

Lakers Green Lake School District

NEWSLETTER



GREEN LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT PHONE: (920) 294-6411
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Dear Families,

This year, I believe your child will get the best instruction in math and literacy that we have ever offered. We have been working together as a staff for the past five years to ensure that our teachers raise the bar on what we expect students to know and be able to do. To do this, we've been using the Wisconsin standards for mathematics and English language arts along with the International Baccalaureate standards and practices framework.

Standards are a set of knowledge and skills that get kids ready for the next grade, for the college or career of their choice, and for the world beyond our doors. We've always had math and English standards in Wisconsin, but frankly, they have not been very high or very clear, and so we never spent much time talking about them. These standards are different.

This year, your child won't simply be memorizing times tables in mathematics; he/she will be able to explain the concept of multiplication, and will be able to apply this concept to real world scenarios. In English, your child will not simply be writing an opinion about a book; he/she will refer to evidence from that book to construct a viable argument that can be shared confidently with others.

We have spent time as a staff working on how to teach differently using our standards so that kids learn deeply, with better connections to the real world and to things kids actually care about. Hands on activities, problem-solving and creative thinking are priorities in our district, and we are excited about the ways we have worked to connect these priorities to literacy and math.

Green Lake teachers are teaching so that all our kids learn at higher levels, but they will also tailor instruction to meet your child's unique strengths and needs. If your child is struggling with a concept or skill, we will discover it faster than ever before with our new assessment system that will better measure what we are teaching and what students are learning. If the need arises, our teachers have the knowledge and training to help your child overcome a challenge quickly and move beyond it.

If you ever have questions about the way your student is learning, please reach out to us; part of teaching to ensure that every student learns deeply means we might use some strategies that are new to you, and we are happy to help you understand these strategies too.

I am excited for the literacy and math learning that will take place this year, and I want to thank you for partnering in your child's learning. Your support means the world to us. It is a privilege to educate all of our students, and one we work hard at every day.

For more information on the Wisconsin math and English standards, please visit <http://standards.dpi.wi.gov/families/families>.

For more information on the International Baccalaureate Program, please visit <http://www.ibo.org/>

Sincerely,
Mary Allen



**From The Desk Of
The Principal**



Green Lake



Proud



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**Superintendent
Ken Bates**

The Green Lake School District, in partnership with the community, commits to an education of excellence by creating a safe environment that encourages mutual respect, enthusiasm for learning through personal attention, and integrated, challenging curriculum so that students can reach their full potential as positive members of our community and the world beyond the classroom.

One of the main features of the Green Lake School District is that its students connect to the community. The community reciprocates with great support and opportunities for students to explore. Students from the science classes are working with the Green Lake Association to do water sampling and tracking the data. It gives them hands-on experience and an awareness of the water quality issues facing our watershed.

This cooperation and communication has led to the Green Lake Association using the high school entrance as a rain garden demonstration site. The Association got a grant to have one designed and installed. The garden will be in a visible spot for the community to see, and a reminder to our students that we need to keep runoff out of the lake. Students will also be out working in the sight get their hands dirty in an earthy event. I hope that this garden will spark interest in developing more of them in every large building in our city. The project is just one example of the benefits of working together.

After the dust settles on the election coming in November, I would like to our state politicians work together on school funding. The use of property value to determine funding neglects districts like Green Lake where the average income doesn't match the average property value. The amount state aid received for 2014-2015 has dropped by 15%, and next year it looks like even less. Aid is one thing, but the ability to operate is another.

The Wisconsin Association of School Boards gets it. They are asking for the state to tie school revenue controls to the rate of inflation. Since the 2009-2010 the annual adjustments to the controls have not allowed schools to even minimally match inflation. The results of the restrictions are seen in the number of referendums being done for school operations.

The decrease in state aid combined with an enrollment less than projected has caused a slight increase to the tax levy of less than 1%. Also there was a drop in the District's equalized value so the mill rate will rise a small amount depending on where you live. This year's budget is balanced and will not have to dip into the fund balance which is very good news for our financial future. After the School Levy Tax Credit is applied there is even better news. Check the upper right hand corner of the property tax bill for a box that says "School taxes reduced by school levy tax credit". Based on the latest information, it reduces the actual property taxes paid by about \$1 per \$100,000 assessed value. This makes the Green Lake School District the best tax bargain in the area.



