

Green Isle Community School

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Weekly Newsletter - Monday, October 27, 2008



GICS SPAGHETTI DINNER

Yum! Yum! Thank you to all the volunteers that helped at the Spaghetti Dinner and to those of you that brought the delicious desserts! We collected an additional \$76 in dessert donations! We served over 280 meals and collected over \$1,800! We also received a \$500 matching grant from Thrivent, thanks to Holly Harjes who assisted in securing this grant! Proceeds will be used to purchase an Elison Die-cut machine (system that cuts out letters, numbers and shapes) and Guided Reading Books. Special thanks to Ida Dissette, Holly Harjes, and Jenny Grams who helped organize this event. It would not have been such a success without all of your support and assistance!



FALL HARVEST PARTIES

On Friday, October 31st, classrooms will be celebrating fall with a party and a costume parade. The festivities will begin after lunch. Students will change into their costumes and enjoy class parties with snacks and games. We will have a costume parade at 2:15pm in the gym. Parents are invited to attend the parade. Please do not send your child to school in their costume on Friday. Most importantly, please help your child find a 'friendly' costume to wear that day - no masks, face paint, scary images, etc. Thank you for your cooperation in helping

GICS have a positive Fall Harvest experience!

COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

WOW! GICS sold over 570 tubs of cookie dough! That's a whole lotta dough! Items will be available for pick-up before the Thanksgiving Break on Tuesday, November 25th. Thanks for supporting our fundraising efforts!



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!

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TAKE-A-BREAK - Responsive Classroom Strategy

Take a Break is a Responsive Classroom strategy that teacher's use in their classrooms to help children redirect their behavior. For example, side conversations, switching seats, arguing, outbursts, etc. are some of the behaviors where students find themselves in Take a Break. Take a Break is not a punishment rather a way to redirect misbehavior and give students an opportunity to regain control before returning to the large group. Take a Break is modeled and practiced by all so that students know what it looks like and feels like and that it is ok for everybody to Take a Break. The intention of Take a Break is not to have students feel bad, but to experience Take a Break as an opportunity for developing self-control and as a way to help teachers and students work together on behaviors. Sometimes we need to give children time to help them recover their self-control and dignity. Take a Break is that opportunity for children to do that.



Don't FORGET TO GOODSEARCH! It really works! We've already raised \$65.26! 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.

Office DEPOT.

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

NOVEMBER 2008	
Monday, November 3	School-wide Mock Election
Tuesday, November 11	Veteran's Day Program – gym – 1:00pm
Thursday, November 13	End of Trimester 1
Friday, November 14	NO SCHOOL/Teacher Work Day
Wednesday, November 19	Report Cards Sent Home
Thursday, November 20	GICS Board Meeting – 5:30pm - cafeteria
Thursday, November 20	CVN Meeting – 7:00pm - cafeteria
Monday, November 24	Good Samaritan Home Visit
Monday, November 24	Evening Conferences 3:30-8:00pm
Tuesday, November 25	PICTURE RETAKES!
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Tuesday, November 25	Cookie Dough Pick-up
Wednesday, November 26-Friday, November 28	NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Break
DECEMBER 2008	
Monday, December 1	Good Samaritan Home Visit
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.