

# Lakers Green Lake School District

## NEWSLETTER



May - 2014

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## **Counseling Connection by Katie Loest, School Counselor**

Hi Green Lake Families! With the warm weather creeping in we are all getting excited for summer and hopefully working hard to end the school year on a good note.

With the end of the school year approaching comes the need to start thinking ahead to the 2014-2015 school year and transitioning into the next step. While it is exciting to move on to bigger and better things, it is also difficult for most people to adjust to the changes that come with transitioning onward and upward. As students advance to the next grade level, the expectations and responsibilities usually increase. This heightened expectation level paired with coming off of an extended period of less structured time and a less active mind (a.k.a. summer) can sometimes prove to be a bad combination come the start of the new school year. Often times students experience what is referred to as a "summer slide." This is a term educators use to refer to the tremendous amount of instruction that students typically lose over the time they are off for summer break. There are several things that can be done to avoid the "summer slide" and help with the transition: take advantage of summer school and recreation opportunities, create a daily/weekly routine for your child to follow, assign chores and other responsibilities for children at home, spend time reading and writing daily, review materials covered throughout the school year, talk about school regularly by reflecting on the past year and looking ahead to the next year, spend time learning new things together.

For high school students, the work and planning that is done during summer can really help to relieve some stress from the next school year. While continuing to read and write daily is important, summer is also a great time to focus on things like exploring post-secondary options (college, military, etc) and exploring future career options. This is a big and important part of high school, but unfortunately, for most students there just isn't enough time throughout the school year to squeeze this in with all of the academics and extracurriculars many students are participating in. Over the summer, I encourage high school students to do things such as: explore the school counseling website, prepare for and maybe even take the ACT and SAT (check out the question of the day), job shadow, volunteer, take assessments and explore on WISCareers, create/update an academic resume, research colleges of interest, visit/tour colleges, incoming seniors can even begin to apply for some colleges, gather letters of recommendation, and begin searching for scholarships. I truly believe that the more work students put in to these types of things over the summer the more smoothly the following school year will go and the more prepared they will be for the future -even if the plans change.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. Over the summer I can be reached via email at [loestk@glsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:loestk@glsd.k12.wi.us). I hope you all have a safe and healthy end to this school year and a terrific summer ahead!

As always find our most recent newsletter on the GLSD webpage



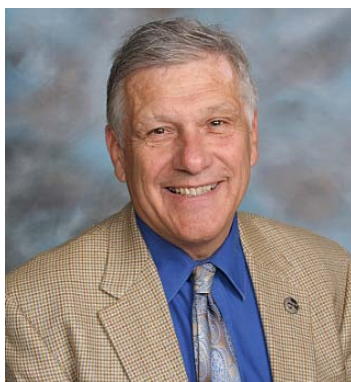
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June 5<sup>th</sup> is the last  
day of class for  
students!



## District Board Of Education Members

- Meade Grim
- KC Simmers
- Ron Triemstra
- Sue Sorenson
- Sydney Rouse
- Marty Valasek
- Sally Moore



**Superintendent Ken Bates**  
**SchoolTalk**

**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.**

May is a month that has time set aside to recognize staff in schools. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction proclaimed the week of May 5<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup> as School Nutrition Employee Week, and the National Education Association has set the same week aside as Teacher Appreciation Week. Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> was selected for a day to show appreciation to teachers. We let our staff know that we cared by providing a luncheon, special notes, and some treats.

School nutrition workers or “cooks” as they are really called in schools, play an important part in the school culture. Gone are the days when the cooks were seen as mean people slopping food onto plates. School lunchrooms now have staff that wants school meals to be nutritious and still serve something that children will eat. Parents know that this is a challenge. With increasing demands for more quality food and less processed items, it is a tough job figuring a menu that isn’t just pizza and fries. A combination I always found to be nauseous but high school students loved it. In an ideal world we would have fresh fruits and vegetables that are locally grown in a sustainable manner, and meats from locally pastured animals. This is pretty tough to do in our climate, but something our cooks are interested in doing. We would like help from our community, the UW-Extension, and local growers to make this happen.

Keeping with the food theme, teachers are the “bread and butter” of a school system. Despite the recent attacks on their status, I have found our teachers to be professional and committed to doing their best with students. When I go to conferences and present about how well we are doing, and how we got there, I always say I wouldn’t trade our teachers for anything. At the secondary level they must teach a range of students from seventh grade to seniors. In large schools teachers are concerned when they have three different classes, yet ours may have six different classes in a day. Because of this they need our support and encouragement. By having one common operating system, IB, we have kept a focus and shared language that helps build cooperation. I am still amazed that our teachers meet voluntarily once a week to discuss their units, testing, and students. This type of professional learning community is forced in most districts, but Green Lake staff did it on their own.

