

Green Isle Community School News

Nov. Highlights



FOOD DRIVE-

The Service Learning Task Force organized our annual Food Drive. The students donated over 160 items to the Sibley County Food Shelf. WAY TO GO!!



CONGRATULATIONS to Morgan Thoele, Collin

Sohns, Erin Grams, Brendan Dabek, Aaron Ehrich, Teresa Ehrich, Tamara Ehrich, Gavin Latzke, Jordan Latzke, Madilyn Latzke, and Alyssa Stoeckman for being our top sellers for our cookie dough fundraiser! They participated in a pizza party on November 10th.

CONFERENCES- Thank you to everyone for making our conferences a huge success. We enjoyed being able to meet as a team and talk about the success of each student.

VETERAN'S DAY-All of the students at GICS enjoyed our special guest Barry Mathwig. Barry came on Veteran's Day. He read a book and talked about his experience in the Army and National Guard. A pro-

gram was held that afternoon in the gym.



ELDER'S LUNCH- Mrs. Grams' homeroom will be hosting the 2nd Elder's Lunch of the year. Elders in the community are invited on Monday, December 13th from 11:50-12:50 to come and play games and talk with the students. People that come are invited to stay for lunch so please call Jo in the office and RSVP to ensure we have enough lunches.

Upcoming Events

Winter Program- Our winter program will be held on Monday, December 20th at 7:00 pm

Family Fun Night- Information Meeting

We will be having a Science Family Fun Night on January 6th. Hot dogs and chips will be

served from 5:45-6:15 for \$2.00. Then at 6:30 we will have an information meeting about the Science Fair in March. After the meeting families will be able to travel around and explore different science activities. It will be a great night!

Science Fair- GICS students will be participating in a Science Fair on March 3rd. Students in grades 3-6 will be required to have a project. Students in grades K-2 will have the option of entering a project.

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Ways you can help GICS!

- Come and walk with us on Saturday, December 11th in the Arli-Dazzle Parade at 5:30 p.m.
- We are looking for someone to store the school float for the winter. Please let us know if you have some space in a shed
- We are looking for a few more judges for the Science Fair on March 3rd. We do not want the judges to be related to any of the students at GICS, but if you know of someone who may be interested please let us know

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Kerry-(Preschool) Monthly Highlights-By: Mrs. Ann Czarnecki

The preschool class has been busy learning and playing during the month of November. During F week we learned the song *Five Green and Speckled Frogs* and made a frog craft. While investigating the letter G the students played grocery store in our dramatic play area and painted with golf balls. During H week we played a game sorting different sized hats and we talked out our

homes. In preparation for Thanksgiving, we talked about what it means to be thankful and each student drew a picture of something he/she was thankful for. One of the highlights of our month was working with Mr. Chies' 5th & 6th grade class on our "How to Cook a Turkey" project. The preschoolers dictated while the older students typed the responses. Our class is starting to

prepare for our Winter Program, which will be at 11:00am on Wednesday December 22nd.



Monaghan-(Kindergarten) Monthly Highlights: By: Mrs. Terry Kroehler

The month of November was fun as we anticipated the Thanksgiving holiday. We learned about the Pilgrims and Indians and what the first Thanksgiving was all about. We made Pilgrim hats, Indian vests, and Indian necklaces. We are well into our "Letter of the Week" unit and have learned 4 new letters and 6 new words. We get to have a special "cooking" snack each week that corresponds with whatever letter we

are learning. We have made and eaten marshmallow mix, bears in a boat, sunflowers, and tiger tails. Our Dramatic Play center changed into a Costume Center with lions, princesses and knights, cowboys and cowgirls, and a wizard. Students used their imaginations and had a great time. We also had a Puppet Show Theater. Students entertained each other by acting out stories and

songs they knew and by making up stories of their own. The sensory table was filled with wet sand. Students used molds and imaginations to make sand castles and roads.



Limerick-(Grades 1-2) Monthly Highlights By: Mrs. Julie Grams & Mrs. Kristy Konopacki



We have had a fabulous November month here in the Limerick classroom. We started out the month by reading the Great Turkey Race by Steve Metzger.

After reading this the students each received a turkey to disguise with

their families. They got very creative; we had an astronaut, a Santa Claus, and a bride to name a few.

During writing we started writing letters. We wrote a letter to a friend in class. We will continue this unit into December.

In Social Studies we continued to learn about Native Americans. The kids were surprised to learn the Sioux

tribe learned to swim before they learned to walk.

During P.E. the kids learned the basics to football. They practiced throwing and catching.

The students enjoyed the visit from Barry Mathwig on Veteran's Day. They enjoyed asking him questions about the army.

Galway-(Grades 3-4) Monthly Highlights-By: Mrs. Kristen Strauss

This has been a BUSY month in County Galway!

We finished up our first Independent Reading Project. The students created Treasure Chests that represented the books they read. Their creativity really came out during this project.

The students began their Water Unit in Science this month. We were welcomed by Brian, Green Isle City Worker, to come and tour the water treatment facility in Green Isle. This was a super great way to have Water Conservation become meaningful. The students were excited to get to go on the water tour. On Veterans Day our school welcomed

Barry Mathwig. He came into the school to answer questions and read stories to the students. The 3rd and 4th graders had a lot of questions about rank, helicopters and weapons.

In writing we have been working on complete sentences and paragraphs with topic sentences and concluding sentences.

Our book club books are in the genre of Fantasy/Science Fiction. The students are reading: The City of Ember, A Wrinkle in Time, Aliens Ate My Homework, and The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. They will be creating a short play about

their book in December. Stay tuned for pictures of this exciting project!



Donegal-(Grades 5-6) Monthly Highlights-By: Mr. Dan Chies

During November, Mr. Chies' class reviewed our nouns, and tried to replace boring, old adjectives with fantastical new ones. Our second IRP projects were due November 29th, and expectations are very high! In writing, we worked on a project so secretive, that I can't even believe I just wrote that sentence - You will find out what it was in December! We also

worked on making our writing more creative and expressive. In Social Studies, we have been gripped by our first unit – World War II. Students made amazing Venn diagrams comparing September 11th, 2001, to December 7th, 1941, looked at symbols and propoganda posters, and have made PowerPoint projects of famous leaders. Math was a look

at exponents, powers of 10, numbers with lots of zeroes and commas, and tiny decimals. In Phy Ed, we had an absolute blast during our soccer unit, despite just about everyone sustaining some type of injury! Who knew soccer was so rough!?



In the SPOTLIGHT

The following students have been in the spotlight! They enjoyed sharing information about themselves with their homerooms.



Spotlight on November 16th
 Kroehler- Jaydon Latcham
 Strauss-Brendan Dabek
 Grams-Sam Roepke
 Chies- Corbin Ramirez

Spotlight on November 30th
 Kroehler- Ronaldo Toledo
 Strauss-BoGarett Rechtzigel
 Grams-Teresa Ehrich
 Chies- Adam Stewart



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 1:00 Early Dismissal	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Arli-Dazzle 5:30
12	13 Elder's Coffee 11:50-12:50	14	15	16 5:30 Board Meeting	17	18
19	20 7:00 Winter Program	21	22 Classroom Parties-Movie	23 No School Winter Break	24 No School Winter Break	25
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Madison Rechtizgel with her IRP project.

Jagger Borgmann's IRP project



**Thank you
for choosing
GICS!!!**

Mrs. Strauss' class with Barry Mathwig on Veteran's Day



Kathy, Ashley, Bethany, and Madilyn on their way to deliver Thanksgiving Wishes.



Mrs. Grams' class Save The Turkey Projects

