

Green Isle Community School News

October Highlights

Fire Prevention Week- We started the month of October talking about fire safety. We are thankful to Fireman Dan and Fireman Jeff for taking time out of their day to tell us about this important topic at the fire hall.



Family

Fun Night- We had our first Family Fun Night in October. Families had a great time dancing and rollerblading around the gym!



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

Cookie Dough Delivery- Please remember that your cookie dough will be at school for you to pick up on Thursday, November 18th from 2:00-5:30



Breakfast- We started a breakfast program during the last week of Oct. After handing out a survey and determining that many of our families want to participate we started this free breakfast program. Since we are part of the Sibley East Food Program, this is provided through them.

MAP testing- All of the students in grades K-6 took their MAP tests this month. Thank you to Ashley Reetz for helping us make that happen!

Cookie dough fundraiser- Thank you to everyone that participated in the fundraiser! We met our goal of raising \$2000.

Upcoming Events

Report Cards- Report cards will be going home with students on Monday, November 22



Come in and Check us out!

Way to go! We will be having a pizza party for the top sellers in the beginning of November.

VOA visit- Molly McGraw Healy from VOA was here on Tuesday, Oct. 26th. She visited classrooms, met with parents and board members. Thank you to Paul & Mary Menne, Becky & Nick Pollack, Cathy Malinowski, Jenny Grams, Sara Thumberger, Nicole Roepke, Sharon Ehrich and Dave Rhode for coming to meet with Molly. She enjoyed her day here at GICS!



Conferences - Make sure that you sign up for conferences if you have not done so already. These conferences will be held on Monday, Nov. 22 and Tuesday, Nov. 23 from 3:30-7:30 pm. Students are asked to attend these conferences as well as the parents.

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Ways you can help GICS!

- Come in and volunteer!
- Tell other families about GICS

Make November 16th our Give to the Max Day!

Last year Minnesotans gave \$14 Million to over 3400 Minnesota nonprofits in 24 hours becoming the largest online giving event ever! This year Green Isle Community School is going to join in the "Great Minnesota Give Together" on November 16th.

It's Easy! Go to www.givemn.org and click on the "Donate" button at the top of the page. Type in "Green Isle Community School" in the "Search", click on "Donate" and make your donation!

This year throughout the 24 hours of November 16th, one donor will be randomly chosen every hour to have \$1000.00 added to their donation. Maybe you can consider donating every hour or pick an hour when donation traffic is down, maybe at 2 am!

If you have family and friends who you think would like to donate, please pass this message along to them. Busy on the 16th? You can always make donations through this website all year round!

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

It's been a busy October in preschool. This month we've been focusing on the letters C, D, and E and on the number three. During C week we learned the poem *Jack Be Nimble* and we practiced jumping over candlesticks. For D week we played *Doggie Doggie Where's Your Bone?* and *Duck Duck Grey Duck*. During E week we did a science experiment involving two eggs; the students tried to figure out which egg was raw and which egg had been hard boiled. The students touched, shook, and tapped the eggs

before we cracked them open. We read *The Three Little Pigs* while talking about the number three. After reading the book, the students acted out the story. They especially enjoyed huffing and puffing and blowing the (pretend) houses down. During our investigation of the number three we've formed groups of three and practiced counting and sorting many different objects into threes.

During art we talked about symmetry and made symmetrical trees, which are hanging up at Cornerstone State

Bank in Green Isle. This month the preschoolers listened and danced to *Run! Run!* by Octavio Pinto and *Creatures of the Garden* by Herbert Donaldson during our music and movement time.

The highlight of the month was our Fall Costume Party. The students paraded through the school to show off their costumes to the older kids. We played games and decorated pumpkins. A fantastic time was had by all!

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

Kindergarten was a fun and lively room during the month of October. We finished our "Letter of the Day" unit and made an Alphabet book, a Color book, a Nursery Rhymes book, and a Shapes book. We have now begun a "Letter of the Week" unit and will focus on learning each letter of the alphabet and its corresponding sound. We learned about the four seasons and made an art activity to represent each season.

Our Dramatic Play center changed into a Community center and students were firemen and firewomen, policemen and policewomen, and construction workers. We have put out many fires, caught many bad people, and built many houses and pieces of furniture.



The sensory table was filled with uncooked popcorn and toy animals. We had an exciting Fall Festival party and Costume parade to finish off our month. It's hard to believe we have already been in school for two months. We are learning so much and have made good friends from all the different grade levels.

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

We have had a fun and busy October in the Limerick classroom. In the beginning of October we talked about fire safety and enjoyed our trip to the fire hall. We had an exciting visit from the Pumpkin Elf this last week! He played a few tricks on us, but he also left us a treat! During writing we have been busy getting our wonderful story ideas onto paper. We all have finished many stories and we even get a

chance to share our stories a few times a week. During Science we finished our plant and seed unit and have started our Native American unit.

