**📢 Staff Announcement**

**Gracewood Elementary – Staff Development Session**

**Date:** Thursday, August 21, 2025
**Time:** 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
**Location:** Media Center

**Topic:**

**Best Practices for Parent-Teacher Communication**
*(Title I Staff Development)*

**Why You Should Attend:**

* Learn strategies to **build trust** and strengthen relationships with families.
* Discover communication methods that improve **student academic and social outcomes**.
* Gain tools for **handling difficult conversations** with confidence and professionalism.
* Explore technology tips for connecting with families, including translation and multimedia updates.
* Review Gracewood’s **communication standards** and best practices for timely, respectful engagement.

**Session Highlights:**

* Choosing the right communication method for different situations.
* Tips for effective written and in-person interactions.
* Strategies for turning challenging discussions into productive solutions.
* Practical ways to leverage apps, newsletters, and school-approved tech tools.

**Let’s work together to strengthen our home–school partnerships and ensure every family feels informed, valued, and connected!**

📌 *Please mark your calendars and be ready to share your own communication successes and challenges during the session.*