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School District of Gilmanton Newsletter

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## Principal's Page

We have reached the middle of the winter and again it is hard to believe that we are halfway through another school year. Soon students will be looking forward to signs of spring weather and we will also begin preparing for the upcoming state mandated assessments.

Back to the subject of winter. Occasionally I hear comments, “*why didn't you cancel school today?*” or the opposite - “*the last storm wasn't even that bad and school was canceled.*” I thought I would write about winter weather, school delays and closings, and information we gather during this decision-making process. We all know dealing with Mother Nature isn't an exact science, from our experiences planning outside activities or trying to harvest a farm crop. Prior to these activities we look at the weather forecast, set our plans and then sometimes later end up thinking, “*boy was that meteorologist wrong*”.

If it starts snowing during the school day, I usually have a *large handful of students* 😊 eager to relay information to me about a neighboring school dismissing early. Gilmanton is surrounded by four school districts and many times we do not all make the same weather decision. Sometimes the storm is more north or south. Some schools have policies not to run partial days. Others may have a large number of families living on the bluffs. Schools with a contracted bus company may not be able to dismiss early because they might not have all their employees available for a midday bus route due to other contractual commitments. All these varied situations can impact all schools differently. Planning for predicted weather events like sub-zero temps, snowstorms, or freezing rain is tricky. The desired outcome is to make the best decision we can with the information at hand.

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## Principal's Page (*Continued*)

At Gilmanton, our choices are to have a normal school day, schedule a delayed start (or early release if applicable), or to cancel the school day altogether. On weather event days, by 5:30 am there is conversation between the school and snow plow drivers from the Town of Dover and Buffalo County. They give us an update on road conditions and let us know if they will have the roads plowed in time for bus routes. We digest this information, along with local weather forecasts. Another factor we consider is the arrival time of the storm and its predicted duration. Since each storm is unique, so is each situation.

We may run normal bus times if we feel we can get the students to school before the storm's intensity increases and it's duration isn't expected to be all day. When a storm starts earlier than predicted, we may dismiss later in the day than you would expect if the town and county plows still need to get that salt spread, or have not cleared the secondary roads yet.

*The two hour delay.* You may see we have a two hour delay and might wonder why, because the weather seems pretty good. The two hour delay allows time for snow cleanup on the secondary roads, driveways, and around the school buildings. On the flip side, you might see a two hour delay and wonder why we haven't cancelled. The delay also allows time to see how bad the storm is going to be. Often, if conditions deteriorate, a two hour delay is followed by a cancellation.

A majority of the time, Gilmanton's school delays and cancellations are not scheduled the previous night. With uncertain overnight weather patterns, mornings give better up-to-date information on the current weather and road conditions.

Don't we all love those sub-zero temps? Occasional dips in the mercury satisfy the ice fishers waiting to get their ice shanties on the lake. But for the rest of us, not so much. With regards to school cancellations, forethought is made as to the air temperature and wind chill. As a general rule, if the "real feel" gets down to the -30° range, the decision to cancel school will be weighed.

-Mr. Rud

## School District of Gilmanton

Superintendent:	Glen Denk
PK-12 Principal:	Kory Rud
Guidance Counselor:	Kayla Hostetter
Athletic Director:	Todd Pozarski
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# ATTENDANCE

For All Attendance Notifications Call 715-946-3158

## Select Option 4

Please also indicate the reason for your child's absence  
(illness, appointment, etc.)

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# OFFICE

This extension should only be used if you need  
to speak to someone in person. Call 715-946-3158

## Select Option 2

Please do not use this option for attendance calls.

*(List of extensions on back page)*

## STAFF PHONE EXTENSIONS

- 116 Amy Burchard (Kitchen)
- 112 Ann Steiner (District Office)
- 140 April Falkner (Grade 4K)
- 111 Becky Hallock (District Office)
- 119 Blake Seitz (Music)
- 134 Chestnut Consulting (IT Support)
- 115 Connie Hovey (Custodian)
- 137 Cory Stoutner (Resource Teacher)
- 118 Courtney Shirer (Math)
- 110 Diane Lisowski (District Office)
- 120 Elaine Rud (Nurse)
- 133 Glen Denk (District Administrator)
- 115 Jamey Davis (Maintenance & Bus Supervisor)
- 127 Jay Hebert (Social Studies)
- 142 Jeanette Thompson (Grades 1-2)
- 128 Jennifer Paulson (English)
- 143 Jodi Brantner (Grades 2-3)
- 135 Judy Winsand (Library)
- 124 Julie Kacures (Business Ed)
- 145 Kerri Johnson (Custodian)
- 141 Kim Becker (Grade K)
- 122 Kory Rud (Principal)
- 130 Linda Seitz (Middle School Teacher)
- 125 Linda Zahn (Art)
- 132 Marissa Fechhelm (School Counselor)
- 144 Michelle Hovey (Grades 3-4)
- 123 Penny Stephens (Science)
- 158 Shyre Mann (Psychologist)
- 116 Sue Lay (Kitchen)
- 129 Todd Lasher (Middle School Teacher)
- 117 Todd Pozarski (Phy Ed/ Athletic Director)

The following television and radio stations will be notified when there is a school closing announcement to be made.

