



The Titan Way



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Middle School and High School Information & Important Dates

- Parent teacher conferences are coming soon, November 1st and 3rd starting at 3pm. Please visit this [link to schedule your conference](#):
- High School: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090845adaa2ca7ff2-fall>
- Middle School: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090845adaa2ca7ff2-fall1>

If you do not have Internet access at home then your student will be able to sign you up at school. Just provide them with a time.

- GT NHS “Parents night out” October 22nd 6-10pm, drop your kids off and enjoy a night out. \$20 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child.
- National FFA Conference is October 19th-22nd.
- The Second Quarter begins on October 24th, please review your kid’s grades and make sure they are passing for the quarter.

Elementary Information and Important Dates

- What’s going on at the GT Elementary School? Visit this [link](#) to read and see what is happening.
- <https://www.smores.com/sfvr3>
- Elementary Conferences are soon approaching. Please be on the look out for information on how to register for a time.



Teacher Spotlight Ashley Dreeszen

Ashley is currently in her 3rd year at Graettinger-Terril where she teaches 2nd grade and coaches volleyball. She absolutely loves the job and this district. It is full of so many great people who are always willing to lend a helping hand. Ashley and her husband Boomer live in Terril. Boomer works for Lakes Plumbing and Heating in Spirit Lake. They have a dog named Penny. In what free time she has, Ashley likes to read, paint, and draw. Ashley also likes spending a lot of time with her 2 nieces: Maren and Maggie.

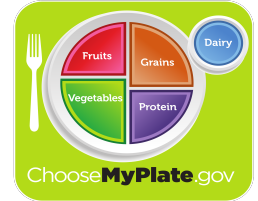
Titan Athletics

The GTRA Volleyball team traveled to Lake View on Tuesday to take part in the Twin Lakes Conference Tournament. In their first match they took on Newell Fonda losing 2-1 but then they took on Sioux Central and beat them, moving them to the winners bracket for Thursday. In the second part of the Tournament on Thursday in Laurens, they took on Pocahontas and lost 2-0 but would eventually take on West Bend Mallard for 7th place and beating them. It was a good win for the end of the regular season. They will travel to Lake Park on Tuesday to take on HLP at 7pm in the 1st round of the playoffs.

On Friday night the GTRA football team took on district rival HLP. This was a close game going back and forth because of two tough defenses. The game came down to the last play of the game. GTRA came up just short on a 4th down play at the HLP 4 turning the ball over with 7 seconds left. The Titans fell 19-14 in this tough fought game. Continued on page 2

School Wellness at GT

October is Farm to School Month



More than 50 million children around the country attend schools that participate in USDA's National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Programs. And not only are their meals full of nutritious ingredients – with 99 percent of schools nationwide reporting that they are successfully meeting the updated nutrition standards – their entire learning environment fosters healthy habits now and throughout the rest of their lives. During National School Lunch Week 2016, USDA and partners like the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation are celebrating this progress.

Every school day **more than 31 million kids** receive meals through USDA's National School Lunch Program. Right now, **98.5 percent of schools** meet USDA's updated standards and nearly half of states are at 100 percent compliance. Studies show that school meals **are healthier; kids enjoy the meals, and are eating more of them**. Research also shows that many kids **consume up to half of their daily calories** at school, so what's available in the cafeteria, vending machines, and school stores really matters!

#GetMoving

If you would like to be involved with this committee please contact: Corey Boe @ cboe@gt.ratitans.org or Jane Brown @ jbrown@gt.ratitans.org

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Why Parent Teacher Conferences?

Kids and teens do better in school when parents are involved in their academic lives. Attending parent–teacher conferences is a way to be involved and help your child succeed.

A parent–teacher conference is a great opportunity to:

- Start or continue ongoing conversations with your child's teacher
- Learn how to help your kids do their best in school
- Let your child know that what goes on in school *will* be shared at home

The Basics

Parent–teacher conferences usually happen once or twice a year at progress reporting periods. They are brief meetings, only lasting about 10–30 minutes. Conferences are typically scheduled 1 to 2 months in advance. Most schools set aside specific dates and times for conferences, but if they conflict with your schedule, try to find a mutually convenient time. Otherwise, ask your child's teacher if you can schedule a phone conference instead. If necessary, divorced parents can ask a teacher to schedule separate conferences.

Other school staff that supports your child's learning may attend the conference, too. An administrator might attend at the request of the parent or teacher if the teacher cannot resolve a problem or special need. In some cases, the student will also be asked to attend, but parents can ask for private time with the teacher as well. Conferences focus on learning; although your child's behavioral and social development also might be discussed. You will probably hear feedback about your child's progress and areas of need. Other topics of discussion might include standardized test results, [individualized education plans \(IEP\)](#), and [504 education plans](#).

More information can be found at: <http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/parent-teacher-conferences.html>