



GREEN LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



The Green Lake Elementary School had great participation in this year's Walk to School Day on October 9th!

Our participants joined children and adults from around the world in celebrating the benefits of walking and biking to school.



Bus riders were able to participate by joining our mascot in walking during their recess.



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.

Holiday Breaks

Thanksgiving Recess:

November 27th

To

November 29th



Christmas Recess:

December 23rd

To

December 31st

January 1st

PIZZA PARTY!



The Green Lake PTO rewarded the Elementary students who participated in the Safe Routes to School Walk to School Day with an afternoon pizza party!

Congratulations to Ms. Baranowski's 2nd grade class for having the highest percentage of morning participants!

Up Coming Early Release Days - 11:22 a.m. Dismissal

November 27 - December 20 - January 17



Kindness matters! That's what our Tech Ed teacher is helping his students learn. When a student requested a bird house at the school so she could watch the birds, her fellow students took action. Mr. Jandrin's woods class built a bird feeder, metals class made some poles, and research and design engineering students designed and built a device to fill the bird feeder with bird food without having to go outside during the cold snowy winter. You will soon see the new bird house gracing the School's front lawn.

Little Shop of Horrors plot synopsis: *A down-and out skid row floral assistant becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood. Soon "Audrey II" grows into an ill-tempered, R&B-singing carnivore who offers him fame and fortune in exchange for feeding its growing appetite, finally revealing itself to be an alien creature poised for global domination!*

Green Lake, WI. October 15, 2013 - The drama students of Green Lake School are excited to perform the hilarious Broadway classic, *Little Shop of Horrors*. This dark comedy is set in 1960's Motown and was the inspiration for the hit 1986 movie starring Rick Moranis and Ellen Greene.



Feed me, Seymour! Green Lake School to Perform Little Shop of Horrors.

"*Little Shop* is a campy, sci-fi blast," stated Mika Chetto, Green Lake School Drama Director. "It's like nothing we've ever done at Green Lake before. If you've seen either of the movies and *think* you know the show, you're in for a surprise!"

The Drama Department had a rough start this year when the fall production, which was originally scheduled to be Samuel French's *Grease*, had to be canceled. "There just were not enough males interested in participating to be able to cast the show," said Ms. Chetto. "We were leaning towards canceling the fall production all together, because all of our work over the summer was rendered useless."

"My daughter was extremely disappointed when word got around that the show was probably going to be canceled," said Green Lake parent Laurie Lettner. "So many of the other kids have their sports, but I know that for the artistic kids, this is the highlight of their year, and a very important part of their High School years."

The performance dates were reserved in the school calendar, every weekend after that was already booked, and the performance rights for *Grease* had already been paid for. In the limited time frame they had to work with, it seemed impossible to be able to pick a new show, get it approved and secure the performance rights, let alone cast it, draw up new set designs, acquire props, costumes and create a whole new rehearsal schedule. But in the end, the student's determination came through. "I told Ms. Chetto, forget *Grease*, let's just do something else!" stated Sam Hebbe, Green Lake Freshman. "The show must go on, right?" "I'll admit it, I turned on the tears," laughed Liza Lettner, sophomore.

After some fast finagling, Ms. Chetto was able to get the cost of *Grease* reimbursed to the school, and with the help of students and a few supportive parents, they began to pull everything together. "We started rehearsing before we even had scripts. The kids were singing the songs and running lines with YouTube videos. While we are definitely behind schedule, this has been the most dedicated cast I've ever worked with, and I have no doubts that they will be able to put on a fantastic performance!"

Little Shop of Horrors will be performed in the Green Lake School Gym on November 15th and 16th at 7:00pm and November 17th at 2:00pm. This show does contain some mild violence and scary themes, which may be unsuitable for children under the age of 10. Please visit the Green Lake School District Drama page (listed under "Departments" and "Drama" on the main school website) for cast assignments, information, helpful links, and detailed descriptions of ways **YOU** can help make this production of *Little Shop of Horrors* a success!

4K Kindergarten Prep Class



There is still room in the 4k Kindergarten Prep class.

For just \$15 a day, your 4k student can stay from 11:00 am to 3:15 pm after the regular preschool day. With fun learning opportunities ranging from creative art class to music and movement time our kindergarten prep class is sure to provide playful ways to learn.

"Like" us on Facebook to see what's new at the Green Lake School District



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THANK YOU
MRS. FEENEY!

