

Fifth to Sixth-Grade Transition Information Night

New Building...New Opportunities



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Purpose

To share the many opportunities available to our entering sixth-graders as they transition into the middle school and to provide a timeline for the transition.



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We all value the *Spartan Way*
that will not change!

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Compassion
- Hard Work



People to Know



Dr. Lisa Buckshaw

GCMS School Principal

Ms. Zalika Gomes

Community Principal - Rhinos

Mr. Daniel McAlpin

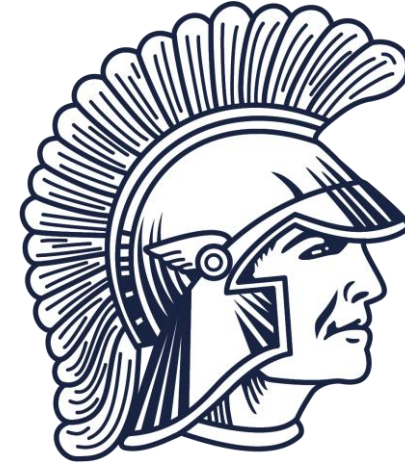
Community Principal - Amerks

Mr. Charles Robinson

Community Principal - Red Wings



People to Know



Mrs. Melissa Condidorio,

Rhinos Grade 6-8

Mrs. Alisha Nelson

Amerks & Redwings Counselor Grade 6

Ms. Sandra Gladney

Counseling Secretary

Mrs. Tyna Fowler

School Nurse



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New Building, New Opportunities

- Although we appear to be BIG in terms of building size, GCMS is made up of smaller learning communities that contain students in grades 6-8.
- Within a community, students will be assigned to a grade level team.



New Sixth-Grade Classes

Core Classes	Exploratory Classes
ELA	PE
Reading	Art
Science	Music
Social Studies	FACS
Math	Health



ALL ABOUT CLASSES

ELA

Math

Reading

Science

Social Studies

Physical Education

FACS (Quarter)

Music (Quarter)

Health (½ year)

Art (½ year)

Chorus (Elective)

Band (Elective)

AIS Math

AIS Literacy

Study Hall

For the most part-
Students will have a
different **teacher**
for each class

Schedules will
have classes, locker,
and community info

SchoolTool is used
to check grades and
assignments



A-D Day Schedule



8-period day



35-minute
lunches



43-minute
classes



4 minutes of
passing time

Time	Period	A	B	C	D
7:58-8:48	1				
8:52-9:35	2				
9:39-10:22	3				
10:26-11:01	L				
11:05-11:48	4				
11:52-12:35	5				
12:39-1:22	6				
1:26-2:09	7				
2:13-2:57	8				



Grading

- ☐ There are 4 quarters in every year!
- ☐ Each quarter is about 10 weeks long
- ☐ Each quarter, students receive a progress report at the halfway point
- ☐ At the end of each quarter, students will receive a grade in each of your classes
- ☐ That means, every school year students will get 4 quarter grades per class!
- ☐ Your student's FINAL grade in each class is an average of each quarter grade



Grades

A= 90-100

B=80-89

C=70-79

D=69-65

Anything lower than a 64 is a FAILING GRADE



Academic Support

PAPER

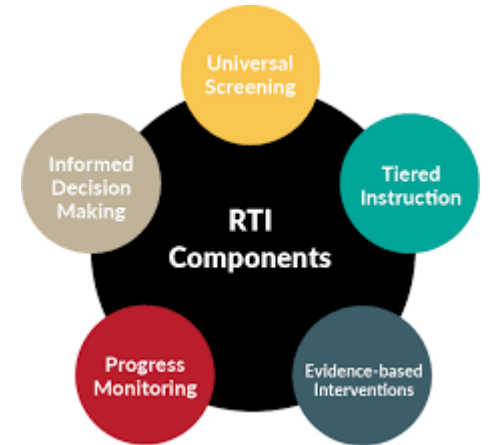
Online Homework Help



Study Hall



After School Help



Response to Intervention

Parent Portal

Provides Access to:

