

## **4th Grade Teacher Emails:**

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<b>Grading Scale</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Grading Scale</u></li><li>• A 93-100</li><li>• B 85-92</li><li>• C 75-84</li><li>• D 70-74</li><li>• F Below 70</li></ul>	<u>Conduct Scale</u> E- Excellent G- Good S- Satisfactory N- Needs Improvement U-Unacceptable

## **Behavior**

1. talking in the classroom
2. talking/playing/running in line/ramp
3. not in seat at appropriate times
4. not following directions
5. not on task
6. playing in the classroom
7. playing/running/jumping in the hallway
8. talking/playing in the restroom
9. inappropriate behavior in the cafeteria
10. disrespectful toward a teacher
11. disrespectful toward another student
12. not paying attention in class
13. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself
14. Chewing gum/ eating food in class
15. Missing supplies
16. Not following iPad rules

## **Wednesday Folders**

- Weekly conduct grades will be sent home along with graded papers in the Wednesday/Riverdale folders. Your signature on the folder indicates that you have reviewed the papers and conduct grade. Important notes

from the school will also be placed in the folder. The folder is due back to school Thursday.

- **Papers below a 75** should be **signed and returned**.

### **Homework**

- Homework/ Take Home folders help students stay organized
- May be given every day except Friday in Math and Language Arts
- The calendar- includes important dates and written homework
- ELA will take a grade each Friday. It may not be turned in late. It will count as 10% of your child's grade. The grade will not be based on correct/incorrect answers. It will be based on completion and turning it in on time.

### **Money**

- Please send any money with the child's name, teacher name, amount, and intended use.
- If writing a check, please include your phone number on the check

### **Mercy Moments (M&M's)**

Your child will receive an M & M card (mercy moment cards) at the beginning of each 9 weeks.

Every 9 weeks your child will be given one M&M card with 5 punch slots on it. It is their responsibility to keep up with the M&M punch card. If it is lost or stolen, the teacher cannot give them another one.

They will be able to use these cards if:

1. forgot supplies in another teacher's class (MAPS, team, Raider Time, etc.)
2. forgot supplies, homework, etc. in backpack after announcements (arrival time)
3. bathroom break at an unscheduled time
4. left lunch box in classroom/cafeteria

\*This promotes organization, remembering supplies, and the importance of time management.

\* After all punches have been punched, they will lower their conduct.

## **Accelerated Reader**

\* The STAR test will be given soon. Your child will receive an AR reading level.

\* There will **not** be a contract issued or a grade given for AR. The student and the teacher will discuss a quarterly goal. Students will be able to earn AR store points, and awards at the end of the year.

You may log in to <http://www.arbookfind.com/> You can search for book titles based on authors, topics, or titles of books. AR Bookfinder will give you the title of the book, the author, the AR quiz number, grade level, number of AR points, a rating, and a brief description.

AR Awards given at the End of the Year Awards Program:

150 point club

200 point club

250 point club

Top 10 in the grade level will receive a trophy

## **Tests**

Your teacher will let you know when you will have tests in advance.

## **Raider Time** (RTI-Response to Intervention)

Students will travel to other classrooms based on ability level and have lessons based on his/her needs. Please try to refrain from checking your child out of school early to maximize their individualized instruction.

**Everyday 8:45-9:30**

## **Textbooks**

**Language Arts and Math:** Your child will have module workbooks that they must keep

up with. There aren't extras to give them another if they lose it.

**Social Studies:** Your child will receive a workbook and he/she will also be able to view online at home.

**Science:** Your child will have a book in class and he/she will also be able to view online at home.

\*more information to come soon 😊

## **Lunch Money**

- Give your lunch money to your teacher first thing in the morning.
- Breakfast is \$ 1.50
- Lunch is \$2.75. Please make sure that you send enough money for your child. If a parent is writing a check for **LUNCH**, it is OK for multiple children to be on one check. Just make sure the parent has written how much \$ per student.

- **PLEASE DO NOT COMBINE LUNCH MONEY CHECKS WITH MONEY FOR OTHER ACCOUNTS (EX. FIELD TRIP MONEY)**
- We want lunch to be a pleasant experience without getting out of seats or sharing/ playing with food. Cafeteria behavior/ expectations are just like they are at a restaurant.
- Your parents can visit during our lunch.
- Lunch Schedule: 11:15-11:40

### **Birthdays**

- Purchased cupcakes or cookies may be passed out during lunch in honor of a birthday.
- Only store-bought treats (nothing homemade)
- Avoid peanut and tree nut ingredients

### **Attendance**

- School begins at 8:30. Anytime after 8:30 is considered a tardy.
- If you are absent from school, please send an excuse note or email in order to have an excused absence. Any missed assignments will be given to you to complete in a reasonable amount of time, with consideration to the number of days missed.
- TARDIES add up. If you are consistently tardy or leave early from school, the time is tallied against your attendance.
- Only students that are at school ALL day, EVERY day (8:30-3:30) will achieve perfect attendance. Students who have tardies, check in/outs, and excused absences will NOT have perfect attendance.
- After your 3<sup>rd</sup> tardy or absence within a 9-week period, the homeroom teacher will call the parent.
- After the 5<sup>th</sup> tardy or absence 9-week period, the student's name will go to Mrs. Creed.
- After the 10<sup>th</sup> tardy or absence 9-week period, the student's name will go to an administrator.

