

# **Gopher Communication**

**Tennille Banner, Superintendent**

**December 2023**

## **Winter Weather Reminders**

Winter weather is officially here as we experienced our first snowfall just a few days ago. If school is released early or cancelled due to inclement weather, a text message and phone call will be sent. We will also post on our social media page and contact local tv and radio stations.

In the case of school cancellation, our goal is to make a decision by 6:00 am or possibly the night before if appropriate. In the case of an early-release we try to announce at least one and a half hours before the dismissal to allow families to be notified and arrangements made.

Attempting to guess what the weather will do is challenging. With a district the size of ours, it is possible to have areas heavily impacted, while others have little to no adverse weather. All of this information is taken into consideration when making decisions regarding the school day. Jim Thomas and I communicate with each other, as well as the superintendents and transportation directors from surrounding school districts, to gather as much information as possible in order to make the safest decision for our students.

## **Student Activities**

At Green City R-1 we are able to offer a large variety of activities for our high school students that expand beyond the regular school day. Over 95% of our student participate in some type of extra-curricular activity.

Research shows that students participating in extra-curricular activities have increased attendance and higher academic aspirations. These students also develop social skills, have higher self-esteem and show lower levels of risky behaviors.

Along with our sports programs and music programs, Green City R-1 also offer activities such as art club and chess club. A complete list of student activities can be found on the school website under the high school tab. If you know of a student who might enjoy one of these activities, encourage them to participate. It is good for them!

## **Board of Education Meetings**

Board of Education meetings are scheduled to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. This date is sometimes changed to accommodate student activities in which the administration or board members will be attending.

Minutes from the public session of each monthly meeting can be found on the school website under the "District Tab." Accessing the board minutes is a great way to stay informed on the things happening within the school district.

Individuals wishing to run for a position on the Board of Education can file to have their name on the ballot during regular business hours from Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023 through Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023.

