

# Green Isle Community School

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Weekly Newsletter - Friday, September 19, 2008

## Goal Planning Conferences

Thank you for taking the time to meet with your child's teacher for their goal planning conference this week. If you were not able to make it, please contact your child's teacher to set up a time to meet. We saw many families in our building and heard many positive comments about this time spent together.



### SICK/ABSENT CHILD

Please remember to call in to the school by 8:45 a.m. if your child is sick, running late or will be absent for the day. Thank you.

### GREEN ISLE OKTOBERFEST

Don't forget to come enjoy the fun this weekend in Green Isle at Oktoberfest, our town celebration!

### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER NETWORK (CVN) MEETING - Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.

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

*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 7:00p.m. in the cafeteria.*

### More on Responsive Classroom - Classroom Practices

At the heart of the *Responsive Classroom* approach are ten classroom practices:

*Morning Meeting*—gathering as a whole class each morning to greet one another, share news, and warm up for the day ahead

*Rule Creation*—helping students create classroom rules that allow all class members to meet their learning goals

*Interactive Modeling*—teaching children to notice and internalize expected behaviors through a unique modeling technique

*Positive Teacher Language*—using words and tone to promote children's active learning and self-discipline

*Logical Consequences*—responding to misbehavior in a way that allows children to fix and learn from their mistakes while preserving their dignity

*Guided Discovery*—introducing materials using a format that encourages creativity and responsibility

*Academic Choice*—increasing student motivation by differentiating instruction and allowing students teacher-structured choices in their work

*Classroom Organization*—setting up the physical room in ways that encourage independence, cooperation, and productivity

*Working with Families*—hearing families' insights and helping them understand the school's teaching approaches

*Collaborative Problem Solving*—using conferencing, role playing, and other strategies to engage students in problem-solving

## GICS SPAGHETTI DINNER – Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – 5-8pm

Please send in your paid tickets and money to the office for the GICS Annual Spaghetti Dinner. More tickets are available if you need them. Thanks for your support of this event.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We could use some help with our Campbell Soup Labels, Milk Lids, Boxtops, etc. – sorting, counting, cutting. Have you noticed the empty bulletin board in the entryway? We could use some help decorating and maintaining this bulletin board. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please give us a call.



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

## GICS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2008	
Friday, September 19	<b>Happy Birthday, Ms. Kroehler!</b>
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
Friday, September 26	Tie-Dyeing Shirts – Homeroom Activity
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	<b>Happy Birthday, Ms. Schwartz!</b>
Thursday, October 23	GICS Board Meeting – 5:30pm * Note Date Change due to No School
Thursday, October 23	CVN – Community Volunteer Network Meeting – 7pm * Note Date Change due to No School
Friday, October 24	<b>GICS Spaghetti Dinner -5-8pm</b>

* 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.