6/7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math  
Fatina Nare-6<sup>th</sup> Grade English  
Codi Ziolkowksi-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math  
Rachel Narcho-7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies  
Connor Bragg- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science  
Erica Schaffer-7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math  
Ronald Shaw-8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA  
Amy Rapp- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math  
Jack Walls- 7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math  
Bruce Hamm- Integration A Para  
Ingrid Carr- School Psychologist  
Jessica Murtha- Speech

Once again, breakfast and lunch will be provided to GRMS at no cost. However, if your child wants a double meal or snacks it will have to be purchased.



## Open House

September 12<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM



## Important Dates

8/27-First Day of School

8/31 & 9/3- Schools Closed – Labor Day

9/6- Staff Development  
No School

9/11-Board Meeting @ GRMS  
7:00PM

9/12- Open House 6:30/  
Title 1 Night 6:00PM

9/25- Picture Day

10/4- Skating Party at Christiana  
Skating Rink 6:30

10/5- Staff Development  
No School

10/9- Board Meeting @ GBMS  
7:00 PM

10/27- Parade and WPHS  
Homecoming

11/2- End of 1st Marking Period

11/5- Staff Development  
No School

11/6-Election Day-  
School Closed

11/7- Picture Retakes

11/12-No School-Veterans 'Day

11/13- Board Meeting @ McCull  
7:00PM

11/16-Report Cards Mailed

11/19 & 20-Parent Conferences-  
No School

11/21 - 11/23-No School  
Thanksgiving

### Important Websites:

[georgeread.colonial.k12.de.us](http://georgeread.colonial.k12.de.us)

[www.colonial.k12.de.us](http://www.colonial.k12.de.us)

<https://hac.doe.k12.de.us>

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## Technology Rules

(including **cell phones**, IPAD's, notebooks, etc)

**It will either be a RED Zone or a GREEN Zone for technology use (which includes cell phones.) Your teacher decides. The hallways and cafeteria are RED Zones for everyone.**

You are currently in a **RED ZONE!!**



All technology must be away or it will be GONE!!

You are currently in a **GREEN ZONE!!**



FOR ACCEPTABLE TECHNOLOGY USE ONLY

### Red Zone:

- ✓ Technology put away-not visible
- ✓ No visible ear buds
- ✓ No charging of equipment
- ✓ Every class period starts as a red zone

### Green Zone:

- ✓ Verbal permission from teacher to use technology
- ✓ Teacher has the authority to move from green to red zone at his/her discretion
- ✓ No arguing about moving from green to red zone and it is done quickly

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Question:** Will I get a locker in my homeroom?

**Answer:** Yes, but you will get to use it only during homeroom and the end of the day.

**Question:** How will I carry all my stuff?

**Answer:** You can carry a slim book bag with your belongings in it. No rolling back packs!

**Question:** Should I use a lock on my locker?

**Answer:** Yes! A combination lock is best. Your teacher will keep a copy of the combination in case you forget the numbers. You should also bring a lock on PE days as well.

**Question:** What supplies will I need this year?

**Answer:** Your teachers will go over all of the supplies during the first few days of school.

**Question:** Who can participate in sports at GR?

**Answer:** Everyone who has a **DIAA** physical on file with the nurse, has a 1.75 GPA, and attends the interest meeting for the sport. Some sports will have try-outs depending on the number of students who show interest in playing. Remember you can only try out if you meet the criteria above!

**Question:** Where do I find a DIAA physical form?

**Answer:** You can pick one up in the main office or print it from the website.



Did you know?

To view information about your child's teacher, you can go to the DEEDS website at [http://deeds.doe.k12.de.us/public/deeds\\_pc\\_findeducator.aspx](http://deeds.doe.k12.de.us/public/deeds_pc_findeducator.aspx)

Once you reach this website, type in the name of your child's teacher. This site lists the teacher's license and certificate (s), degree (s) with major and minor, teaching position and teacher quality status.

Security... The school doors will be locked during school hours from 7:50 am – 2:20pm. When coming to the school, you will need to be buzzed into the building by using the button located on the right wall of the main entrance. Enter using the door with the yellow sign. Once you enter the building, turn right to report to the main office to sign in.



### Important

If you use a homeroom or PE locker, it is suggested you use a lock to keep belongings secure.



If you have a new cell phone number, work number, or new emergency contact person, let the main office know. We need to keep your contact information updated. If there is an emergency at school we need to be able to immediately contact someone. Thank you for your understanding.

### Student Pick-Up and Drop-Off



**For the safety of all students we ask you follow the guidelines below:**

- ❖ When picking up a student for early dismissal, please do so before 2:00.
- ❖ Use the area in front of the building on Basin Rd. Do not use the bus court on the side of the building.
- ❖ When dropping off a student in the morning please disembark quickly and leave. Cars get backed up on Basin Rd. causing a safety hazard.
- ❖ Please wait in the parking spots. Do not park along the curb if you are not able to disembark quickly.
- ❖ Students dropped off or picked up across the street must cross with the crossing guard.

### Get Involved!

There are many opportunities to get involved in sports, activities, and clubs at GRMS!

Fall Sports- Boys and Girls Soccer & Field Hockey  
Winter Sports- Boys and Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, & Wrestling  
Spring Sports- Baseball, Softball, Boys and Girls Track

We also offer Band, Chorus, Student Council, Yearbook, Math 24, Wyld Life, Culinary Club, Dance Elites, Men of Valor, D.A.M.E. FFA, Best Buddies, and Science Olympiad



### News From Our School Nurse

- Please let Ms. Adams know if your child has any food allergies or medical conditions
- In the next several days you will see an emergency card coming home with your child. Please complete the form and include updated phone numbers and contact information. We need to be able to contact someone in case of an emergency.
- The nurse will dispense all medications to be taken by students during the school day. Medication and directions for its administration must be taken to the nurse's office at the beginning of the school day. All medications must be in its original container, marked with the student's name.

