**April 24, 2020**

**Dear Gess Parents/Guardians:**

**Grab your party hats and horns!**

Way to go Gess Gators! Gess Elementary has been recognized by The State Board of Education, the Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee (EOGOAC), and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instructionfor the following: Growth for students who receive special education services. A special thank you to each of our students and staff for their hard work and efforts towards goals.

For a school to be identified under the growth route for a student group, at least one student group at the school must have posted outcomes in the top 10 percent of schools on at least 60 percent of the measures for which the school was eligible.

Schools in Washington stand out for closing gaps, showing growth, and demonstrating achievement according to new data released by the state. Washington school recognition has been re-imagined to honor schools that have received support and are **thriving**, and to highlight positive school systems changes happening all over the state. This year, 391 schools are being recognized.

**The Packets are Coming – Monday Via Bus…**

Monday morning bus route packet delivery unless arrangements have been made with your teacher to receive information in a different manner. Tuesday morning pick up in front of Gess between 9:00 – 11:00 am.

**How do I return my homework?**

**Starting May 4, 2020**, families may return homework on the Monday morning bus routeor Tuesday morning at Gess Elementary before noon. This will support families who opt to send work back to their teachers physically. Please make sure that you and your teacher know what works best for your family.

**Supporting our community: Meals are free to everyone.**

Chewelah School District Staff served 4774 meals the week of April 13, 2020 – April 17, 2020. Projected meals for the week of April 20, 2020 – April 24, 2020 is about 4900 meals. Please contact the district office at (509) 685-6800 ext. 1002 if you would like to be added to our meal distribution list.

As we all work through this new experience, thank you for your continued support of each other.

Take care, Be well,

Julie Price, Principal

Gess Elementary