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2 June 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians & Community members,

Can you believe we are in the last month of school!

One of the main components of the GISU Opportunity Blueprint (aka The GISU's AOE Recovery Plan) is a focus on the social emotional health and learning of each student. One of the components will be a regularly scheduled Parent Night led by Dr. Rob Althoff and his colleagues who are child and adolescent psychiatrists. We are pleased to kick off the first Parent's Night at the community meeting next week, June 9. Below is the information about Dr. Althoff and the presentation:

Emotional Health Effects of the Last Year and Beyond:

Dr. Rob Althoff, child and adolescent psychiatrist and parent of two children at Folsom, will briefly present about the effects of the pandemic on the emotional health of youth and the adults who care for them. A question-and-answer period will follow to discuss these effects, what kinds of supports our communities may need in the summer, and what additional care may need to be taken as we re-enter school in the fall.

End of the year

This has been a different year than we are used to and I'm sure everyone is excited to take what we have learned from this year and build upon it in the next. I have resisted sharing my countdown to the first day of school so that everyone could focus on finishing this year strong. Each campus has its own celebrations planned for the end of the year. These celebrations are designed to support the social emotional learning for individual students to end the year on a strong positive note.

Alburgh Community Education Center:

Date	Event	Grade Level	Location
June 9 th	Night's Point 10:00-2:30	8 th grade class and teachers	Night's Point-North Hero
June 11 th	Rodeo Day	K-2	ACEC Soccer Field
June 15 th	Preschool Graduation	Preschool	Front lawn of the school
June 15 th	Return Chromebooks	K-8	ACEC

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June 16 th	Graduation 6:00 p.m.	8 th grade	Under the tent on the soccer field
June 17 th	Last Day of School/Field Days	Prek-7	Soccer Field/Playground

Grand Isle

June 9- 5:30-7pm 6th grade celebration Knight's Point state park

June 17- field day, icecream k-6

Folsom

June 10 6 pm 8th Grade Graduation (RSVP required)

June 11 1:15-2:00 Step-Up Activities (Full Remote students invited)

North Hero

Date	Event	Grade Level	Location
June 10th	Starbase Closing/ Rocket Launch	5-6	School
June 14th & 15th	Field Days	PK-6	Field Trip to Camp Ingalls
June 14th & 15th	Return iPads & Chromebooks	K-6	School
June 15th	6th Grade Send-Off Ceremony 5:30pm	6th	Field at School
June 17th	Last Day of School	PK-6	School
June 17th	Preschool Ceremony 1:00pm	PreK	Field at School

GISU Counselor Corner

Please follow [this link](#) to view the May Newsletter from the Guidance Counselors.

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Second Rounds of Student Surveillance testing

Our final round of COVID Student Surveillance Testing is Tuesday, June 8, 2021. If you would still like to participate, you may submit your [consent form](#). We successfully tested just over 100 students on May 18-20, 2021 with nearly all resulting in negative results (3 invalid collections).

Off Islands Students --Important Deadline Approaching--Please Help Us plan for Next Year

Congratulations to our CIUUSD sixth graders and our Folsom and Alburgh eighth graders as you prepare to move on to [middle/high school](#) next year. While many students know where they will be attending [middle/high school](#) next year, there are some who have not made that decision. Here is a [link to some helpful information](#), gathered by the GISU school counselors, that may help your decision making.

There are two forms that need to be filled out prior to **June 30, 2021** and sent to our central office in order for us to pay tuition for your child. One form proves that you are a resident of Grand Isle County and the other confirms where your student is attending school (tuition voucher). Unless you move, the residency paperwork is a one time requirement. On the other hand, the Tuition Voucher is an annual process until your child graduates from high school.

- [Residency Form Links](#)
 - [Alburgh](#)
 - [Grand Isle](#)
 - [Isle La Motte](#)
 - [North Hero](#)
 - [South Hero](#)
- [Tuition voucher](#) for all residents

These forms can be given to your school counselor when filled out or sent directly to David Mills, the GISU Parent Liaison. Please contact David if you have any questions or to send in the paperwork.

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Community Meeting

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

The link and telephone number for this week's community meeting are below. At tonight's meeting, we will focus on wrapping up the 2020-2021 school year. As usual there will be time to ask questions.

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Next week's Community Meeting will focus on a presentation by Dr. Rob Althoff looking at the Emotional Health Effects of the Last Year and Beyond.

[Join with Google Meet](#)

meet.google.com/yzd-szwo-tqi

[Join by phone](#)

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Thank you for helping to ensure that all members of the GISU learning community are curious, creative, courageous, and capable of pursuing their aspirations in a diverse and ever changing world.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Clark

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Superintendent