We read a historical fiction book about how a little boy got his Native American name and then we gave ourselves Native American names.



Guided Reading is up and running. The kids are feeling successful reading the books at their reading level. Teachers meet with each group at least 2 times a week.

In Physical Education students have been learning the basics to soccer. We ended our soccer unit with an enthusiastic game of soccer!



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

This month in the Galway has been busy! The students are wrapping up their Native American Unit. This means that in Social Studies they finished their poster projects and presented them to the class. They also made a model sized Native American dwelling of the tribe they studied.

The students also finished their book club book for the Unit. Each group then made a board game that represented the book they read. The games include characters, pictures,

and vocabulary words from the novel they read.

Our first Independent Reading Project was due on October 28th. The children made a Treasure Chest and placed items in it from a story of their choice. They also completed a graphic organizer to go along with their chest.



In writing this month the students started their scary stories. They are working on writing a story that has three paragraphs with correct punctuation. We have put an emphasis on complete sentences.



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

Despite having testing for one whole week, and two other weeks that did not have a full five-day schedule, the Fifth and Sixth graders stayed focused and had a very productive October. First, we completed our fall standardized tests with very solid scores. We explored the themes of fire prevention (and had a tour of Green Isle F.D.'s 'smoke room!'), personal hygiene, and wrapped up the month with "Red Ribbon" week: discussions about drugs, and our pledges to stay

drug free.

In the classroom, we turned in our first IRP projects of the year – most students chose dioramas – and the early results were very good. Sam Roepke's skylights, door, and actual *carpeting* went above and beyond expectation - Incredible! The first Book Club projects are nearing completion; we will undoubtedly enjoy the plays of favorite scenes from **Because of Winn-Dixie**,

Isabel of the Whales, and **Old Yeller**. Our science unit on levers and pulleys was a smashing success, especially trying to have teams construct a mega-pulley with four cogs – see the pictures! Math units on mean, median, mode, and graphing have gone very smoothly. This is a great group of kids – they work HARD and want to impress. I'm loving it! Keep it up!

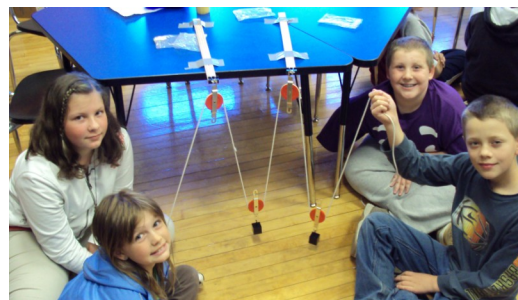
In the SPOTLIGHT



During the months of September and October different staff members have been in the spotlight. They

filled out their spotlight poster and shared it with the students during homeroom time on Tues-

days. The students then have a chance to ask questions of the staff members. Next week homeroom teachers will be in the spotlight in each homeroom. Then the following week a student will be in the spotlight each week and have a chance to share their poster and things that are special to them.



Bethany, Tamara, Jared and Avery with their pulley

November 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Picture Retakes	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Vision & Hearing Screening 1:00 Veteran's Day Program	12 11:10 Bullying Presentation	13
14	15	16	17	18 Cookie Dough Delivery 5:30 Board Mtg. 7:00 CVN Mtg.	19 No School Teacher Workday	20
21	22 Report Cards Sent home Conferences 3:30-7:30	23 Conferences 3:30-7:30	24 No School!	25 Happy Thanksgiving!	26 No School!	27
28	29	30				



Noelle working on her dwelling.

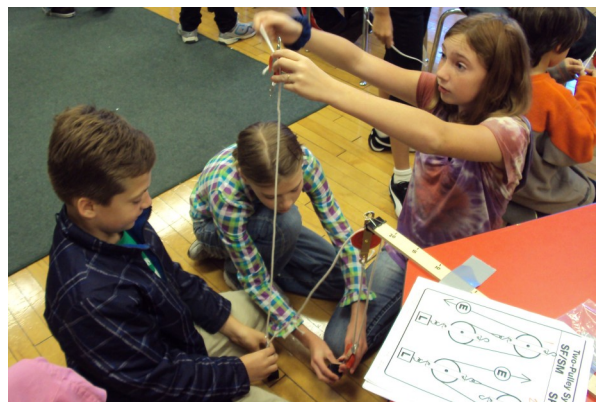


Jaydon demonstrating the safety clothes during our Electrical Safety presentation.



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Sam, Madilyn and Ashley during Science.



Mrs. Konopacki had a wheelie good time at Family Fun Night!™