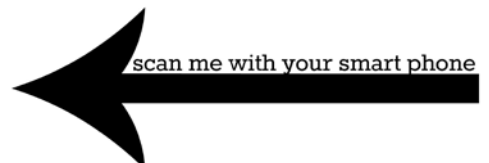
BONJOUR 4K

Mrs. Feeny has generously agreed to donate her time and talents to help our 4K students become international learners. Her weekly French lesson teaches the basics of the French language in a fun and exciting way. The fall season has a leaf themed lesson as well as the opportunity for our tiniest students to learn the alphabet, colors, numbers, and animals in

French! Updates from 4k French class coming soon! Visit:

madamefeeny.weebly.com

**As always find our most recent newsletter on the GLSD webpage
As well as important school wide information**



WKCE Testing Begins November 4th

Students in grades 3 and 4 will begin taking the state tests on Monday, November 4th. Students in grades 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 will begin taking the state tests on Tuesday, November 5th. The testing schedule will conclude on Friday the 8th for grades 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, and Friday, November 16th for grades 8 and 10. The differentiated test schedule for the various grades is mandated by the Department of Public Instruction. If your child is in grades 3, 5, 6, or 7, he/she will be tested in reading, language arts, and math. If your child is in grades 4, 8, or 10, he/she will be tested in reading, language arts, math, science and social studies.

During the first week of testing (Tuesday, Nov. 5- Friday, Nov. 8), middle and high school students will be on a two hour late start schedule.

Secondary students who are not testing (grades 9, 11, and 12) do not have to be in class until 10:00. During the first week, all students who are testing will be offered a breakfast bar or fruit and juice or milk between 7:45 and 8:00. **Testing will begin at 8:05 and end at 9:55; the regular school day will begin at 10:00. All middle and high school classes will be abbreviated; the school day will end at the regular time (3:15).**

Secondary students who are not testing the first week and ride the bus can come into the building and use the fitness center or library. Those areas will have adult supervision. Testing during the second week will be done in regular or content classes; a special schedule will not be necessary.

In an attempt to provide the best possible testing atmosphere, secondary grades will be divided into small groups with separate testing rooms. Each group will be limited to five students. No one will be allowed in the hallways during the testing time, and the bell system will be turned off.

All elementary students will be in their regular classrooms; those with no testing (grades 4K, K, 1st and 2nd) will start at 8:00, and students taking tests will start at 8:05 (after the breakfast). Mrs. Allen will be visiting classes before the testing begins to underline the importance of the exams. We appreciate your support of our efforts to improve our test scores.

If you have any questions, please stop and see Mary Allen in the office, or call her at 294-6411. Her e-mail address is mallen1@glisd.k12.wi.us.

Teacher Spotlight



Jason Ladwig

I am originally from the Rosendale area and attended Laconia High School. I graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a degree in natural resources, but decided that I wanted to continue taking classes to become a teacher. I still maintain my interest in nature and spend most of my free time outside participating in the activities of the season. My wife, Val, and my dog, Pluto, join me whenever possible. I've enjoyed my time so far at Green Lake and I'm looking forward to the remainder of the year.

School Talk

From The Desk Of Ken Bates: <http://www.greenlakeschooltalk.blogspot.com/>



From the Desk of the Principal:

Thank-you Parents

It is that time again.....WKCE State testing. The first week of November our students will be tested to find out how they measure up to other students in the state at their grade level. As reported in our 2012 results, the district exceeded expectations. I am so very proud of our students and their teachers for this accomplishment. However, they could not have done it without the support of their parents. Parents help to build the foundation by overseeing the development of basic skills. The district is also rated by the state on student engagement factors such as absenteeism and drop-out rate. Parents help by creating enthusiastic support for school, thus increasing high expectations to attend school and do well.

We all know that our students are not just test scores. More important are their abilities to communicate, collaborate, be creative and think critically. These are the skills they will take into their post-secondary classrooms and adult lives and at this point in time, are not on the state test. Students in Green Lake demonstrate what they know in a variety of ways: speaking, writing, group and individual research, hands-on projects and through art, music and movement. We know the test scores are important to the district, but we also know that our students are given countless opportunities to really show what they know in other ways.

Parents, please help your child perform well on the upcoming tests by making sure they have enough rest, have eaten breakfast and that they come to school with a positive attitude about taking the test. Our goal is to improve our 2012 accountability score!

If you are interested in looking at the Green Lake School District Report data, it is located at: <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/>

If you are interested in comparing districts and exploring other state data, it is located at: <http://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/Dashboard/portaIHome.jsp>



Green Lake Students

Climbing to New Heights

Green Lake physical education classes, taught by Marsha Krahn, had a unique chance to participate in a day of adventure rock climbing and physical training as part of the Army National Guard fitness course. The Wisconsin Army National Guard recruiters have a rock wall they take to local schools to help promote physical activity in middle school and high school students.

