

Green Isle Community School

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Weekly Newsletter - Friday, October 10, 2008

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

This week we spent time talking with our classes about Fire Prevention and toured the Green Isle Fire Department. Special thanks to the volunteer fire fighters that spent time with all of us at the fire station on Wednesday. Remember to talk with your child about fire safety at home and to come up with an emergency plan in case of a fire at your home.



COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER SALE ENDS MONDAY!

This is the last weekend to sell some cookie dough! Orders are due on Monday, October 13th. Products will be available for pick-up before the Thanksgiving Break on Tuesday, November 25th. Thanks for supporting our fundraising efforts!

CVN MEETING - MONDAY, OCTOBER 13th

The Community Volunteer Network will meet at 5:30pm on Monday, October 13th in the cafeteria. Please join us!

NO SCHOOL - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15th

Please note that there will not be school/extended day on Wednesday, October 15th. This is a change from our calendar. Sibley East does not have school that day. GICS will have a teacher work day. There will not be school on Thursday, October 16th and Friday, October 17th due to MN teacher professional days (MEA break).

GICS SPAGHETTI DINNER - Friday, October 24th - 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.



5 Ways to Improve Your Child's Handwriting

Getting the hang of handwriting can be tough for kids, especially if they have trouble with fine-motor tasks. Try these activities to build skills and confidence. (Source: Scholastic Parents)

- 1. Make Practicing Fun** - Offer your child a special pencil or a rainbow of colored ones. Don't just give her words to copy. Try simple word puzzles, anagrams, a game of hangman, or ask her to brainstorm lists around a theme to give writing practice a purpose.
- 2. Encourage Drawing and Puzzle Games** - In order to develop the physical requirements of writing – holding a pencil correctly, posture, control, dexterity, coordination – the more time your child spends manipulating objects, the better. Even using silverware can help him develop his fine-motor skills.
- 3. Pinpoint the Problem** - Common handwriting problems lie in four main areas: letter formation, sizing, spaces between words, and line-alignment. Focus your child's practice on the letters or concepts that challenge her and make sure she's using two hands to control the paper.
- 4. The Right Tools** - If your child's struggling with a regular pencil, try a smaller or shorter, kid-sized one. Ensure he has a good eraser handy so he's not afraid of making mistakes.
- 5. Writing Outside the Box** - A foggy mirror, patch of mud, or bowl of leftover sauce make great surfaces. Whether your child's practicing with his fingers, a stick, or a pencil, inspiring his creativity will lend appeal to writing.



BIKE RIDERS

If your child rides a bike to school, please remind them to park their bike in the bike rack or on the rock area by the rack. Please do not block the front door area. Thanks for your cooperation!



Don't FORGET TO
GOODSEARCH! It really works! We've already raised \$63.39!
 Search the web with www.goodsearch.com and earn money for
 Green Isle Community School! Tell everyone you know to use
 GoodSearch for GICS (powered by Yahoo!).



Mention GICS when you
 use your TARGET VISA.

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Taking Care of Business

If you order or make purchases from Office
 Depot, please help GICS by using our 5%
 Back to Schools Program ID number
 #70211876 for all their qualifying school
 supply purchases.

GICS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2008	
October	NWEA MAP Testing
Monday, October 13	Cookie Dough Fundraiser Orders DUE!
Monday, October 13	CVN – Community Volunteer Network Meeting – 5:30pm
Tuesday, October 14	Happy Birthday, Ms. Kristen Strauss!
Wednesday, October 15	NO SCHOOL/Teacher Work Day
Thursday, October 16 – Friday, October 17	NO SCHOOL / Teacher Professional Days
Thursday, October 23	Happy Birthday, Ms. Kristine Schwartz!
Thursday, October 23	GICS Board Meeting – 5:30pm * Note Date Change due to No School on 3 rd Thursday
Friday, October 24	Art Classes with Nicole Roepke
Friday, October 24	GICS Spaghetti Dinner -5-8pm
NOVEMBER 2008	
Thursday, November 13	End of Trimester 1
Friday, November 14	NO SCHOOL/Teacher Work Day
Wednesday, November 19	Report Cards Sent Home
Monday, November 24	Evening Conferences 3:30-8:00pm
Tuesday, November 25	Evening Conferences 3:30-8:00pm
Tuesday, November 25	Cookie Dough Pick-up
Wednesday, November 26-Friday, November 28	NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Break
DECEMBER 2008	
Wednesday, December 3	Early Release – 1pm
Thursday, December 11	Happy Birthday, Mr. James Alcorn!
Thursday, December 11	Winter Program – 7pm
Friday, December 12	Field Trip – Old Log Theatre
Monday, December 22- Wednesday, December 31	NO SCHOOL – Winter Break
JANUARY 2009	
Thursday, January 1-Friday, January 2	NO SCHOOL – Winter Break
Monday, January 5	School Resumes

* 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
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

**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.