The first two weeks in May our Diploma Program students are taking their tests. These tests are unique from AP tests in that students don’t face multiple guess questions, but use written prompts that ask them to apply what they have learned to a new situation. The tests are then sent to an outside person for a grade who could be from another country. When you hear complaints about US students not meeting global standards, don’t think about IB students because they live it. I had a student tell me his Extended Essay of 4,000 words was a challenge because he wanted to write so that an international grader would get a good impression of him and his school.

The teacher’s challenge is to get students to learn how to learn in a culture of rapid change. It takes a special gift to do this, and it makes teaching a craft, not just a job.



## From the Desk of the Principal:

As you can see from this edition of the Green Lake School District Newsletter, the staff and students have been extremely busy finishing up the year. The elementary students are so thankful that they can finally go out for recess- it was a long winter for them.

Students at every level are completing end of the year assessments. We are all anxious to see the results of our instruction and celebrate the gains our students have made throughout the year. The recent WKCE testing indicated that, overall, our students are performing above the state average. Most important, is the fact that the students are demonstrating growth, which is indicative of the new instructional practices put in place by our teachers. State testing data for the state of Wisconsin can be found at:

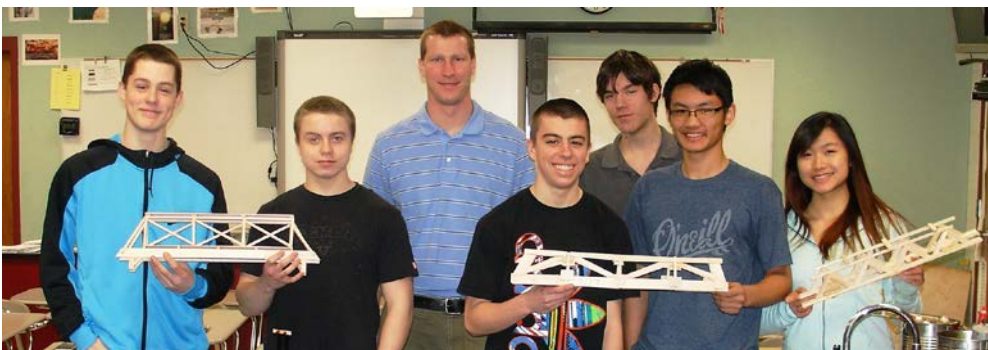
<http://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/Dashboard/portalHome.jsp>

In addition to academics..... The track, golf, baseball and softball teams have had many setbacks due to the weather. Let's hope that from now on all meets will be on schedule. The Art Show was a big hit at Pilgrim Center last weekend. This year, Leslie Wood organized the event for the Trailways Conference. The talent was outstanding. Jon Roti Roti and Virginia Rogers will be showcasing their talented students on May 13 (High School) and May 19 (K-8). Mika Chetto, cast, and some very dedicated parents memorized lines, painted sets and made costumes and props to perform the play, The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon.

Please stay posted to the many events yet to come this school year. The culminating projects for the Primary Years Program and the Middle Years Program will be highlighted on May 14, and at Awards Night on May 21, we will celebrate our high school students' achievements with academic awards and scholarships.

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to thank everyone for making this year a great experience. Teachers, support staff, students, parents, community members and all the volunteers who helped throughout the year; I truly appreciate your hard work and dedication to a small school that could not do it without you. Have a great summer!

The physics class participated in a bridge building contest at UW-Platteville. Everyone was given a limited amount of balsa wood and designed a bridge to span 19 inches. There were a total of 467 participants. Logan Schultz and Brandon Worley placed 173 with a weight of 135 pounds. Kien Pham and Sam Smith placed 257 with a weight of 87 pounds. Matt Wallace and Sonia Huang placed 357 with a weight of 35 pounds.



Teacher Appreciation Week:  
Check out our Facebook page  
for more teacher  
"THANK YOUS"



Did you know that local law enforcement teams up with our physical education teachers each year?



High school students take part in classes to learn real life self defense and safety.



Our PE classes are looking for donations of life jackets, canoe paddles & softball gloves. If you have any donations please let us know in the school office or see Mrs. Krahn



## Marsha Krahn

Secondary Physical Education



Marsha earned her BS degree from Ripon College in Physical Education, her MS from Marion University in Educational Leadership, and another MS from Olivet University in Curriculum.

Hobbies: Fishing, traveling, and any sports or activities that I can enjoy the outdoors and be active.

Everyday is a good day for me in teaching. I get to see students enjoy what they are doing, have fun, be active and hopefully teach them a lifelong skill.

I am a rock hound and spend most vacation time in the southwest United States looking for stones. I also enjoy looking for Native American artifacts in Wisconsin.

Anthropology and geology were favorite subjects.

Bird watching has also been a passion for myself and my husband as we have traveled to many parts of South and Central America to enjoy many different species.

Life is short, so I believe we need to play hard and don't sweat the small things in life.

