

Green Isle Community School

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Weekly Newsletter - Friday, September 5, 2008

It's GOOD to be BACK!

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

What a wonderful first week of school! Although we had rain for our opening **bell ringing** ceremony, it didn't stop the students from ringing the bells throughout the school! Did you know that we have 92 students enrolled for the 2008-2009 school year? **Responsive classroom** is alive and visible at GICS! By taking the time to talk about and demonstrate what we need to do in our classrooms, playground, lunchroom and other school areas, we can find positive, respectful ways to work together. Ask your child to tell you about this and their **Morning Meeting** time.



Staff update: James Alcorn has been reassigned and is teaching grades 4-6 County Cork; Kristen Strauss also has been reassigned from her para position and is teaching the other section of grades 4-6 County Cork. Shelly Otto-Fisher has been hired to teach Reading and Math classes and assist in the classrooms. Shelly comes to Green Isle from Glencoe. Karen Ritsema from Hutchinson and Ashley Danielson from Arlington will assist in the classrooms as paraprofessionals. Kacy (Panning) Honl decided to return as our preschool teacher and para on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week. We welcome our new and veteran staff members back to GICS for year 4! What a great team! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give us a call or e-mail. Thank you for spreading the good news about GICS and for entrusting us with your children!

GOAL PLANNING CONFERENCES

Don't forget to sign up for a goal planning conference with your child. The dates are Tuesday, September 16th and Thursday, September 18th. The sign-up sheets are in the office.

GREEN ISLE REUNION - GICS GYM - Monday, September 8th

On Monday, September 8th, GICS will host at least 85 former Green Isle students. Classrooms will welcome visitors from 10am-11:30am and 1:45pm-2:45pm. Student Ambassadors will meet and greet our visitors and conduct tours during this time. At 1:15pm, the GICS students will sing a few of their favorite songs for the group. **We are asking that the GICS students 'dress up' for our guests.** Should be a fun day to show off our wonderful school!



DID YOU KNOW?

153 charter schools opened their doors to students this fall.

It's been 16 years since the nation's first charter school opened its doors to students.

Over 40% of Minnesota's charter schools have operated for 5 or more years.

Thank you for all you do to help GICS be a great place for kids! :)

BIKE SAFETY

Sibley County Deputy Marvin Doeden visited GICS today to talk with students about bike safety. If your child rides bike or walks to school, please ask them about the rules of the road for bike safety. Let's keep our children safe!



AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP

Please pick up your children in the St. Brendans' Parking lot after school. We are trying to minimize congestion in the school parking lot and enable a safe route for the bus. A staff member will assist the children in crossing the street at the crosswalk in front of the school. Also, please enter the front lot from the south driveway. (Signs are posted.) Thanks for your assistance.



Have you handed in your Lunch \$, Milk/Juice \$, Extended Day Contract/\$, Shared Supplies \$, Emergency Card, other paperwork???? Whew!

GICS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2008	
Monday, September 8	Green Isle Reunion
Tuesday, September 16	Goal Planning Conferences
Thursday, September 18	Goal Planning Conferences
Friday, September 19	Happy Birthday, Ms. Kroehler!
Saturday, September 20	Green Isle Oktoberfest
Monday, September 22 – Friday, September 26	NWEA MAP Testing
Thursday, September 25	GICS Board Meeting – 5:30pm * Note Date Change due to Conferences
Thursday, September 25	CVN – Community Volunteer Network Meeting – 7pm *Note Date Change due to Conferences
Monday, September 29 – Tuesday, September 30	NWEA MAP Make-up Testing
OCTOBER 2008	
Monday, October 1	PICTURE DAY!
Thursday, October 16 – Friday, October 17	No School / Teacher Professional Days
Thursday, October 23	Happy Birthday, Ms. Schwartz!
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* 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	Kristen Strauss
Reading & Math Teacher/Para	Shelly Otto-Fisher
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

**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.