

Green Isle Community School

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Weekly Newsletter - Friday, September 11, 2009



READ WITH A HERO

In honor of 9-11, we invited our community members to come and read with the students during our "Read with a Hero" hour. The following 'hero's' were invited: Police Officer (K-9 unit), Sheriff, Firefighter, and an EMT/Paramedic. What a great experience for the children!

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER NETWORK (CVN) MEETING - Tuesday, September 15th - 6:30 p.m.

All parents are invited to attend our Community Volunteer Network Meeting next Tuesday.

The purpose of the CVN is to provide a network of "Parents, Staff, Students and Community Members working together to create a sense of community that supports the students in their academic and social growth." The goals of the CVN are: to support educational needs, recruit volunteers for classroom and extracurricular activities, to build community ties, and to strengthen communication between the school, community and GICS families. By developing a Community Volunteer Network (CVN), parents, staff, students, and community members will become more involved with GICS and enrich the education of our students. Tasks include: coordinate/carry out GICS fundraisers; plan and assist with the last day of school picnic; and assist with volunteer coordination efforts throughout the year. We will meet at 6:30p.m. in the cafeteria. PLEASE JOIN US!



FAMILY FUN NIGHT "Focusing on Literacy" - Thursday, September 17th

Join us for a different type of Family Fun Night where we will be focusing on literacy. Families will travel together and participate at various literacy stations such as "Make a Puppet", "Bookmark Station" and "I'm Thumbody Special" book making station. The event will take place in the gym from 6:30-8:00pm on Thursday, September 17th.

GOAL PLANNING CONFERENCES

Don't forget to sign up for a goal planning conference with your child. The dates are Tuesday, September 22nd and Thursday, September 24th from 3:30-8:00pm. The sign-up sheets are in the office.

WANTED: VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are in need of a new Volunteer Coordinator at GICS. This position assists with setting up the Community Volunteer Readers and coordinating the labels/lids/boxtops projects. By the way, currently, we could use some help sorting, counting, cutting, etc., our Campbell Soup Labels, Milk Lids, and Boxtops. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please give us a call.

BEFORE SCHOOL DROP-OFF/AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP

Please drop off/pick up your children in the St. Brendans' Parking lot before and after school. We are trying to minimize congestion in the school parking lot and enable a safe route for the bus. A staff member and the GICS Patrols 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.

How children learn is as important as what they learn: process and content go hand in hand.

~Origins

ELDERS' WISDOM, *Children's Song*™

The EWCS DVD's are in from our May 2009 celebration and are available for families and were handed out at the Open House. If you did not receive a DVD yet, you may pick up in the office or let us know and we'll send it home with your child. What a wonderful tribute to our elders. **PLANNING AHEAD:** 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. Interviews will be conducted in February. (By the way, we consider anyone older than the students to be an elder!)

ABSENT/TARDY/SICK CHILDREN

If your child will not be in school or if you are running late, please call the office by 9:00am. Please refer to the Student Handbook for further information. Thanks for your cooperation!



GICS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2009	
Tuesday, September 15	CVN – Community Volunteer Network Meeting – 7pm
Thursday, September 17	GICS Board Meeting – 5:30pm
Thursday, September 17	GICS Literacy Fun Night – 6:30-8:00pm
Saturday, September 19	Happy Birthday, Ms. Kroehler!
Saturday, September 19	Green Isle Oktoberfest
Tuesday, September 22	Goal Planning Conferences
Wednesday, September 23	McGowan Farm Field Trip
Thursday, September 24	Goal Planning Conferences
Friday, September 25	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, September 28	Cookie Dough Fundraiser Kick-off
OCTOBER 2009	
Monday, October 5 – Friday, October 9	NWEA MAP Testing
Monday, October 5	Elder's Coffee – 11:30-12:50pm - Meath - JG
Monday, October 12 – Wednesday, October 14	NWEA MAP Make-up Testing
Thursday, October 15 – Friday, October 16	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Days
Thursday, October 22	GICS Board Meeting – 5:30pm * Note Date Change due to No School
Thursday, October 22	CVN – Community Volunteer Network Meeting – 7pm * Note Date Change due to No School
Friday, October 23	Happy Birthday, Ms. Schwartz!
Wednesday, October 28	Early Dismissal – 1pm

* 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 Dissette
Preschool	Ann Czarnecki
Paraprofessional	Ashley Reetz
Business Manager	Keith Johnson

**Extended Day
Hours
Grades K-6
6:00am – 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.