

Green Isle Community School

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Weekly Newsletter - Friday, November 7, 2008

FALL HARVEST PARTIES

FUN, FUN, FUN! On Friday, October 31st, GICS celebrated fall with classroom parties and a costume parade. Thank you, parents, for helping out and attending the parade! Most importantly, a big 'THANK YOU' in helping your child find a 'friendly' costume to wear that day. What a great memory!



VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

On **Tuesday, November 11th at 1:00pm** we will honor our veterans at a Veteran's Day Program in the GICS gym. There will be a program and our students will sing a couple of selections. The public is invited. Please join us in honoring our veterans!

REMINDER - NO SCHOOL

No School/Extended Day - Friday, November 14th - Teacher Work Day
Wednesday, November 26th - Friday, November 28th - Thanksgiving Break

HELP WANTED!

We are looking for a volunteer to assist with our hot lunch program. Duties include serving food and kitchen clean up. Time commitment is from 12-1:30pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. If you can assist on any of those days, or know of someone who may be able to help, please contact the office. Thank you for your consideration.

NWEA MAP TESTING - COMPLETED!

We have completed all of the tests for students in grades 3-6 and should receive the results in the next month. We are trying to figure out how to administer the NWEA MAP for Primary Grades so that we can get a baseline on our K-2 students. We will keep you posted.

DRESS FOR THE COLD WEATHER

The weather is a-changin'! Please remember to send your child in warm clothing - coats, hats, gloves. Our goal is to go outside for recess everyday unless the weather is too cold or **WET** so please help your child(ren) dress accordingly. Better to dress in layers and have to take some of them off, than be cold! Thanks for your help!



**VISION
HEARING
SCREENING
Tuesday
November 11th**

Homework Help: 5 Ways to Procrastinator-Proof Your Child

Source: Scholastic Parents

- **Step out of the line of fire.** Leave the issuing of orders and consequences, advice and directives, to the school. Tempting as it is, if you rush to his rescue either by doing his homework or writing an excuse to the teacher about why he couldn't, your procrastinator learns that his tactics will ultimately be rewarded. Rescue too often, and you also send the message that you really don't believe he can do it himself.
- **Acknowledge even tentative steps in the right direction.** If you're forever noticing what she *isn't* doing, instead of what she is doing, you'll chip away at her confidence. Praise such as "Good first draft!" or "That's a fine outline" can go a long way toward motivating a child to complete assignments. Reward her for trying by putting a star on the calendar for each day she finishes her work on time. When she collects a weeks' worth, celebrate with a movie or video date.
- **Help him set goals he can meet.** Simply beginning is the hardest part for a procrastinator, so show him how to

structure his time. A book report in three weeks? Pencil each step into the plan book or calendar: Research in the library; make note cards; write an outline, etc. If he's staring at a blank page, suggest he write down any thoughts that come to his mind, even if they seem off-base. The process of writing down ideas can generate new ones.

- **Involve your child in her homework schedule.** Hammer out a study routine you can both live with – taking into account after-school activities and favorite TV programs as well as her temperament (some kids prefer to finish in one sitting; others need a break every 15 minutes or so). Give her choices – but not too many. If she wants to watch a show before beginning work, that's okay. But then she has to sit down and begin – even if that means missing a "very important" program later.
- **Turn homework time into family time.** Bring home some paperwork, organize your recipe file, do the Sunday crossword puzzle, or pay bills while your child studies – doing it together can be a motivator.



Don't FORGET TO GOODSEARCH! It really works! We've already raised \$67.33! 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!).

GICS CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
NOVEMBER 2008	
Tuesday, November 11	Vision/Hearing Screening 8:30am
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!
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	
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
 Pop Can Tabs
 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.