## Tim Polcyn

Elementary Physical Education



My name is Tim Polcyn. I am the Elementary Physical Education Teacher, Junior and Senior High School Health Teacher, and Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach.

I have really enjoyed spending thirty-eight years of my life in the Green Lake School District. The first thirteen years were spent as a student in the district and the past twenty-five as a teacher and coach.

I received my Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education/Health/Coaching from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and my Masters Degree in Education from the Olivet Nazarene University.

Outside of the classroom, I enjoy spending free time with my wife. Having my mother-in-law's dog, Abby, come and visit us for vacations is also a favorite pastime for me. My hobbies include walking, playing softball, hunting, fishing, attending Milwaukee Brewer and Packer games, and participating in/watching various other sport-related events. I am anxiously awaiting more baseball-type weather than what we have experienced for the first part of this Spring season!

Go Tigersharks and Brewers!!





### **Bike Demo visits GLSD**

Our Safe Routes To School program was awarded the opportunity to see Rich Wieber perform thanks to our elementary students' awesome participation in the October International Walk to School Day! Rich's show educates, inspires, and motivates kids, and at the same time, teaches bike safety! Mr. Pooch, Mr. Polcyn, and Mrs. Krahn even got to be a part of his thrilling show.



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

### **Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration**

Tasty treats that can't be beat all in good fun our work gets done!



The MORE  
that you read,  
the MORE things  
you will know.  
The MORE that you  
Learn,  
the MORE places you'll go.





On Friday, April 11th eleven Green Lake students participated in the state Forensics meet in Madison. The students had a great season!

State Results:

Zoe Davis, - Farrago - gold (perfect score of 25)

Diana Breza, Kate Burkhart - Play, - silver

Kallie McHale - Poetry, - bronze

Karyn Rabenhorst, Kirsten Cook, Ashley

Manske - Play, - bronze

Abby Pipho, Claire Elliott, Zoe Manning, Lexi

Riggs - Group Interp, bronze

Other team members:

Sully DeCramer, - Prose

## **GOING PLACES**

The kindergarten kids have learned about organizing themselves to take a trip in their latest IB unit. First they learned about where they live in relation to the state, the country, the world and the universe. Each child chose a place they would like to visit and we mapped out where they currently are and where that destination would be. They chose the transportation that would work best, and then planned what they would pack, what they needed when they got there, and what they wanted to do when they arrived.

The class consulted with people who had taken trips to get suggestions of how to organize themselves.

As well as planning their own dream trip, the class also planned their own field trip. On May 6 the kindergarten students visited the Children's Museum in Appleton and the Barlow Planetarium in Menasha. In preparation for the trip the children wrote the letters to request permission from Mrs. Allen, requested a bus to be ordered, notified other teachers that they would be away, figured out the costs and wrote to Mrs. Wuest to ask for checks to be prepared. They also wrote to their families to acquire chaperones, and informed their families about the types of lunches to pack. Maps were generated to get to our destinations, and a list of what we needed to take with us was made.



*Don't Miss Awards  
Night*

*Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup>*

*HS Gym - 7:00 pm*



*Congratulations to Kelsey Morgan  
on winning 2nd place in the Autism  
Society Essay Contest. This contest is  
held to show the positive friendships  
between students with autism and  
their peers!*



### *2014 GLSD French Adventure*

Six Green Lake students recently returned from a nine day trip to Europe. Traveling with Mrs. Thompson, Abbie Polzer, Karyn Rabenhorst, Spencer Sundberg, Jake Myers, Brannon Dickens-Baxter, and Nate Karlovich enjoyed seeing the sites in France, Switzerland, and Germany. In Paris, the group enjoyed using their French, trying French food, riding the metro all over the city, and seeing major sites such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Versailles, Louvre, Arc de Triomphe, and many more. From Paris, the group traveled to the heart of the Swiss Alps to beautiful Luzern, Switzerland. The group took a cog wheel train and cable car to the top of Mt. Riggi and enjoyed spectacular views of the area. The Swiss charm and hospitality was enjoyed by all. Finally, to end the trip, the group traveled on to Munich, Germany with a stop in the tiny country of Lichtenstein. In Munich, they visited the Nymphenburg Palace, the glockenspiel, and took a side trip to the Dachau concentration camp memorial. They also visited Neuschwanstein Castle. All in all, it was a fabulous trip and everyone came home with great memories that will last a lifetime!



<http://glinfrance2014.blogspot.com/>



**GREEN LAKE JUNIOR PROM 2014**

**PROM KING: LEO MALTOS**

**QUEEN: KIRSTEN COOK**



## 2014 Summer School

Research has shown that many students lose the equivalent of one to two months of reading and math skills during the summer. This learning loss can have a long-term effect on overall academic success. To help keep our students practicing their reading and math skills during the summer Green Lake will be offering summer school for elementary students in grades K-6. We are very happy to announce that this year, summer school will again run in partnership with the Green Lake City Rec Program.