Host Families Needed for Rotary Exchange Student

The Green Lake Rotary Club is looking for second and third host families for our exchange student who arrived in August 2014. Miles is a 17 year-old boy from Germany and he is a senior at Green Lake High School. He likes sports and is currently getting ready to play basketball. He will be in Green Lake until July 2015.

Host families are asked to provide housing for the student for three to four months. They provide the student with room and board, supervise them as they would their own children, involve them in family activities and chores, and enrich the student's experience by including them in family, community, and cultural activities. Host families are not compensated financially. If your family is interested in participating in this world-expanding experience, contact Rich Grennan (920) 229-6502, richgrennan@gmail.com or Marge Bostelmann, (920) 229-0439.

The Rotary Youth Exchange program offers students from other countries the chance to live and study for a year in another country. This longstanding program advances international understanding, goodwill and peace through a fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service. The Green Lake Rotary Club hosts a student from another country every year through the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

Host families are a vital part of this cultural exchange, playing a large role in offering the student a view of another country. In doing so, the host families gain the opportunity to learn about a new culture. A host family does not need to be involved in Rotary International and does not need to have children or have children of the student's age.

The men and women of the Green Lake Rotary Club represent a wide variety of Green Lake area businesses, but have in common their desire to serve and give back to their community. The Club meets weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00am in the Sunroom of the Heidel House Resort and Spa. Visit greenlakerotary.com to learn more about the Club or to apply for membership.

2014 Children's and Young Adults' Choices Reading List

Since 1974, Children's Choices have been a trusted source of book recommendations used by teachers, librarians, parents—and children themselves. Children evaluate the books and write reviews of their favorites. Check out the website:

<http://www.reading.org/Libraries/choices/cc2014.pdf>

Since 1987, the Young Adults' Choices project has developed an annual list of new books that will encourage adolescents to read. The books are selected by the readers themselves, so they are bound to be popular with middle and secondary school students. The reading list is a trusted source of book recommendations, used by adolescents, their parents, teachers, and librarians. Check out the website:

<http://www.reading.org/Libraries/choices/yac2014.pdf> (Cosponsored by the International Reading Association and the Children's Book Council)

Notes from the Nurse:

We ask that if your child is not feeling well to consider keeping him/her at home. This information is to serve as an informational guideline in preventing the spread of communicable disease in school. If any of the following symptoms are noted, they should not be at school:

- A temperature of 100 degrees or more
- On antibiotics less than 24 hours
- A productive cough or continuous coughing
- Purulent (green, yellow, thick, or otherwise unusual) nasal or eye drainage
- Diarrhea or frequent stools
- Skin rashes/eruptions
- Red throat, swollen glands around jaws, ears, or neck
- Complaints of ear ache, severe stomach ache, sore throat, severe headache
- Nausea or vomiting (during the night or in the morning)
- Lethargy, complaints of muscular aches and pains
- Head or body lice



Students presenting any signs or symptoms mentioned above should remain home until they are symptom free for 24 hours. Our purpose is not only to protect all students, but also prevent students from returning to school with a decreased resistance to infections. Your cooperation in maintaining a healthy school environment for all students is appreciated.

 **Grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7 will be in the process of vision screening** 

ROTARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

September: Kylie Pischke



October: Leo Maltos



November: Claire Kinas

Introducing GLHS Rotary Students of The Month. Chosen by GLSD Administration, these students exhibit excellence both academically and through community involvement. Each student chosen will attend meetings to learn more about Rotary International.



Hello! My name is Joshua LeGreve, and I am very excited to be joining the Green Lake Community as the new Spanish Teacher. This is my fifth year teaching. Prior to working in Green Lake, I spent four years at Muskego-Norway School District just outside of Milwaukee. I am extremely passionate about Spanish language and culture, and my dedication has led me to become the president of the Wisconsin Association for Language Teachers. I love to travel, and have been to a number of different countries, including Spain and Mexico. I am excited that this winter break I will get to go to Germany for the first time.

I grew up in Two Rivers, Wisconsin, and attended Ripon College where I majored in Spanish and physics with a minor in secondary education. While in college I studied abroad in Toledo, Spain, and student taught on the south side of Chicago. When not in the classroom or working on school work, I enjoy exploring Milwaukee with friends, geocaching, watching foreign films, and dabbling in web design (I have even served as webmaster for theatre production in Milwaukee).

