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Weekly Newsletter - Friday, October 23, 2009



DON'T FORGET - TONIGHT - GICS SPAGHETTI DINNER 5-8pm

Our Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be on Friday, October 23rd from 5-8pm. There will be a special visitor at our event and the County Cork students will be holding a Bake Sale. Tell your neighbors, your friends, and relatives to come join us! Special thanks to Jenny Grams for her help in organizing this annual event! Can't wait to see you all there! (Proceeds from the Spaghetti Dinner will help purchase Classroom Guided Reading books for the students.)

EARLY RELEASE - Wednesday, October 28th - 1pm

Please Note: On Wednesday we will have an Early Release Day. Staff will be involved in professional development activities. Extended Day is available for children. Please call the school and leave a message for Ida if you'd like to have your children attend.

FALL HARVEST PARTIES



On Friday, October 30th, classrooms will be celebrating fall with a party and a costume parade. The festivities will begin after lunch. Students will change into their costumes and enjoy class parties with snacks and games. We will have a **costume parade at 2:15pm** in the gym. Parents are invited to attend the parade. Please do not send your child to school in their costume on Friday. Most importantly, please help your child find a 'friendly' costume to wear that day - no masks, face paint, scary images, etc. Thank you for your cooperation in helping GICS have a positive Fall Harvest experience!

RED RIBBON WEEK

Monday 10-26-Join the Fight Against Drugs Day

Wear camouflage

Tuesday 10-27-Stay in the Game Be Drug Free Day

Wear athletic gear

Wednesday 10-28-Wear Red Day

Wear red clothes

Thursday 10-29-Put a Cap on Drugs Day

Wear a hat

Friday 10-30-Show your School SPIRIT Drug Free

Wear green and gold to show your school spirit

**Fall costume parties in the afternoon.

MAP TESTING COMPLETED (almost!)

The students in grades 3-6 completed the Fall NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Assessment this week. Those students that were sick will have time to make-up missed assessments next week.

When students take our adaptive tests on the computer, they are presented with test questions at different levels of difficulty, that adjust based on their responses.



At the end of a testing sequence, the student receives an overall score, called RIT score, that indicates the instructional level appropriate for him or her. Ask your child how they did on their MAP Assessment. Results will be available for families at November Conferences.



Rules and Logical Consequences

Discipline in the Responsive Classroom approach is both proactive and reactive. Proactively, we work with children to create, teach, and practice classroom rules. Reactively, we use logical consequences to help children regain control, make amends, and get back on track when they forget or choose not to take care of themselves or each other. In the Responsive Classroom, the teacher respects the child, teaches necessary social skills, uses empowering and encouraging language to support children's success, values mutual problem-solving, uses logical consequences to help children solve their problems and regain self-

control., and strives for students to learn to think for themselves and act in caring and responsible ways. Students in the Responsive Classroom grow to develop positive relationships, understand and respect the rules, and internalize the skills of Caring, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy, and Self-control (CARES).

Logical consequences are a way of responding to inappropriate behavior in a natural way that allows children to learn from their mistakes. Logical consequences are respectful, relevant, and realistic. There are three kinds of logical consequences. They are:

1. You Break It, You Fix It- Children are responsible for fixing the mess, material, or even the friendship they broke. In mending a relationship, children will be asked to do a "friendship fix-it" in which they do something kind to make them feel like friends again, rather than simply apologizing. We will continue to talk about friendship fix-its throughout the year.
2. Loss of Privilege- When children misuse materials or work areas, the material or privilege may be removed from them until they are ready to make better choices and try again.
3. Take a Break- When children are beginning to lose control, children are asked to "take a break" and remove themselves from the group until they are able to regain their self-control. When they are ready, they rejoin the class and participate in a more positive way. As a class, we discuss and practice strategies to use to regain composure when we are in need of a break.

GICS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2009	
Friday, October 23	Happy Birthday, Ms. Kristine Schwartz!
Friday, October 23	GICS Spaghetti Dinner -5-8pm
Wednesday, October 28	Early Dismissal – 1pm
Friday, October 30	Fall Parties – Costume Parade 2:15pm – GICS gym
NOVEMBER 2009	
Wednesday, November 11	Veteran’s Day Program – GICS gym – 1:15pm
Friday, November 13	End of Trimester 1
Friday, November 20	NO SCHOOL/Teacher Work Day
Monday, November 23	Report Cards Sent Home
Monday, November 23	Evening Conferences 3:30-8:00pm
Tuesday, November 24	Evening Conferences 3:30-8:00pm
Tuesday, November 24	Cookie Dough Pick-up
Wednesday, November 25-Friday, November 27	NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Break
DECEMBER 2009	
Wednesday, December 2	Early Release – 1pm
Thursday, December 11	Winter Program – 7pm
Thursday, December 11	Happy Birthday, Mr. James Alcorn!
	Field Trip – Old Log Theatre
Wednesday, December 23- Thursday, December 31	NO SCHOOL – Winter Break
JANUARY 2010	
Friday, January 1	NO SCHOOL – Winter Break
Monday, January 4	School Resumes

* GREEN ISLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL STAFF *	
Administrative Assistant	Jo Liebhard
Director	Kirsten Kinzler
Kindergarten	Terry Kroehler
Grades 1-3 - Meath	Julie Grams
Grades 1-3 - Meath	Kristy Konopacki
Grades 4-6 - County Cork	James Alcorn
Grades 4-6 - County Cork	Jennifer Faber
Reading/Math/Phy-ed Teacher	Kristen Strauss
Special Education	Kristine Schwartz
Library/School Volunteer	Mary Kay Donnay
Library	Holly Harjes
Extended Day	Ida Dissette
Preschool	Ann Czarnecki
Paraprofessional	Ashley Reetz
Business Manager	Keith Johnson

**Extended Day
Hours**
Grades K-6
6:30am – 8:15am.
3:00pm – 6:00pm
Come Join Us!

PLEASE SAVE:
 Campbell’s Labels
 Boxtops for
 Education
 Kemps Milk Lids
 Our Family UPC’s
 Ink Cartridges
 Drop off at the
 school office!

Mission: Green Isle Community School will foster a positive and respectful multiage environment that promotes educational excellence, service learning, community connections, and responsible citizenship.