Summer school will be in session from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM June 16<sup>th</sup> – July 18th with the Summer Rec program running from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM.



Our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders had the opportunity to visit Miller Park this spring to take in a Science Fair, weather presentation, and to watch the Braves take on the Braves!



**Grades K- 6** Summer Camp, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM, June 16-July 18. This will include reading, math, crafts, games and outdoor adventures. Summer Camp will be Monday – Thursday and Fridays will be designated as field trip days. Details on field trips will be in the summer school and summer recreation packet.

We would like to encourage you to sign your student up for a summer of fun and learning. All classes will be assigned according to the student's grade during the 2014-2015 school year.

We need to know numbers of students that will be attending so we can plan accordingly for the summer school program. We will not be allowing kids to sign up on June 16th! It is very hectic on the first day and we will not be able to allow applications to be processed that day.

If you have questions please call Rachael Ryf at 294-6411 ext. 1204 or email ryfr@glsd.k12.wi.us.

### 2014 Summer School Registration

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (2014/2015 School Year) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sign my student up for the following program(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ 4K 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM Organized Play/Math/Reading

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade K – 6 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM Summer Camp: Mon.- Thursday

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade 2 – 6 Reading only, Two days per week, 1 hour per day: Tuesday/Thursday

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade 2 – 6 Math only, Two days per week, 1 hour per day: Tuesday/Thursday

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you to GLSD Alumni Sean Pierce. Sean is a 2009 Green Lake Graduate who is currently number one in his class at Marquette University's School of Dentistry. His career goal is to become a dentist and oral surgeon. Sean was gracious enough to come and visit with some of our elementary students to talk about dental hygiene and do a question and answer session with the kids.

*Congrats to the following students  
for winning a medal at the  
TRAILWAYS ART SHOW:  
Collin Schultz, Nailya,  
Ambar Horta*



**Congratulations to the cast and crew of the Brother's Grimm Spectaclulathon on a great performance!**

Mrs. Ruth's and Mrs. Jacoby's 4K traveled around the world tasting food and learning about different cultures. The transportation theme helped us to travel across the map of the world with a passport that was stamped for each country we visited.



**Celest King Poetry Contest**



**\*REMINDER\* The LAST DAY of school is now JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> due to snow make-up days – it will be a full day of classes for students.**

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GREEN LAKE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

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**AUGUST 2013**  
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27 Teacher In-Service  
28 Teacher Work Day  
29 Teacher Work Day

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**SEPTEMBER 2013**  
2 Labor Day  
3 First Day of School  
27 Early Release – 11:22 a.m. Dismissal

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**OCTOBER 2013**  
10 P/T Conferences – 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
11 P/T Conferences – 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
31 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (43 Days)

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**NOVEMBER 2013**  
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27 Early Release – 11:22 a.m. Dismissal  
28-29 Thanksgiving Recess

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**DECEMBER 2013**  
20 Early Release – 11:22 a.m. Dismissal  
23-31 Winter Recess – No School

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**JANUARY 2014**  
1 Winter Recess – No School  
15-16 Grades 7-12 Semester Exams  
16 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter – 45 days  
17 Early Release – 11:22 a.m. Dismissal

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**FEBRUARY 2014**  
21 Early Release – 11:22 a.m. Dismissal

**Key**  
♦ School Recess Day  
♦ P/T Conferences  
▲ Teacher Work Day  
▼ Teacher In-service  
▼ Early Release at 11:22 AM  
+ End of quarter  
⊙ Semester Exams

**MARCH 2014**  
6 P/T Conferences – 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
7 P/T Conferences – 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
21 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter – 46 Days  
21 Early Release – 11:22 a.m. Dismissal  
24-28 Spring Recess

**APRIL 2014**  
18 School Recess Day

**MAY 2014**  
9 Early Release – 11:22 a.m. Dismissal  
26 Memorial Day-No School

**JUNE 2014**  
3-4 Grades 7-12 Semester Exams  
4 End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter-46 days  
5 Teacher Work Day

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### PTO SPONSORED END OF THE YEAR FIESTA FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

THUR. JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> FROM 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

AUTHENTIC ENTERTAINMENT, GAMES, AND SNACKS

**PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**



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## IMPORTANT END OF THE YEAR DATES:

- *Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> - School Recess Day - Memorial Day  
Memorial Day Service - 9:00 am - High School Gym*
- *Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> Senior Baccalaureate - 7:00 pm -  
Federated Church*
- *Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> Graduation Day - Vesper Circle @ GL  
Conference Center - 2:00 pm*
- *Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion - 5:30 pm - HS  
Gym*
- *Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of School For Students - Full  
day & PTO Sponsored "FIESTA"*