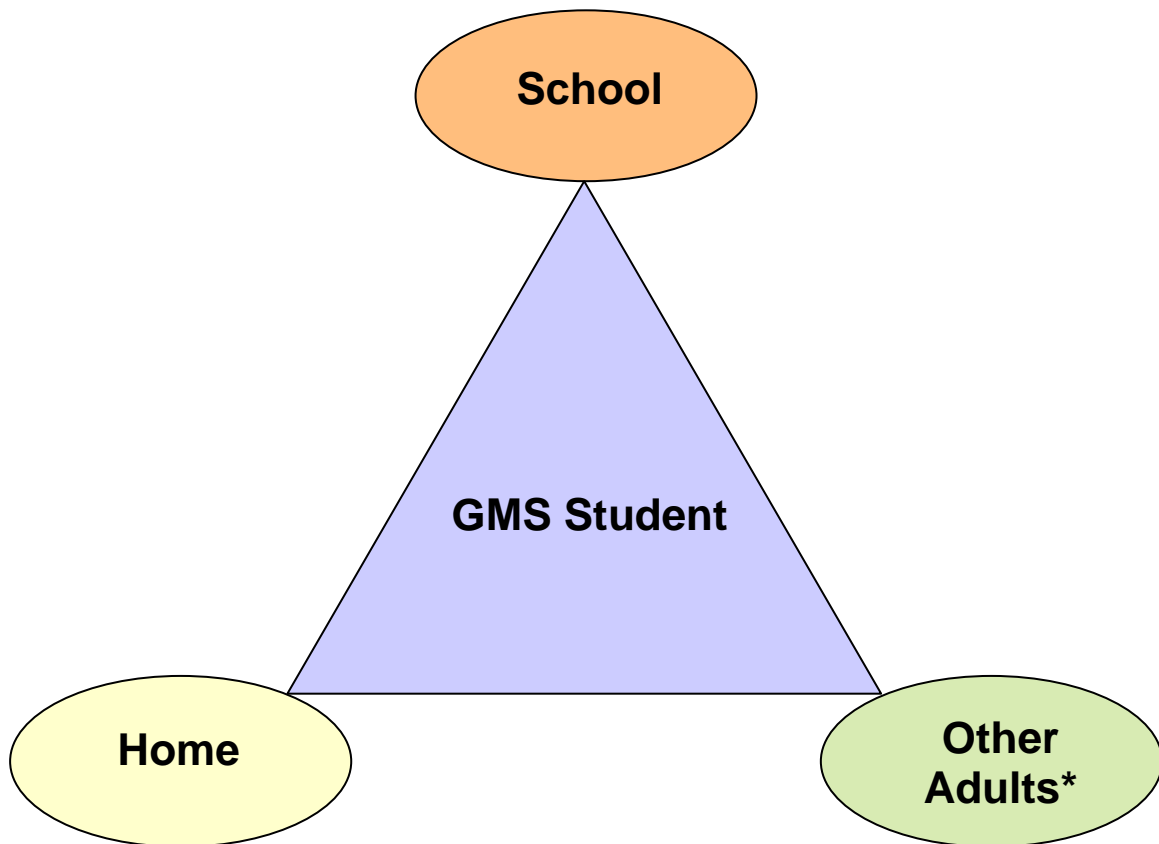


GMS CAFé

Grassland Middle School Community Awareness Forum



*Youth leaders, athletic coaches,
dance instructors, music teachers,
community and business leaders

"We're All in This Together"

<http://mp.aol.com/video.index.adp?mode=2&pmmsid=1467151>

GMS CAFé Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is GMS CAFé?

- *GMS CAFé (Community Awareness Forum) is a long-term, strategic initiative created to focus adult attention on "increasing the protective factors for our students while decreasing known risk factors."
<http://guide.helpingamericasyouth.gov/programtool-factors.cfm>*
- *This initiative represents a strategic alliance between the GMS Administration, the GMS Parents' Club and our local community.*
- *The audience for this effort includes all adults interacting with our students in a parenting/teaching/coaching capacity (i.e. faculty, youth leaders, dance/art/piano teacher, athletic coaches, etc.) as well as the community leaders responsible for creating policy and intervention programs.*

2. What are the specific goals of GMS CAFé for 2007-2008 and beyond?

- *Identify strategic partners to assist us in communicating the issues and in equipping adults and students (i.e. STARS; The Learning Lab; Chick-Fil-A; etc.)*
- *Create unity between our school, parents, and community leaders*
- *Enlighten our audience to the unique issues and challenges facing this generation of students*
- *Help transition our culture from an enabling culture through equipping students and adults with the appropriate tools to insure the students are empowered for long-term success*
- *Ultimately create a Safe and Drug-Free School and Community environment*

3. How does the student directly benefit from this effort?

Adults with responsibility for parenting, teaching and coaching these students will have an increased awareness of the issues. This awareness will result in a greater sensitivity to the student. Our forums will provide the audience with essential tools for equipping themselves and their students. This will ultimately result in an empowered, confident student.

4. Why should YOU join us in this effort?

- *Our schools cannot create Safe and Drug-Free Environments within their hallways, classrooms and school buses apart from our community's support and involvement.*
- *Our Grassland community cannot create Safe and Drug-Free Environments within our homes, gymnasiums, athletic fields, dance/music/art studios, entertainment venues, and church pews apart from our schools' educational resources and support.*
- *Students need 3-4 adult role models in their lives in addition to their parental influence. We each have a unique opportunity to serve as positive role models for many students other than our own children.*
- *As a united community, we have an incredible and unique opportunity to increase known protective factors on behalf of our students!!*