### **Visitors**

Visitors must go to the office before entering the school.  
The front office is located in the new middle school building.

### **Inclement Weather**

The inclement weather handout will assist us in how your child will go home should we get out of school early for bad weather or emergencies. Rapid call will make a phone call home letting you know that school is dismissing early.

### **Medicine**

We have a medication policy and students are not allowed to carry any type of medicine to school. We do not administer over the counter meds; however, the

parent can bring OTC meds to the clinic and administer them as needed. According to state law TCA 49-5-415, all students carrying an inhaler or keeping one in the clinic must have an Asthma Action Plan signed by a physician and a parent signed medication authorization form on file. All students needing an Epi pen must have a Severe Allergy Plan signed by a physician and a parent signed medication authorization form on file. These forms along with directions are available from the school clinic.

### **Interims**

Interims will be sent home in your child's Wednesday folder between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> week of the 9-week grading period. This will give you an update on their progress. Please sign and return the interim on the next school day.

### **Dress Code**

Germantown Municipal School District Dress Code:

Apparel or appearance that tends to draw attention to an individual rather than to a learning situation must be avoided. In matters of opinion, the judgment of the principal/designee shall prevail. To help create the best learning environment for students, the following standards for student dress must be observed in all Germantown Municipal Schools:

1. Pants must be worn at the waist, must be appropriately sized, and at a safe length.
2. Shirts, blouses, and dresses must completely cover the abdomen, back, shoulders and must have sleeves. Shirts or tops must cover the waistband of pants, shorts, or skirts with no midriff visible. Low-cut blouses, shirts or tops, extremely tight tops, tube tops, or any top that exposes cleavage are prohibited. Shirts, blouses, and tops must be no longer than wrist-length.
3. Head apparel (such as hoods, hats, etc.), except for religious or medical reasons, must not be worn inside the school building.
4. Footwear is required and must be safe and appropriate for indoor or outdoor physical activity.
5. Clothing and accessories such as backpacks, patches, jewelry, and notebooks must not display (1) racial or ethnic slurs/symbols, (2) gang affiliations, (3) vulgar, subversive, or sexually suggestive images; nor should they promote products which students may not legally buy, such as alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs.
6. For students in Grades 3-12, "short shorts", mini-skirts, and skin-tight outer material, such as spandex, are inappropriate attire. No shorts or skirts shorter than 4 inches above the knee are allowed.
7. Waist length sweaters, sweatshirts, and lightweight jackets (appropriately sized) can be worn inside school for warmth.
8. Prohibited items include (1) large, long, and/or heavy chains, (2) studded or chained accessories, (3) sunglasses, except for health purposes, (4) sleepwear,

pajamas, blankets (5) skin-tight outer materials such as spandex or leggings; and (6) facial jewelry (including tongue piercing).

### **Cell phones**

- Possession of any type of phone, personal communication, or electronic communication device at any time during the regular day is prohibited!
- Above devices should be turned off and kept in backpacks.
- If we see them, we take them and you (the parent) will need to pick them up from the office.

### **Skyward**

More information to come later.

<https://sis-germantown.tnk12.gov/scripts/wsisd.dll/WService=wsGERStu/seplog01>

### **Honor Roll**

Principal's Honor Roll: All A's and All E's, including MAPs conduct

Academic Honor Roll: Equal or better A's and B's (with no N's, or U's in conduct), including MAPs conduct

Citizenship: All E's in conduct, including MAPs conduct

Perfect Attendance: Present every day, with no late check-ins or early check-outs

### **Fun Friday**

We will have Fun Friday the first Friday after report cards go home.

Your child must earn all A's and/or B's, E's, G's and S's to attend. Students not attending Fun Friday will be in a supervised study hall.

### **Ways to Volunteer**

- School tutoring
- Head Room Parent
- Class parties, field trips, activities
- Donate to class- see wish list
- Join the PTO!!!
- Box Tops

## Academic Schedule

Homeroom 8:30-8:35

RTI 8:45-9:30

MAPS 9:30-10:15

Lunch 11:15-11:40

Recess 1:45-2:00

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Callaway	PE	Music	Guidance/Library	Art	PE
Dees	PE	Art	Library/Guidance	PE	PE
Hughes	Music	Library/Guidance	PE	PE	Art
McInnis	Art	PE	Music	PE	Guidance/Library
York	Guidance/Library	PE	Art	PE	Music

Important Dates/Websites:

### Websites:

Mrs. Callaway: <https://acallawayresgmsd.weebly.com/>

Mrs. Dees: <http://kdeesresgmsd.weebly.com/>

Mrs. Hughes: <http://khughesresgmsd.weebly.com/>

Miss McInnis: <http://amcinnisresgmsd.weebly.com/>

Mrs. York: <http://byorkresgmsd.weebly.com/>

Riverdale: [http://www.gmsdk12.org/riverdaleelementary\\_home.aspx](http://www.gmsdk12.org/riverdaleelementary_home.aspx)

Riverdale PTO <http://riverdalepto.com/>  
GMSD: <http://www.gmsdk12.org/>