

Green Isle Community School

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Weekly Newsletter - Friday, January 15th, 2010

ELDERS' WISDOM, *Children's Song*TM

We need your help! We are looking for 4 elders to celebrate at our May 2010 Elders' Wisdom, Children's Song Celebration. If you know of an elder that would be willing and available to tell us their story, please let us know. Elder would need to be available for a 1-2 hour interview on either Monday, February 22nd or Tuesday, February 23rd and for the Celebration which will be on Thursday, May 27th at 7pm. Please call the office with your ideas!

REACH FOR THE STARS!

Be on the lookout for information coming home with your student on Reach for the Stars! On January 21st the students will participate in an assembly to kick-off our new



reading program. During this assembly your child will be introduced to a WONDERFUL reading incentive program called *Reach for the Stars* sponsored by Usborne Books. Reach for The Stars is a reading incentive program which promotes daily reading and helps both GICS and YOUR FAMILY build a library of award-winning books! Parents and children will collect pledges from trusted family members, neighbors and friends for their commitment to read or be read to for 30 minutes each day. The proceeds of the program will DIRECTLY benefit GICS and the children who attend! 50% of the pledges will go toward purchasing Usborne Books for the families' homes. The other 60% will go back to the school in the form of new books for the media center and classrooms. That's a 110% return right back to the families of GICS. Now that's a win-win situation!! More information to come!

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER NETWORK (CVN) MEETING - Thursday, January 21st - 7pm



Our next CVN meeting will be on Thursday, January 21st at 7pm following our board meeting. We will be discussing our next Family Fun Night, Spring Carnival, Spring Fundraiser, and other end of the year activities. If you bring your children, they can play in the library while we have our meeting. Mark your calendars! We hope to see you there!

H1N1 CLINICS

Please look for a schedule in your child's folder of upcoming H1N1 public health clinics that are planned for January and February. It is recommended that you call Public Health at 507-237-4035 before going in, just in case there's a change.

HELP WANTED! We are looking for volunteers to assist with our hot lunch program. Duties include serving food and kitchen clean up. Time commitment is from 12-1:30pm. If you can assist on any week day, or know of someone who may be able to help, please contact the office. Thank you for your consideration.



Kids' Deep Thoughts

From an actual newspaper contest where entrants ages 4 to 15 were asked to come up with "Deep Thoughts."

- * I believe you should live each day as if it is your last, which is why I don't have any clean laundry because, come on, who wants to wash clothes on the last day of their life? -Age 15
- * Give me the strength to change the things I can, the grace to accept the things I cannot, and a great big bag of money. -Age 13
- * It sure would be nice if we got a day off for the president's birthday, like they do for the queen. Of course, then we would have a lot of people voting for a candidate born on July 3 or December 26, just for the long weekends. -Age 8
- * Home is where the house is. -Age 6
- * For centuries, people thought the moon was made of green cheese. Then the astronauts found that the moon is really a big hard rock. That's what happens to cheese when you leave it out. -Age 6

GICS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2010	
Wednesday, January 20	Happy Birthday, Ms. Holly Harjes!
Thursday, January 21	GICS Finance Committee Meeting – 4:30pm
Thursday, January 21	GICS Board Meeting – 5:30pm
Thursday, January 21	Community Volunteer Network (CVN) Meeting – 7pm
Monday, January 25	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Work Day
FEBRUARY 2010	
Monday, February 15	NO SCHOOL – President's Day
Friday, February 26	End of Trimester 2
MARCH 2010	
Friday, March 5	Report Cards Sent Home
Tuesday, March 9	Student Led Conferences – 3:30-8pm
Wednesday, March 10	EARLY RELEASE – 1pm
Thursday, March 11	MN Orchestra Hall "Carnival of the Animals" Field Trip – 11:35am performance
Thursday, March 11	Student Led Conferences – 3:30-8pm
Friday, March 12	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Work Day (Conversation Day)
Monday, March 29 – Wednesday, March 31	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
APRIL 2010	
Thursday, April 1 – Friday, April 2	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
Monday, April 5	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
Tuesday, April 6	School Resumes
Friday, April 23	GICS CARNIVAL
MAY 2010	
Monday, May 31	NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
Thursday, May 27	Elders' Wisdom, Children's Song Celebration – 7pm
JUNE 2010	
Wednesday, June 2	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!
Wednesday, June 2	End of Trimester 3

* 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 Disette
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!

OPENINGS
Preschool
(3, 4 & 5 yr olds)
Grades K-6
Check it out!
Schedule a visit!
REGISTER NOW!

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.