

Hello Southwest Family,

This is Dr. Richmond with your weekly updates. I hope that you have had a safe and restful weekend.

At the Ranch

-We are beginning to get our after-school clubs organized and underway. Once we have a comprehensive list, we will share that with you and our students. To start, the chess club is sponsored by Mr. Wenger and will have its first meeting on October 2nd in the media center. Our Beta Club is currently accepting applications, please look for the QR code posted around school.

-There is no school tomorrow due to a teacher workday.

-Students will take the NWEA MAP Reading Assessment this week on Wednesday.

-Many students have begun receiving their Chromebooks. Students should take care of these and use them appropriately. Also, this week students will receive new One Cards. It is important that students keep up with their card and bring it to school daily. Students will use them for different purposes, but one important one that makes the food line move much faster is in the cafeteria.

-There are two things I want to bring to your and students' attention. One of those is cell phones. Cell phones are not to be used by students during the day without school staff permission. When something happens with a student and the first thing they do is text a parent rather than telling a school adult, we have not had a chance to investigate or address the situation. Please encourage students to talk to adults in the building with any feelings they have. They can always request to see me, their principal or their grade level co-principal. The second thing is parent meetings. Please know that your administration's doors are always open. However, it is my expectation that the co-principals and myself spend a majority of our day out in the building with students and teachers. This means that if you come up and request an unplanned meeting, it could mean that you may have a longer wait time until we are available.

Athletics

There are NO athletic activities Monday due to the scheduled GCS Teacher Workday

Football & Cheer have one game this week. Our teams will have an AWAY game versus Northwest Middle School. The location for the football game is the Northwest High School football field. The game starts at 5:00PM.

Our Boys Soccer & Girls Volleyball teams have one game this week. Our teams will have HOME games versus Jamestown Middle School. The location for the Boys Soccer game is the Southwest High School football field. Both games start at 5:00PM.

Please remember that GCS charges \$5 for adults and \$3 for students for all middle school athletic events.

Those are all of your announcements for the week. Remember, at Southwest we will do the right thing. I look forward to seeing your child's smiling face on Tuesday morning.

Dr. Richmond