

# Green Isle Community School

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## Weekly Newsletter - Friday, January 23, 2009

### MN TWINS 2009 WINTER CARAVAN TOUR

THANK YOU, THERESE OTT for writing that special letter to the Minnesota Twins office requesting that the Twins Winter Caravan stop by Green Isle while on tour! What an awesome opportunity for Green Isle! Twins pitchers, Kevin Slowly and Jesse Crain, along with Twins Radio Network's John Gordon, Fox Sports Net's Bert Blyleven and Twins Mascot T.C. presented a great program for us! A great day to remember!



*T.C. Bear and Joseph*



*Bert Blyleven, Kevin Slowey, Jesse Crain*

### CVN MEETING NOTES

The CVN met last night and would like to share the following information with you.

**HELP WANTED:** The GICS Carnival is just around the corner! (Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>) We have many volunteers that help us with this even but we are in need of a Carnival Organizer to help us pull all the details together. Please contact the office if you are interested in taking this on.

**SAVE YOUR SQUIRT BOTTLES:** For the GICS Winterfest Week, February 16-19, we are in need of squirt bottles. Please save your empty bottles with squirt tops and send them to school. (Windex, cleaning products, etc.)

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT:** The date of our next Family Fun Night has moved to Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, as part of our Winterfest Week activities. We will not have one at the end of January as originally posted.

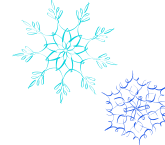
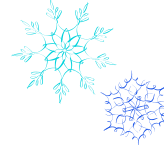
**FIELD TRIPS:** Due to scheduling difficulties in January, (2) field trips have been scheduled during the month of February. We wanted you to be aware of this as we realize we are in some difficult financial times and you may appreciate a 'heads-up'. The first is the "Bowling & a Movie" field trip on February 5<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$10. The second is a trip to Playworks - a large indoor play area - on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$7. The cost of both of the trips has been reduced using fundraising dollars to make them more affordable. We wanted to provide the students with 'active' trips as the winter months tend to get long with the cold weather and being stuck indoors on many days. Families, please let us know if this is a financial hardship for you so that we can make changes to the schedule or find ways to help families afford these trips.

**NEXT CVN MEETING:** Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm - We'll discuss the Carnival and end of the year activities. We'd love to see more of you at this meeting. Please join us! We need your input!



### OPEN GYM

Don't forget to come to Open Gym on Saturdays from 2-4pm. Get out of the house on those cold Saturday afternoons and enjoy playing in the GICS gym!





## SPONSOR VISIT RESCHEDULED - Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

Families, please mark your calendars for Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Our sponsor liaison, Katie Piehl from Volunteers of America of MN, has rescheduled her visit at GICS for Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. This is an official visit to see how we are serving the children at GICS. She would like to meet with some parents. If you are available any time between 11:30am-12:00pm and would like to meet with our sponsor liaison, please call the office.

<b>GICS CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>	
<b>FEBRUARY 2009</b>	
Monday, February 2	Butterbraid Fundraiser Kick-off
Thursday, February 5	Phy-ed & Entertainment Field Trip - Bowling & a Movie - Hutchinson
Monday, February 9	Elder's Coffee - 11:30am-12:50pm
Thursday, February 12	VOA Sponsor Site Visit
Friday, February 13	End of Trimester 2
Monday, February 16	<b>NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day</b>
Tuesday, February 17 - Friday, February 20	GICS Winterfest Week
Wednesday, February 18	Report Cards Sent Home
Thursday, February 19	GICS Board Meeting - 5:30pm
Thursday, February 19	Family Fun Night - 6:30-8:00pm *Note change in date
Tuesday, February 24	CVN Meeting - 6:30pm *Note change in date
Friday, February 27	PlayWorks - PE Field Trip
<b>MARCH 2009</b>	
Tuesday, March 3	Conferences 3:30-8pm
Thursday, March 5	Conferences 3:30-8pm
Friday, March 6	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Monday, March 9	Elder's Coffee - 11:30am-12:50pm
Wednesday, March 11	Early Dismissal - 1pm
Friday, March 13	<b>NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day</b>
Thursday, March 19	MN Orchestra Hall - Field Trip
Thursday, March 19	GICS Board Meeting - 5:30pm (VOA visit)
Thursday, March 19	CVN Meeting - 7pm
<b>APRIL 2009</b>	
Monday, April 6 - Monday, April 13	<b>NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK</b>
Friday, April 24 <sup>th</sup>	GICS CARNIVAL - 5:30-8:00pm

<b>* GREEN ISLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL STAFF *</b>	
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
Reading/Math/Phy-ed Specialist	Kristen Strauss
Special Education	Kristine Schwartz
Library/School Volunteer	Mary Kay Donnay
Library	Holly Harjes
Extended Day	Ida Dissette
Preschool/Paraprofessional	Kacy (Panning) Honl
Paraprofessional	Karen Ritsema
Paraprofessional	Ashley Danielson
Business Manager	Keith Johnson

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

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

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