I'm so glad to be here in Green Lake and can't wait to get to know each family more! Thank you for such a great welcome to the community.

Healthy Food Choices

The Green Lake Kindergarten kids have recently finished their first IB unit of the year. Entitled "How Our Bodies Work" it focused on learning about the five senses and how we use them to keep ourselves safe and healthy. From there the students learned about the best choices we can make to keep our bodies healthy - which included learning to choose healthy food.

Students created a Healthy Drive Through in which cars are driven to the window, choices are made from the menu posted outside, servers put the requested food on the tray, and then a stop at the "food police" is made to ensure that the diner has chosen at least one food from each of the food groups. If so, bells are rung and the choices celebrated!!



The students also were visited by some Green Lake County and 4H friends to learn about the meaning of poverty and to realize that some people in our own community are in need of food assistance. The kindergarten families generously donated several non-perishable food items which were shared with the food pantry.



Mr. Ladwig's science club camping trip along the Ice Age Trail.



GLSD Jr. Zach Shohoney aspires to be a neurosurgeon because of his own experience with spinal surgery two years ago. His neurosurgeon Dr. Bhattacharjee has been his inspiration. A recent job shadow experience with Dr. Yazbak has only strengthened his enthusiasm. Zach says "I find the field of neurosurgery to be very fascinating. I can't wait to do more shadows in the future. "

CANDY EXPERIMENTS

The second graders of Ms. Baranowski's class did a few candy experiments during their IB unit on "Changes." The class put candy, such as M&M's and Skittles, in glasses of warm water and observed the changes. They also made Pixie Stix goo.



**VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR PICTURES AND UPDATES
FROM THE GREEN LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

Green Lake School District Rain Garden

In October Stuart's Landscaping started excavating the site and laying the foundation necessary for a rain garden in front of the high school entrance of the school. Later, students installed plants, laid mulch, and received demonstrations about the concepts behind implementing rain gardens.

A big thank you to Paul Meuer, Communications and Project Manager with the Green Lake Association, who was available to facilitate installation, and provide brief lectures regarding how rain gardens work, the biochemistry behind phytoremediation, and why they are important. Both Paul, and GLA Executive Director, Stephanie Prellwitz, were instrumental in allowing GLSD to receive the rain garden development. The project was part of the GLA's 'Urban Education Initiative', which was funded through a WDNr Lake Planning Grant. Thanks also, to Stuart's Landscaping and Garden Center, who generously donated all of the plant materials for this project. In addition, the GLA will be installing educational signage to describe more about how rain gardens work and to provide an educational resource that will be enjoyed for years to come.



Welcome to our new 5th Grade Teacher Michael Schuh!

Dear Green Lake Families:

I am excited to introduce myself as your child's fifth grade teacher for this school year! My name is Michael Schuh, and I grew up in Ripon, Wisconsin with my parents, my sister Meghan, and my brother Matthew!

I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with a degree in elementary education. During my college years, I had the opportunity to volunteer through Lighted School House in tutoring and preparing afterschool activities. I also have clinical and student teaching experience in many elementary classrooms.

I was also fortunate enough to work at the Oshkosh Community YMCA for seven years coaching and teaching swim lessons as a water safety instructor. I have enjoyed teaching and coaching children in many environments and subject areas throughout my YMCA and teaching experience.

I have recently had the privilege to teach 4K/ preschool in Baraboo, and I look forward to becoming a

part of your learning community! In my spare time I play semi-pro football for the Tri-City Bulldogs, and I love fishing, camping, hiking, swimming, running, weight training, traveling, and hanging out with my family and friends.

I look forward to meeting all of you and working with you throughout the school year!



It's not the fanciest accessory.
Nor the most expensive.
But to someone in need of lifesaving blood,
it's the most important.