- Schedule
- Locker assignment
- Bus assignment
- IEP/504

Provides updates on:

- Attendance
- Grades (Progress Reports and Report Cards)



Clubs and Activities



**ACADEMIC
COMPETITION**



**SERVICE/
LEADERSHIP**



ATHLETICS



**SOCIAL
SCIENCE**



FINE ARTS



**STEM (SCIENCE, TECH,
ENGINEERING, MATH)**



**LITERARY
COMMUNICATION**

Club List

Synchronized Swim Club
Academic Challenge Bowl
Art Club
Bookstore
Culinary Club
GSA
Intramurals
Jazz Band
Leo Club
Math Counts
Multicultural Club
National Junior Honor Society
Newspaper Club
Peer Ambassadors
Peers Against Substance Abuse (PASA)
Science Club
Ski Club
Student Council
Talent Show
Yearbook Club
Upstander Club
Outdoor Club
Make A Difference Club

Celebrations

- Spartan Way
- Awesome Amerk
- Reputable Red Wing
- Rhino to Rave About
- High Honor Roll
- Honor Roll
- Reach Roll
- Student of the Month
- Birthday Celebrations
- Spirit Days
- Student Athlete of the Week

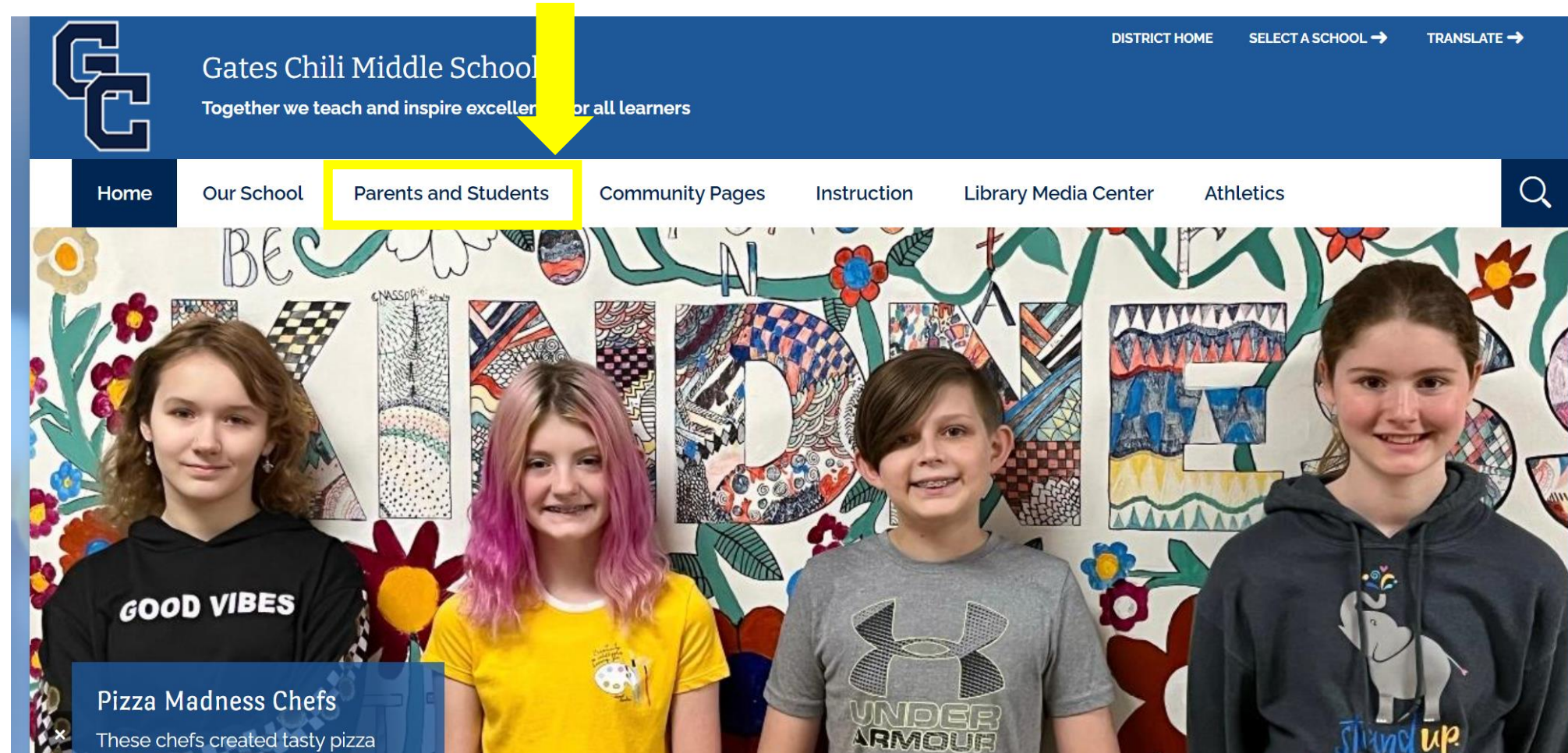


We Value Communication and Collaboration

- Daily Spartan Happenings on the website
gateschili.org/SpartanHappenings
- Social media @GatesChiliMS
- Phone calls and text messages
- E-mails (students have e-mail too!)
- SchoolTool and Schoology access for families
- Progress reports and report cards (instructional report every five weeks)
- In-person or virtual conferences available by request



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Parents and Students Directory

A C D E F G H L N P R S T U

A

- [Academic Resources for Parents/Guardians](#)
- [Amerks Community](#)

C

- [Child Abuse Hotline](#)
- [Classlink](#)
- [Clubs and Activities](#)
- [Code of Conduct and Character](#)
- [Communication with Families](#)
- [Counseling Department](#)

D

- [Dance Expectations](#)

E

- [Emergency Closing Resources for Families](#)

G

- [Gates Chili SEPTO](#)

H

- [Honor Roll and High Honor Roll](#)

L

- [Laptop Information](#)

N

- [National Junior Honor Society](#)

P

- [Parent Portal](#)
- [Program of Studies](#)
- [PTO Middle School](#)

R

- [Redwings Community](#)