“Rock climbing is a full-body workout, but the sport involves so much more than strength”, remarked
Marsha Krahn.

“Climbing is a way to form incredible bonds with peers, and a way to learn more than you ever thought possible about who you are and how you respond to challenges. Climbing forces one to believe and to trust in themselves and others. Effective communication is essential for success, and you have to face your fears to grow.”



FROM THE ART ROOM OF MS. WOOD

Artists need to take every opportunity they can to have their work shared with the surrounding communities.

That is why all Kindergarten through 6th grade ART students participated in this year's Ripon Commonwealth call for Season's Greetings submissions. Please keep an eye out for the Season's Greetings booklet in one of the November Commonwealth papers. Area schools also submitted drawings, and it is always fun to see the drawings chosen for the year.

THE MUSIC AND ART PROGRAMS HAVE JOINED FORCES THIS YEAR!

The GLSD elementary art classes have joined forces with the music department. Hand drawn animals and masterfully created fox masks combined with the musical talents of our students make for a charming music video!

The Kindergarten through 3rd grade students have drawn certain animals, while the 4th graders created fox masks. These animal projects were used in the filming of a music video the students made in Music class. The video is shared on the school website! If you haven't seen the video you must stop by our website to see it!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ZqwSQflTkW&feature=player_embedded



We also have planned to have our school art shows in conjunction with the music concerts! In addition to having the work on display, Art students will be contributing a special surprise to every Elementary Music Concert.

We are so excited about this great new collaboration and think you will be too

WINTER CONCERTS

4K thru 2nd grade will explore the importance and value of everyone's unique talents in a charming musical, "The Little Bell That Could Not Ring":

TUES., DECEMBER 10TH, 2013, 6:30PM, HS GYM

-students should meet in the choir room at 6pm

3rd - 6th grade will present a short musical celebrating the winter season, "A Winter Fantasy", as well as perform their class & mass choir selections:

TUES., DECEMBER 17TH, 2013, 6:30PM, HS GYM

-students should meet in their classrooms at 6pm

High School & Jr. High Choral Extravaganza, featuring handbell choir, brass, and harp:

SAT., DECEMBER 14TH, 2013, 7:30PM, UW FOND DU LAC PRAIRIE THEATRE

-students will meet in the choir room PROMPTLY at 5:15pm

High School Band & abbreviated choir winter concert:

THURS., DECEMBER 12TH, 2013, 7PM, PILLSBURY HALL, GLCC

-students will warm-up at GLCC - choir students promptly at 6pm, band at 6:30

HONORS CHOIR

CONCERT:

NOVEMBER 4TH

5:00 PM

HEIDEL HOUSE

DARTFORD

BALLROOM



HONORS BAND

8:00 AM NOVEMBER

6TH

@ GREEN LAKE

CONFERENCE CENTER

CONCERT: 5:00 PM

The **Kindergarten Class** was running a healthy business with their Healthy Choices drive through restaurant based out of their classroom.

Participants could choose a car to drive, and peruse the healthy menu posted outside the ordering window. Foods from each food group were available to select from, and after receiving the order each driver would have to stop and check with the food police to make sure they had included an item from each group. If so, bells were rung and there was much celebration.



These photos show Cullen making his food choices, with Jack working behind the window. After making her selection, Mrs. Allen had her choices okayed by Siera, the food police officer.

The **Kindergarten kids** have been learning about choosing healthy foods. As an extension of what they are learning, they have been invited to go grocery shopping with their families and while shopping choose one item that they usually buy but that isn't really necessary for good health, such as chips, soda, cookies, etc. They are then asked to leave that food at the store, and instead of buying it, to put that amount of money in an envelope to bring to school. This money will then be collectively donated to Feed My Starving Children, an organization that creates chemically balanced meals designed to keep a child from starvation. Our donations will add up to help several children regain a healthy weight since one meal only costs 22 cents to make. If any of you would like to join the kindergarten kids in their initiative to make healthy choices and in the process help others, we would be happy to accept your donation towards Feed My Starving Children. If you would like more information about the organization, they have a website at www.fmsc.org if you would like to visit it.



Welcome to Our
Newest
International
Foreign Exchange
Student
**Nailya
Gubaydullina**
Coming to us from
Uzbekistan



Siera is proudly showing the envelope containing the cost of the chips she chose to give up to help others.

School Closing Information

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. 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. 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.

GL Conversations Series - Designing our Future

November 14, 2013 9:00 am-11:30am.

At The Town Square

Don't miss the opportunity to participate in this important community conversation

What does a 21st century education look like? What skills will our students need to be successful in today's workforce?

These are just two of many questions many parents are asking in our community. Come share your thoughts and ideas as we begin our new Green Lake Conversation Series.

