

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

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Dear Gull Lake Families and Staff,

I just read an interesting piece of research on a topic of special interest during the Holiday Season. The subject of discussion is gift wrapping. Apparently, there are two kinds of people when it comes to gift wrapping - those who love the process and do their presents up with creative twists and impeccable presentation. The other group does not like the process of gift wrapping and tends to hand over gifts that look like they have been slid into a fast-food bag and secured with several strips of shipping tape. You get the picture and can probably identify which group to which you belong.

The good news is that both groups have a role to play when it comes to exchanging gifts. The practice of gift giving has been around for as long as we have. It is a time-honored way to acknowledge our relationships with others and goes hand in hand with our hosting and hospitality skills. We enjoy the process of gift hunting, and it gets us thinking about the other person and what they might enjoy based on what we know about them. It is a chance to show we have been observant and that we want the best for them.

This Holiday season you can give your loved ones a gift that does not cost money and does not require wrapping! It is the simple gift of your presence and a listening ear. Our kids appreciate it when we track with them and offer glimpses of our experiences when we were their age. Listening to some of the issues they are trying to process is a memory trigger for your valuable lived experiences that can be shared. The gifts of listening and engaged conversation are free for the giving this Holiday Season.

Share the Wealth!



Raphael Rittenhouse/Superintendent  
Gull Lake Community Schools



## **Updates**

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

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



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