

CALENDAR

- 🌐 What is “**Back-to-School Night**”? This is the time, without your children, where you get to meet their teacher and learn about their style, expectations, and any special projects they may have planned for the year. Typically there is a 10-20 minute presentation by the teacher, then time for questions and to walk around the classroom and also go meet the “specials” teachers.
- 🌐 I don’t see **snow make-up days** on the calendar, when are those? GWCS builds in extra learning days so that typically any days the school is closed for weather won’t impact holidays and summer. The school will notify us as soon as they can if there is a need to add/change any other dates.
- 🌐 How do I learn about **cancellations, delays and early dismissals**? When you filled out the online registration forms for your child, you indicated phone numbers and e-mails for the One-Call System. This is the automatic dialer that calls all listed numbers to transmit delays, cancellations, and early dismissals. There is also a way for the system to notify you of late school buses for pick-up and drop off **ONLY** for those along that route. Like all parents in Philadelphia, you can also depend on KWY’s school closings line. Remember, GWCS **MUST** follow what the school district does for cancellations, delays and early dismissals **BUT** GWCS can independently decide to have a delay, cancel school or dismiss early.
- 🌐 What is a **six-day schedule**? To ensure that a student won’t miss gym every week due to all the Monday holidays, GWCS uses the six-day schedule. The school updates this any time there is a change due to an unexpected school cancellation, via their One-Call system.
- 🌐 What are “**specials**”? Art, Music, Gym and Science. Your child will rotate through those in the six-day calendar. All grades have Science 3 days of 6 and one each of the others.
- 🌐 What are the half-days where I see “**conferences**” on the calendar? These are set times when all parents may schedule an opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss progress, concerns, etc. Often for the younger students the teacher will notify you if there is a need to meet for the spring conference, but the fall conference is highly recommended by them and the PTA.