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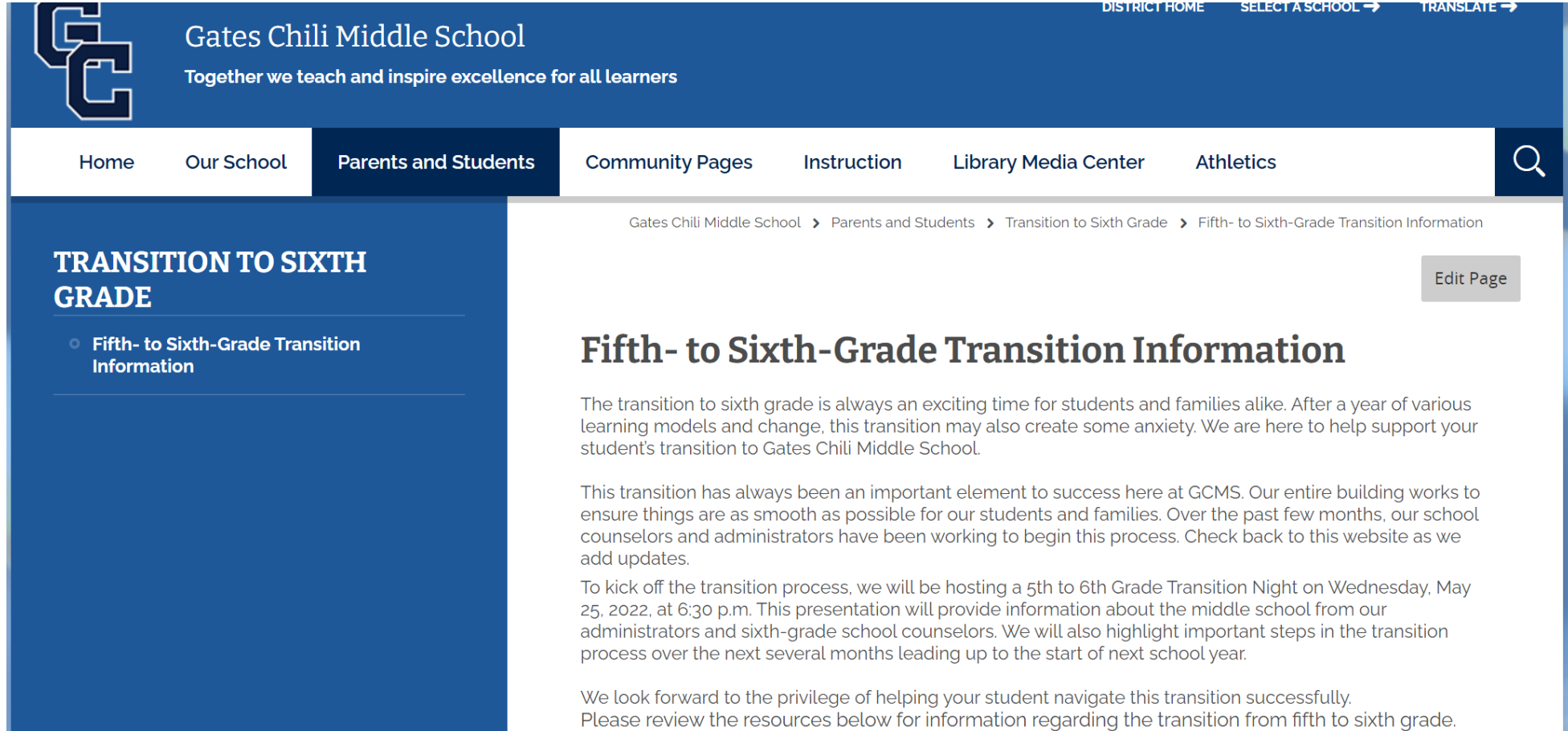
- [School Improvement Team](#)
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- [School Pictures](#)
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- [STEP Program](#)
- [Student Drop-Off/Pick-Up Location and Late Buses](#)
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- [Supply Lists 2021 - 2022](#)

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- [Transition to Ninth Grade](#)
- [Transition to Sixth Grade](#)



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The screenshot displays the website for Gates Chili Middle School. The header features the school's logo and name, along with navigation links for District Home, Select a School, and Translate. A main navigation bar includes links for Home, Our School, Parents and Students (which is highlighted), Community Pages, Instruction, Library Media Center, and Athletics. A search icon is also present. The left sidebar shows a 'TRANSITION TO SIXTH GRADE' section with a link to 'Fifth- to Sixth-Grade Transition Information'. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: Gates Chili Middle School > Parents and Students > Transition to Sixth Grade > Fifth- to Sixth-Grade Transition Information. An 'Edit Page' button is in the top right of the content area. The title 'Fifth- to Sixth-Grade Transition Information' is prominently displayed. The text explains that the transition to sixth grade is exciting but can also be anxiety-inducing, and the school is committed to supporting students. It mentions a 5th to 6th Grade Transition Night on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. The page concludes with a statement of support for the transition process.

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TRANSITION TO SIXTH GRADE

- Fifth- to Sixth-Grade Transition Information

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Edit Page

Fifth- to Sixth-Grade Transition Information

The transition to sixth grade is always an exciting time for students and families alike. After a year of various learning models and change, this transition may also create some anxiety. We are here to help support your student's transition to Gates Chili Middle School.

This transition has always been an important element to success here at GCMS. Our entire building works to ensure things are as smooth as possible for our students and families. Over the past few months, our school counselors and administrators have been working to begin this process. Check back to this website as we add updates.

