



9/19/25

Good afternoon, Gust families,

At the start of the school year and when returning from breaks, it's common for students to get sick. The [Attendance webpage](#) and [guidance from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#) provide guidance on when to keep children home if they aren't feeling their best and when to send them to school.

If your child is too sick to come to school, please either call the school's front office or submit an online absence by following the steps in [this guide](#). The guide is also available in [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#), [Vietnamese](#), [Amharic](#), [French](#), [Nepali](#), [Somali](#) and [Dari](#).

There is no school on Monday, September 22nd. This is a great opportunity to check out the [Denver Art Museum](#). There is free admission for students every day of the year!

If you are new or returning to Gust, don't forget to check out our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages to see all the fun activities happening at Gust.

Teachers are sending out messages via the DPS app! Download the DPS app from the App Store today.

- [Iphone](#)
- [Android](#)

Operations

Picture day is coming October 1st. Mark your calendars!

Family Breakfasts in the classroom were a great success this week. Check the schedule and [RSVP with this link](#). Teachers have some great things planned. We look forward to seeing everyone at family breakfasts.

Next Family Breakfasts:

9/26 4th Grade 7:30-8:00 am

9/26 5th Grade 8:30-9:00 am



Instruction

October 1st is our Student Count Day and Picture Day! It is very important that students are in school and on time at 7:30.

SEL

The BESS survey (Behavioral and Emotional Screening System) will be given to teachers and students over the next few weeks. Universal mental health screening is a proactive and systematic way to determine appropriate support for each student. For all information on the BESS, please explore the [BESS Google Site](#).

Have a great weekend,
Kathleen Maruchau, Jill Ellis, and Dr. Leslie Hillen