Late starts mean there will be no 4K classes or breakfast served.

Weather-related early dismissals or closings mean there will be no after school activities unless noted.

TV		
WKBT	CHANNEL 8	CBS
WLAX/WEUX	CHANNELS 25/48	FOX
WEAU	CHANNEL 13	NBC
WQOW	CHANNEL 18	ABC
RADIO		
WFMX	FM 102.5	
WAXX	FM 104.5	
WAYY	AM 790	
I-94	FM 94.1	
COOL	FM 92.9	
B95 (WQRB)	FM 95.1	
ROCK 92.1 (WMEQ)	FM 92.1	
Z100 (WBIZ)	FM 100.7	
MOOSE COUNTRY (WATQ)	FM 106.7	
WMEQ	AM 880	
WBIZ	AM 1400	
WISM	FM 98.1	
WHTL	FM 102.3	

*The School District of Gilmanton does not discriminate against pupils on the basis of sex, race, national origin, religion, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap in its education programs or activities.*

## Student Council Christmas Party

The Gilmanston Student Council sponsored Christmas fun and games as well as drawings for several prizes. Those who wanted a "ticket" to get in the drawing were asked to bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the food pantry.



Student Council Vice President Chandler P. and President Austin J. take a picture next to all the food pantry items that were collected.

Annaka T., Bailey D., Julianna B., and Morgan G. play a Minute to Win It Christmas game.



Tessa B., Lydia E., Carson R., Emma C., Cody S., and Karissa O. play a different Minute to Win It Christmas game.

### Families and Students in Transition

Do you know a student or family that may be in need of assistance? Many families in Wisconsin have found themselves to be families in transition without a place to call home. Our school district is committed to assisting all homeless students receive the best education possible. The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children and youth (twenty-one years of age and younger) as:

- ED  
21 Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and includes children and youth who are:
  - sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (sometimes referred to as double-up);
  - living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative, adequate accommodations;
  - living in emergency or transitional shelters;
  - abandoned in hospitals; or
  - awaiting foster care placement.
- ED  
21 Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
- ED  
21 Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.
- ED  
21 Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above.

If you are personally aware of or are acquainted with any children who may qualify according to the above criteria,

Please contact Kory Rud, Homeless Liaison for the Gilmanton School District for additional information about the educational rights of homeless students. Mr. Rud can be reached at 715/946-3158.

All information will be kept confidential.

When you turn 18 all men are required to register with Selective Service.

Visit your local Post Office or [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov) within 30 days of your 18th birthday. If you do not register you are breaking the law and cannot qualify for federal student grants or loans for college, job training benefits, and many state and federal jobs.

## 2001 State Champions

Several members as well as the coaches of the 2001 Girls Basketball State Tournament Team were recognized on January 20th.



*Front Row: Amanda (Serum) Burr, Kayla Rudy, Rachel (Becker) Kent  
Back Row: Assistant Coach Nathan Kent, Tracy (Odegard) Smith, Kaydi Amidon, April (Peterson) Falkner, Malerie (Koesterman) Brantner, Coach Jason Martzke, Doris Davis (In memory of Carol Davis)*



*First Row: Lance Peterson, Amie Walsky, Rachel Becker, April Peterson, Brett Serum  
Second Row: Cari Plank, Malerie Koesterman, Kaydi Amidon, Third Row: Coach Jason Martzke, Heather Braem, Amanda Serum, Sarah Marum, Kayla Rud, Tracy Odegard. Assistant Coach Nathan Kent  
Fourth Row: Amanda Sandberg, Amanda Plank, Becky Risler, Julie Mathis*



## Alumni Game



A Gilmanon Lady Panthers alumni basketball game was held on January 20th.

Computer Aided Design (CAD) class animals were created by students on the computer and printed with a 3-D printer .



*Gilmanon Freshmen: Raven K., Carissa L., and Grace B.*

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## Reminders-

There will be a Hoops for Hope event hosted by the Gilmanton FBLA. This event will be held on February 23 during the boys basketball game at 7:00 p.m. There will be a bake sale and a Chinese Raffle, along with other activities. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Homecoming will be held February 17.

