

# Green Isle Community School

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Weekly Newsletter - Friday, February 20, 2009



## HELP WANTED:

**CARNIVAL ORGANIZER:** The GICS Carnival is just around the corner! (Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>) We have many volunteers that help us with this event 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.

**CVN MEETING:** Parents! We need you to attend our next CVN Meeting on **Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** We will meet in the cafeteria. Refreshments will be served. We will be talking about our upcoming Carnival. If you would like to bring your children, please let us know and we will line up childcare. Thanks!

## FALL 2009 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION/KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

If you are planning on enrolling your child in Kindergarten at GICS next year, please fill out an application. You can either stop in the office for one or go online at [www.greenislecommunityschool.org](http://www.greenislecommunityschool.org) and download. We especially need to know how many Kindergartners are siblings of current GICS students as they have enrollment preference. We will be having our **Kindergarten Round-up on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm** and would like to know who to notify. Intent to Enroll forms for current students will be sent home this month. Also, if you are planning on enrolling your child in Preschool next year, please fill out an application. Thank you for your interest in Green Isle Community School!

## SPRING FUNDRAISER - BUTTERBRAIDS/HANGING FLOWER BASKETS

Please send in your Spring Fundraiser orders for Butter Braids and Hanging Flower Baskets. Fundraiser profits will go toward assisting the Audubon Center expenses for the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and our Artist in Residency - Elder's Program in May with Larry Long. Pick-up for Butter Braids will be Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hanging Basket pick-up is set for Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.



## ELDER'S INTERVIEWS

On Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be holding our elder's interviews with Larry Long. The elder's that have so graciously agreed to share their stories with us are Bud Locher, Lorna Panning and Pastor Sprengeler. We have also been informed that KARE-11 will be coming to GICS to find out more about our elder's program. We will let you know if/when we will be on the news (depends on their newsload for the day). We would like students to 'dress-up' for the day in their 'Sunday Best' for our visitors. How exciting for GICS!

## WINTERFEST 2009

Due to the lack of snow and 'interesting' February weather we've had so far, Winterfest has been rescheduled for next week and revamped! Please look for WINTERFEST Flyer in your child's backpack for our Spirit Day activities!



## VOLUNTEER READERS

Are you interested in coming to GICS and reading with the students? Time commitment is 30-60 minutes during the morning. We will work with your schedule. If interested, please contact Jennifer Grams at 612.750.8838.



## MUSIC LESSONS

Tara Jungclaus has been here on Wednesday mornings (during the school day) to give music lessons to GICS students. She does have openings available for more students. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Tara at 320.864.3371 or e-mail her at [tjungclaus@yahoo.com](mailto:tjungclaus@yahoo.com).

## 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!



<b>GICS CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>	
<b>FEBRUARY 2009</b>	
Monday, February 23 – Friday, February 27	GICS Winterfest Week
Monday, February 23	GICS Kindergarten Round-up – 6:30pm
Tuesday, February 24	CVN Meeting – 7:00pm
Thursday, February 26	PRESCHOOL SCREENING – St. Mary's Church, Arlington
Thursday, February 26	Family Fun Night – 6:30-8:00pm *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
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**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.