

# Straight from the Gecko

September 1, 2016

It is the mission of Green Street School to be a learning community that helps each child develop academically, socially, and creatively. Our vision is to create a safe, healthy and respectful environment where students become confident, independent learners.

Breakfast Bell: 8:00am Tardy Bell: 8:15am  
Dismissal: 2:40 (bussers) 2:45 (walkers)

Please call the school by 8:30am if your child will be tardy or absent.



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## Mark Your Calendar!

### Thursday, Sept. 1st

"Instrument Night" at Academy School (for band students, grade 4-6) at 6:30pm

### Monday, Sept. 5th

Labor Day ~ No School

### Monday, Sept. 12th

- Kindergarten begins full days.
- **PTO meeting** - GSS Library - 6:00pm - Childcare provided

(The PTO meeting date is a CHANGE from previous information you received. We hope you can be there!)

### Wednesday, Sept. 14th

School Picture Day!

### Thursday, Sept. 15th

"Third Thursday" at 8:00am.

Parents, come join us for coffee and donuts in the library.

### Thur. & Fri., Sept. 22nd & 23rd

Tag Sale Sorting and Labeling!

### Saturday, Sept. 24th

GSS Annual Tag Sale, 8am-noon

### Wednesday, Sept. 28th.

Open House~Cook-out dinner provided for all GSS kids and families. 5:30-7:00pm

## PRINCIPAL'S POST

Welcome back to the 2016-17 school year! I hope that over this past summer vacation you were all able to enjoy the beautiful weather and plenty of activities with family and friends!

I am happy to say that we are off to a terrific start to the year. All of our students have been happy and eager to learn and our staff has come together nicely to provide a loving and collaborative school culture. We are all looking forward to a successful school year working with our students and families.

Last year we were able to see the positive results of the implementation of new academic programs. Once again, we will continue to collaborate as a staff by participating in monthly team meetings reviewing academic data and planning consistent curriculum to provide the best instruction we can to our students. The entire Green Street School staff is looking forward to working with all of our families with open communication so that we can consistently work together to provide the best school experience possible.

It is truly an exciting time to be a part of the Green Street community!

Mark V. Speno, Principal

**PTO NEWS: Calling all GSS Parents! We welcome and encourage you to join a committee this year! Come and get involved with fun events such as:**

- ▣ The Annual GSS Tag Sale
- ