

# ***SUPERINTENDENT*** **NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Gull Lake Families and Staff,

Last week I talked about gift wrapping styles and the kinds of gifts that do not cost money. Those gifts are time, attention, and conversation with the people in your life. I want to continue this theme and focus on conversations that help draw people out and engage them on their strengths and what they have to offer. All of us have a need to belong to a family, a friend group, an organization, a career path, and a greater community. Engaging our strengths in service to these groups is one way we find purpose and meaning.

The Holidays are one of the best times to observe the gifts in others and draw them out into the open as a way of building each other up. Kind words and encouragement can be extra impactful during this time when we reflect on our place in the world and our dreams for the best versions of ourselves. This special Season is a time when these thoughts hover nearer the Earth and can be readily plucked out of the air for consideration.

So, put on your Holiday Season lenses and latch onto this important thought stream for you and your loved ones. This is one of the best ways to find the grace and gratitude we need to appreciate the good things in our lives and pay them forward.

Have a Merry and Bright Weekend!



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## Updates

**Winter Break** is December 26th – January 8th.

**School Resumes** Monday, January 9th, 2022.



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