Green Lake Community Blood Drive

Green Lake High School - Gym - 612 Mill St

Wednesday, December 3
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

For an appointment: Contact Mrs. Bond at
920-294-6411

Sponsored by the Green Lake High School Leadership Class

By donating at this blood drive, you are helping one or more
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Welcome to Our International Students



Natalia Garcia – Spain, Diego Carranza – Mexico, Sebastian Halvorssen – Norway, Ann (Hu) Jinhui – China, Cathrin Osterspy- Germany, Hoa Duc Tran – Vietnam, Miles Gotzens - Germany

Classrooms Get a STEM Makeover

A project that was a year in the making and took over 4 months to complete has resulted in a brand new look to both high school science rooms, and has changed the old Technical Education classroom into a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) lab. The STEM lab includes a new teacher's office, a screen printing room, and a classroom with an ultra-modern look. The classroom was cleared of all the old clutter and outdated equipment and replaced with a newly surfaced wood floor, a painted cement floor, new paint on the ceiling and walls, a Smartboard, and stainless steel countertops and cabinets. Students felt very proud of the new classroom as they entered for the start of the school year. They now have comfortable office chairs to sit in and a less distracting room to learn in. The project is structurally complete, but will not be fully finished until later in the school year. Under the supervision of Mr. Jandrin, the students will be completing the project by re-doing the welding booths to make them safer and to give them an updated appeal. The school will also continue to update the equipment in the lab for safety purpose and so that instruction is on the cutting edge of technology. In the past year the Technical Education department has added screen printing equipment, a 3D printer, a saw stop table saw, and a CNC machine. Mr. Jandrin is hoping to add to this list in the near future.

The Biology lab received an upgrade to the classroom lab facilities, and a Smartboard was added to enhance student learning.

The Chemistry lab underwent a major remodel, including an extension of the classroom for additional lab space. A Smartboard was added along with some new lab tables, and the gas and water lines were updated.

The main purpose of the remodel was to increase instructional resources, update equipment and ensure safety in both the Technical Education and Chemistry labs. The district is proud to offer a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) approach to learning that is second to none. If you have any questions about STEM education, please contact Lucas Jandrin, Technology Education Teacher, at (920)294-0760 ext 1415 or e-mail him at jandrinl@glsd.k12.wi.us

Tech Ed Room Remodel



The Tech Ed Room at GLSD has received a face lift! The remodel included new storage, a new SMART board and refinished floors! Here are some before and after pictures! What a great space for Mr. Jandrin and his students!

School Closing Information: When weather conditions necessitate an early school dismissal, the school district and parents have a shared responsibility for the safety of the students. The school district will operate under the assumption that students in grades 5 and above are able to supervise themselves at home and supervise their younger brothers and sisters when school is dismissed early, and a parent is not at home. Parents who are not at home during the day due to work schedules are encouraged to discuss with their children the procedures they should follow if they will be at home without adult supervision due to an early school dismissal. The school district will contact the parents of students in grades 4K-4 who do not have an older sibling to inform them of the emergency situations which require an early school dismissal. To sign up for a text alert when Green Lake School is delayed or closed go to: http://www.fox11online.com/subindex/about_us/text_alerts and follow the prompt. Make sure to pick Green Lake School as your school.

The school district will attempt to contact radio and television stations prior to 6:15 a.m. whenever school is canceled or the start of the school day is delayed.

- Radio stations which will broadcast information about the Green Lake Public Schools weather/emergency related schedule changes are WRPN (1600 AM) and WISS (102.3).
- Television stations which will broadcast the information are Green Lake Cable 98, WLUK-TV, WMTV-TV, WGBA-TV, WFRV-TV, and WBAY-TV.

Please make note that anytime school is canceled or dismissed early due to weather, road conditions, or other emergencies, all after school activities, athletic practices and contests are also canceled.

Weather conditions may make school bus travel unsafe on some roads. Each bus driver has been given the authority to determine if a portion of his/her route is unsafe for travel due to road conditions.



The winter season has arrived! For the safety of our children, the elementary teachers have agreed on some winter recess attire rules. These rules must be followed by all children, or they will be required to spend the recess inside.

1. All children must have winter boots to play outside. Those without boots will have to stay in the "No Boot Zone".
2. All children grades 4K-3 must wear snow pants to go out in the snow. Children in these grades who have boots, but no snow pants will be required to stay on the blacktop.
3. Children in grades 4-6, snow pants are optional. Those without snow pants may not play in the snow.
4. Please help to make sure your child is wearing attire that they are able to independently put on and remove.

