

GEARING GATOR



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Be Safe



Be Respectful



Be Responsible



The Purpose of a Parent



Is not to raise children easier,
But to raise them better.

Is not to make money,
But to make lives.

Is not to operate schools,
But to cooperate with them.

Is not to find fault,
But to find fact.

Is not to make all children prodigies,
But to give them a chance.

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GAMES! GAMES! GAMES!

We're planning a FAMILY MATH GAME NIGHT on Thursday, February 2, 2012, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. It's sure to be fun for the entire family and a time for your child to practice their math skills.

Educational games will be available for purchase as an option for interested families. Plan now to make it a family night at Gearing.

Let us Know,



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Please help us keep your child's record up-to-date. If at any time during the school year you have a change in phone number, street address, email address or emergency contact information, please notify the office in writing.

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IT'S A GOOD IDEA!

It's always a good idea to place money sent to school in an envelope labeled with your child's name and the purpose of the money. When sending cash, please be sure to send the exact amount. Our office does not have the capability of making change.

Gearing "Rocks the Clock"

One of the important aspects of students' academic success is the amount of time students spend in the classroom. When students are absent or arrive late, they lose important opportunities to learn.



Excessive tardies and absences can prevent children from succeeding academically and socially. Valuable instructional time is missed, the teacher's lesson is interrupted, and an unnecessary disruption is created for students.

In order to teach our students the important life skill of punctuality, we are beginning a program on Tuesday, January 3rd called "Rock the Clock". The classroom in each grade level with the lowest percentage of tardy students and early dismissals each will earn a "Rock Star" award.

Students should be in their seats and ready to learn at 8:45 a.m. Thank you for helping us with getting your child to their classroom by 8:45 a.m. Thank for your support. *Gators ROCK!*

Report Card Day is Coming

Report cards will be sent home on February 7, 2012. The report card is designed to provide you with detailed information about your child's school performance.

The report card includes an assessment of your child's performance in three key strands: citizenship, the work ethic demonstrated in each subject area and his/her academic performance in the core content classes and itinerant classes. Taken together, this information is designed to provide you with a current picture of your child as a learner.

YES! They were interested! We have several students who have joined our Gearing Science Olympiad Team!



We're excited to have these team members working hard to prepare for their participation in the Macomb Science Olympiad completion this spring.

Brend Baysinger, Allison Bleasdale, Elena Cousino, Lea Kemle, Kaleb Mehlberg, Tyler Williams, Janine Yope and Trevor Ziehm



A Message from our School Nurse

Head lice are a problem that often comes at this time of year. It is important for parents to take a few minutes to review with their child ways to prevent the spread of

head lice and check your child's head weekly. Head lice do not carry disease but are a true annoyance for families.

Studies show that sleepovers and movie theater seats can often be a culprit as a result of direct head contact. What can you do?

- Discourage the sharing of combs and brushes.
- Avoid sharing hats, helmets, barrettes, hair ties.
- Avoid using someone else's pillow.
- Regularly wash hair, coats, backpacks and clothing.



The local stores may not have been busy and the mall may have been practically empty but Gearing's JINGLE BELL JUNCTION was packed with customers.

Thank you to **Judy Koester**, coordinator, and our many volunteers for making this year's holiday shopping top-notch. Our gators definitely had fun finding that perfect gift for their family and friends.

Wild About Learning Legacy Walls



Have you noticed our three "Art to Remember" legacy walls? We're proud to display the beautiful art work of our Gearing students.

Help Adopt Another Acre of Wildlife

Did you know that the student's place their empty juice pouches into a separate container at lunch and even collect them from school events?

Our student council partnered with TerraCycle to encourage the recycling of these products and to decrease the amount of waste sent to landfills. Since Gearing began its collection, there have been over 5,000 pouches kept out of landfills. Way to go Gators!

Gators of the Month

Congratulations to the following students for being selected by their teacher as January's Gator of the Month.



Addy Blank
Alison Child
Lenny Edwards
Autumn Fehn
Dylan Hubbard
Max Hubbard
Luke Jolly

Nate Mackiewicz
Lainey Pavlov
Sam Pergitone
Logan Richardson
Dylan Taube
Lilly Tylen
Molly Wiegand



Isabelle Agosta	Ava Pergitone
Adain Anglebrandt	Kilen Pullman
Amanda Bower	Jesse Raymo
Sean Donaldson	Justin Roberts
Jacob Frazer	Chad Smith
Taylor Grasso	Dylan Taube
Hannah Grippe	Larissa Thorpe
Brandon Krakowski	Alicie Torvik
Jared Kramp	Clair VanHuyse
Isabelle Kue	Claire Wiegand
Aaron Meyer	Janine Yope
Caitlyn Payne	

Gearing PTO

"We're Here for the Kids"

January 4th - 18th - "Letters to Soldiers" Campaign

January 20th - Movie Night/Super Bowl Raffle

Did you know you are automatically a member of the Gearing PTO?

There's always room for one more person and one more idea!



"Go for the Gold"

The following classes were recognized for demonstrating outstanding participation and cooperation.

Ms. McNeely - Gym
Ms. Nowakowski - Custodian
Mrs. Alley - Media
Mrs. Brosky - Art
Mrs. DuBois - Spanish
Mrs. Kemp - Music



SPARKLE WITH SCHOOL SPIRIT

Brent Baysinger
Joshua Hilton
Jared Kramp
Lainey Pavlov
Zachary Raymo
Carter Sharrow
Nathan Solomon



"Educating Today's Children for Tomorrow's World"