

# Green Isle Community School

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**Weekly Newsletter - Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

## NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK

What fun we had celebrating National Charter Schools Week! Dressing up each day, flying kites, eating lunch with our Volunteers, 'flying up' to our next year classrooms, practicing our elder's songs... to name a few! Thank you for supporting GICS, our favorite charter school!



### FLY-UP DAY

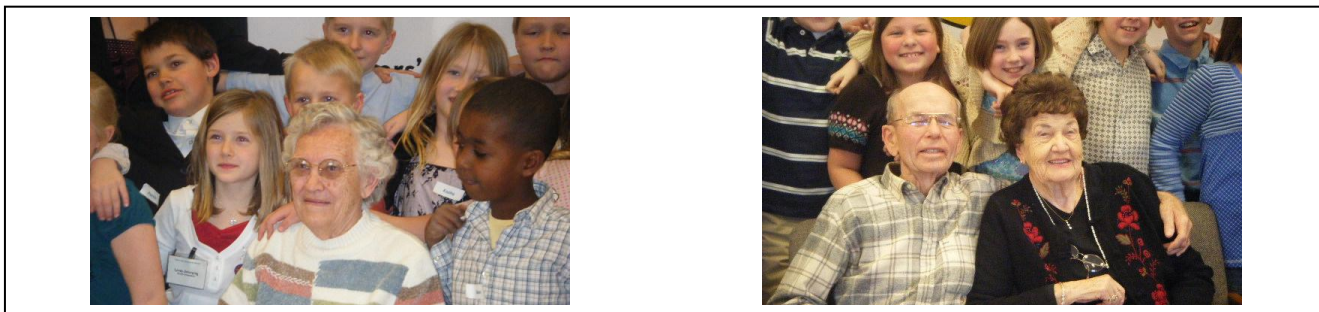
On Wednesday, the students spent an hour in their new future grade level class during "Fly-up Day". Preschoolers came to Kindergarten, Kindergarten went to 1<sup>st</sup>, etc. The students had a great time and are so excited to be moving on!

## NWEA MAP TESTING NEXT WEEK

Our testing for the 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders is scheduled for next week barring any technical difficulties. (It's possible that Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> graders may be able to participate as well.) This is a computerized test that is untimed but each subject (Reading, Math, Language Usage) takes approximately 45-90 minutes to complete. Some reminders to help your student with testing: Get a good night's rest, eat a good breakfast, send a healthy snack with your student, and remind your child to just 'do their best'.

## GREEN ISLE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE - Monday, May 25, 2009 - 10am

Tradition becomes significant in a child's education. Honoring American holidays as a community develops the identity as an American citizen. Green Isle American Legion and Auxiliary invites you to their Memorial Day Program to be held at the GICS gym. The Sibley East High School band will play, the Boy Scouts will lead our Pledge of Allegiance and plan for a community potluck following the program. (12noon) Chicken and beverages are provided. Bring your own table service. Patriotic events build our Nation. - Green Isle American Legion and Auxiliary



## ELDERS' WISDOM, CHILDREN'S SONG COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Our celebration honoring Lorna Panning, Pastor Mick Sprengeler (not pictured yet!), and Bud Locher is just around the corner. Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7pm is our performance. On Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, we have been invited to the EdVision Project Fair that will be held at Minnesota New Country School in Henderson where we will share our songs with the attendees. Bonnie Jean Flom has been to school to work on the narratives with the children. Please continue to help your child work on these at home. You won't want to miss this event!

**GoodSearch**

Don't FORGET TO GOODSEARCH! It really works! We've already raised \$108.66! Search the web with [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) (instead of google or yahoo, etc.) and earn money for Green Isle Community School! Tell everyone you know to use GoodSearch for GICS (powered by Yahoo!).

## GICS PRESCHOOL

If you are planning on enrolling your preschool age child in the program, please call 507.326.7144 to let us know so we can plan for enrollment. Kacy Honl, our current preschool teacher will be moving out of the state over the summer, so we are in the process of hiring a new teacher for next year. We will have an Open House before school ends for families to meet the new teacher and complete their registration for next year. If you know of someone with a child that will be 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>, please encourage them to come and check out our program!



<b>GICS CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>	
<b>MAY 2009</b>	
Friday, May 8	Hanging Flower Basket Delivery - 4:30-6:30pm
Monday, May 11- Friday May 15	NWEA MAP Testing (Grades 2-6) - Science MCA-II Assessment (Grade 5)
Monday, May 18 - Tuesday, May 19	NWEA MAP Testing - Make-up
Thursday, May 21	EWCS Dress Rehearsal
Thursday, May 21	EWCS Community Celebration
Friday, May 22	EdVisions Project Fair - MNCS, Henderson
Monday, May 25	<b>NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day</b>
	Preschool Graduation
Friday, May 29	MNCS Student Helpers
Friday, May 29	Track & Field Day
<b>JUNE 2009</b>	
Monday, June 1	Track & Field Day - make-up date in case of rain
Wednesday, June 3	GICS Graduation/Closing Bell-ringing
Wednesday, June 3	GICS Family Picnic
Wednesday, June 3	Last Day of School
Thursday, June 4 - Friday, June 5	EOY Workshops
Monday, June 8 - Wednesday, June 10	EOY Workshops
<b>JULY 2009</b>	
Tuesday, July 7 - Thursday, July 9	GICS Summer Camp
Friday, July 10	GICS Community Gathering

<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!  
**DEADLINE:**  
**MAY 8<sup>th</sup>**

**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.