****hats and mittens are required at all times****

We have a program available that will provide items for any family that is not able to purchase the necessary items for school. If you have a need, feel free to contact your child's teacher or you can email the Student Office at dornfelda@glisd.k12.wi.us.

Art Room News:

Kindergarten through 5th grade Green Lake Art students have participated in this year's call for entries for the 25th Annual Ripon Commonwealth's Season's Greetings Publication. K-8th grade area students may submit a drawing for the theme. This year's publication will be inserted in the December 3rd Express paper, so keep an eye out!

Unfortunately, every student's entry will not be published, as there just isn't enough room. Nonetheless, we are very excited for the opportunities the Commonwealth provides us. Not only is this call for entries an opportunity to have our art work published for free, but we are also able to have our art work bring smiles to the faces of the people in the surrounding communities



Girl Scout & HS Student Council FOOD DRIVE

Food Drive 2014

Daisy Troop 6062
Brownie Troop 6209
Girl Scout Troop 6117

**A food drive will be held this year to show support for the
Green Lake County Food Pantry located at:**

**571 County Road A
Green Lake, WI - 54941
(920) 294-4070**

**Boxes will be located at various establishments throughout
the City of Green Lake, including Green Lake School.**

**Dates of donation are between
November 6th and November 25th**

Items needed:

- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Canned soups and gravy
- Peanut butter or various spreads (no refrigeration needed)
- Dry goods such as rice, noodles or cereal

**Please contact Dawn Madon at 920/658-3296 or Jodi
Timler Olmen at 920/294-0163, if you have any questions.**



Special Thanks to all who made the International Walk To School Day a success!

Thanks to the Volunteers who make the Walking School Bus run: Barry Rogers , Ann Rogers , Naomi Pooch, Bim Johnson, Jodi Olmen, Sue Krueger, Sue Ruth , Katie Gellings, Ruth Ann Smith, Marge Bostleman, Holly Hoch, Shaely Hoch

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GREEN LAKE

2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

AUGUST 2014

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AUGUST 2014

25 Teacher In-Service
26 Teacher In-Service
27 Teacher In-Service
28 Teacher Work Day

SEPTEMBER 2014

1 Labor Day
2 First Day of School
26 Early Release – 11:22 a.m. Dismissal

OCTOBER 2014

7 P/T Conferences – 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.
9 P/T Conferences – 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.
10 School Recess Day

NOVEMBER 2014

4 End of 1st Quarter (45 days)
7 Early Release - 11:22 a.m. Dismissal
27-28 Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER 2014

22-31 Winter Recess – No School

JANUARY 2015

1-2 Winter Recess – No School
19-20 Grades 7-12 Semester Exams
20 End of 2nd Quarter (43 days)
23 Early Release – 11:22 a.m. Dismissal

MARCH 2015

3 P/T Conferences - 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.
5 P/T Conferences – 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.
6 School Recess Day
25 End of 3rd Quarter – 46 Days
27 Early Release – 11:22 a.m. Dismissal
30-31 Spring Recess

APRIL 2015

1-3 School Recess Day

MAY 2015

25 Memorial Day-No School

JUNE 2015

3-4 Grades 7-12 Semester Exams
4 End of 4th Quarter-46 days
5 Teacher Work Day

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- School Recess Day
- ◆ P/T Conferences
- ▲ Teacher Work Day
- ▼ Teacher In-service
- ♥ Early Release at 11:22 AM
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- ☺ Semester Exams

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Important Dates:



November 27th – 28thThanksgiving Recess
December 8th – 16thBook Fair
December 22nd January 2ndWinter Recess

Winter Concert Dates



December 16th.....Elementary & Middle School Winter Concert
High School Gymnasium
6:00pm: K-3rd

Join us for "Christmas with the Classics" as we celebrate the holidays while exploring the music and lives of six great composers: Elgar, Bizet, Strauss, Dvorak, Grieg and Sousa!

7:00 pm: 4-8th Grade

Sounds of the Seasons: Join us as we share many of your holiday musical favorites!

- The K-3rd program will be 1/2hr & the 4-8th program will be about 1 1/2 hrs. Explore the book fair & art show between the two concerts!*

December 11th.....High School Winter Concert
Heidel House Dartford Ballroom
7:00 - 8:30pm