To kick off the transition process, we will be hosting a 5th to 6th Grade Transition Night on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. This presentation will provide information about the middle school from our administrators and sixth-grade school counselors. We will also highlight important steps in the transition process over the next several months leading up to the start of next school year.

We look forward to the privilege of helping your student navigate this transition successfully. Please review the resources below for information regarding the transition from fifth to sixth grade.



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**CONTACT
INFORMATION**



**SIXTH-GRADE
SUPPLY LIST**



**PROGRAM
OF STUDY**



**SUMMER
READING LIST**



**FAMILY
HANDBOOK**



**CLUBS AND
ACTIVITIES**







Communication










When you have questions- Follow the Chain of Command



Managing Technology

Laptops	Digital Citizenship
  Lightspeed Classroom Management™  AristotleK12™ - A Product of Sergeant Laboratories -	 <p>Be Responsible</p> <p>Kindness Counts</p> <p>Safety First</p> <p>Give Credit</p> <p>Know Your Footprint</p> <p>Always Aware</p>

Managing Technology

Cell Phones and Social Media	Helpful Resources
	       

Social-Emotional Learning

Classroom Lessons

- Meet your counselor
- Upstander
- Understanding your report card
- SMART Goals
- Erin's Law lessons (MBF Teen Safety Matters)

Circles

- Community and relationship building



Two (2) School-based mental health therapists from Delphi Rise and Genesse Mental Health

Therapeutic work

Screenings

Treatment plans

Four (4) School Counselors

Academic tracking

Service referrals

Social-emotional and academic counseling

504 Case Manager

Liaison between home and school

GCMS Mental Health Team

Three (3) School Psychologists

Social and Educational Assessments (IEP)

Behavior Intervention Plans

Academic and social-emotional counseling

Three (3) Social Workers

Social histories

Social-emotional support and counseling

Liaison between home, school, and the community-based supports



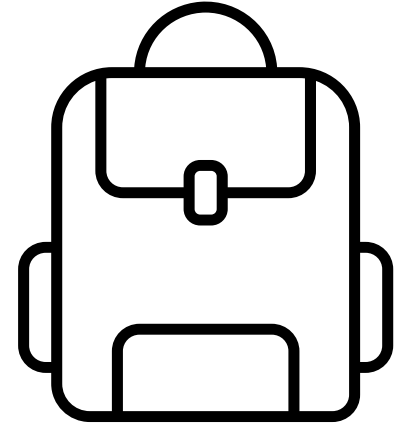
What is an Upstander?

- One Friday per month, we focus on our school-wide initiative called "Upstanders" which promotes social-emotional learning and positive character and behaviors.
- We have a shared objective to encourage students to be their "best self" so they can interact and support each other with the Spartan Way in mind.
- This is accomplished through a blend of Upstander activities coordinated by the counseling department in collaboration with teachers and staff!



Lockers

- Students are assigned lockers- but may also carry a bookbag throughout the school day.
- Locker shelves can be helpful in keeping materials organized.
- Locker decorations need to be kept to the interior and cannot include writing on locker or “taping” the inside of the locker.
- Students will be assigned a locker within their community hallway



Transition to the Middle School



May/June 2023

- The middle school counselors will “visit” fifth-grade students
- Every fifth-grader will have the opportunity to participate in a live tour of the Middle School.



Transition to the Middle School



End of August

Students will receive their
class schedule and locker
assignments in mail.

*Class schedules will also be
available in SchoolTool.*



Transition to the Middle School



**Week before
school begins**

Students and families can visit to practice lockers, pick up laptops, tour the school, and visit classrooms, cafeteria, and bus loading and unloading areas.



Transition to the Middle School



**Week of
Sept. 14-16**

Students and
families can attend
Sixth-Grade Meet
the Staff Night



Transition to the Middle School



...and beyond

Upstander Initiative and report card interview	Q1
Bullying prevention	Q2
Academic program presentation for Gr. 7	Q3
Celebrate and reflect	Q4



Volunteer Opportunities



**School
Improvement
Team**



THANK YOU!



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