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Weekly Newsletter - Friday, November 21, 2008

REMINDER - NO SCHOOL

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

EVENING CONFERENCES - Monday, November 24th & Tuesday, November 25th 3:30-8:00pm

Please remember to attend conferences with your child next week. If you are unsure of your conference time, please contact your child's teacher.

GICS ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE - NOVEMBER 5th - 9th

We are collecting food items for the local Food Shelf. Homeroom collection results will be tallied next week. If you'd like to make a food or cash donation, please drop it off at the GICS office on Monday or Tuesday. Thanks for supporting this worthy cause!



GOOD SAMARITAN HOME VISIT

The students will visit the Good Samaritan Home on Monday, November 24th and Monday, December 1st. They will sing some favorite songs for the residents, play bingo and present them with an art project that they made. What a great service learning opportunity for the students!



BULLYING PRESENTATION

Today the Sibley County Sheriff's Department came to GICS and did a presentation with the students about bullying. The students did skits and talked about how hitting is not the only form of bullying. Our words and actions are forms of bullying, too, and it takes everyone to stop bullying. Please help us stop bullying by talking with your child about this important topic.

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!

COOKIE DOUGH ORDERS

Please make arrangements to pick up your cookie dough orders on Tuesday, November 25th after 2pm. If you are unable to pick up your cookie dough on Tuesday, please try to make arrangements for someone else to help you out or let us know. We do not have a lot of cooler space for storage. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser! We raised over \$3,000! Whoo-ee! (That's a whole lot of cookie dough!)



| GICS CALENDAR OF EVENTS | |
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| NOVEMBER 2008 | |
| 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 |

Kids Are Just Kids—Not Little Adults

Many parents and teachers carry around in their heads a trouble-producing notion about young children. This idea is a kind of false assumption or wish that causes discipline attempts that don't work, along with stormy scenes that make everyone feel bad. This erroneous concept is known as the "Little Adult Assumption."

The Little Adult Assumption is the belief that kids have hearts of gold and that they are basically reasonable and unselfish. They're just smaller versions of grownups, in other words. And because they are little adults, this notion goes, whenever the youngsters are misbehaving or not cooperating, the problem must be that they don't have enough information at their disposal to be able to do the right thing.

Imagine for example, that your eight-year-old son is torturing his little sister for the fifteenth time since they got home from school. What should you do? If your boy is a little adult, you simply sit him down and explain to him the three golden reasons why he shouldn't tease his sister. First of all, teasing hurts her. Second, it makes you mad at him. Third—and most important—how would he feel if someone treated him like that? Your son looks at you, his face brightening with insight, and he says, "Gee, I never looked at it like that before!" Then he stops bothering his sister for the rest of his life. That would certainly be nice, but any veteran parent or teacher knows that scenes like that don't happen. Kids are not little adults.

The crucial point here is this: Grownups who believe—or want to believe—the Little Adult Assumption are going to rely heavily on words and reasons in dealing with young kids and trying to change their behavior. And words and reasons, by themselves, are going to be miserable failures much of the time.

Talking and explaining certainly have their place in raising children. But kids are just kids—and not little adults. They are not born reasonable and unselfish. Consequently, it is the parent's job—and the teacher's job—to help kids become the opposite. In accomplishing this goal, adults need to be gentle, consistent, decisive and calm. From ParentMagic Newsletter – Dr. Thomas Phalen – ParentMagic.com

| * GREEN ISLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL STAFF * | |
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| 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.