These discussions are not your typical focus group—they are a way parents, community members and educators can openly discuss current challenges and find working solutions for our District.

Call the District Office to reserve your spot today at 294-6411.

ANNUAL PTO BINGO NIGHT

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22ND

6:00 PM AT GREEN LAKE SCHOOL



ShoeBox Recycling



***Spread the message:
"Worn is not worn out."***

We are collaborating with ShoeBox Recycling to recycle shoes. Plus, for fun, every time we include a SoleMate note in a forty-pound box, we create something like the old 'message in a bottle,' only now the vessel will be a pair of shoes that we no longer wear.

This fundraising program is extremely flexible. A student who needs to fund raise for an overseas trip to France or Spain, for their service project or for advanced placement fees can adopt one or more boxes. We will also accumulate ShoeBox funds to purchase bicycle ambulances, which any remote African village can use to more quickly transport loved ones with medical emergencies to the nearest clinic.

We need your support. You can bring your shoes to room 311 anytime. Periodically, we will hold shoe-raisers during in-school and sporting events. Remember this fundraiser and never again throw away another pair of worn (but not worn out) shoes.

This program doesn't just keep shoes out of landfills. People all over the globe depend on second hand shoes:

- So they can attend school
- To protect against bacteria borne illness
- For job creation

Shoebox recycling will:

- Send us boxes to fill (we got 7 to begin with and we already have 2 full!)
- Pay for all shipping costs
- Give us tools to successful shoe drives
- Give us a chance to meet our SoleMates
- AND, they pay \$ 0.50 per pound for the good, reusable shoes that we collect! Each forty pound box will raise \$20!

COUNSELING CONNECTION BY KATIE LOEST, SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Hello Green Lake Families! The school year is well under way and is certainly flying by quickly. For me, it is hard to believe we are already approaching the end of first quarter. As we all know, with the end of a quarter, comes quarter grades and report cards. Report card grades are just one measure of academic success. Academic success is something that is defined differently by different individuals.

As a school counselor, a large portion of my job is to support students in ways that promote academic success. I spend a great deal of time talking with students about academic success measures, such as grades. I have run across a great article I would like to summarize and share with you.

This article is titled, "The Report Card Conversation" and is written by Neil McNerney, M.Ed., LPC. The author has worked several years as a school counselor, private counseling practitioner, and now a counselor educator on Virginia Tech's campus. Below are some pointers from his article as well as some of my pointers. If you would like to read his entire article, please visit: <http://reducehomeworkstress.com/the-report-card-conversation/>

Talking about Grades

Report cards can range from "good" to "bad" with everything in between. The conversations for each "type" of report card may look different, but in general:

Be sure to start with the positives first and then move on to the areas for improvement. Both positives and improvements need to have focus and this order sets the conversation up for success. It is also great to end the conversation on a good note, so loop back to the positives. In other words, make a compliment sandwich. Focus on hard work rather than on ability or intelligence. Focusing on hard work is something a child has more control over and is more likely to produce positive results than focusing on intelligence or factors outside of the student's control.

Don't let outside "excuses" side rail the conversation.

Come up with a specific plan for improvement or continuation of success. What EXACTLY is the student planning to do? What EXACTLY is the goal? How EXACTLY are we going to reach the goal?

Explore, setup, and follow through with consequences and incentives at home that are linked to grades and hard work in school.

Recognize that each child is different and avoid falling into the mindset that just because we struggled in a certain area, our children will naturally struggle in that same area -this is an excuse.

Encourage your children to have appropriate conversations with teachers regarding their grades, progress, and ways to improve. Role playing these conversations can help too.

THE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CLASS WILL BE HOSTING A COMMUNITY **BLOOD DRIVE** AT THE GREEN LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY, NOV. 4TH FROM 10:00 AM TO 7:00 PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL GYM

BY DONATING AT THIS DRIVE, YOU ARE HELPING ONE OR MORE GRADUATING SENIOR EARN A SCHOLARSHIP!

CALL 294-6411 FOR AN APPOINTMENT

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Upcoming Events

November 1.....Early Release 11:22 Dismissal
November 4.....Honor's Choir Concert 5:00 p.m.
November 4.....Blood Drive – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – HS Gym
November 6.....Honor's Band Concert 5:00 p.m.
November 14.....Conversation Series – 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. GL Town Square
November 15&16....Play – TBA
November 22.....PTO Bingo Night – High School Gym
November 27.....Early Release 11:22 Dismissal
November 28&29....Thanksgiving Recess
December 3.....K-2 Winter Band Concert
December 12.....High School Band/Choir Concert – 7:00 p.m. - GLCC
Winter Recess..... December 23 to January 1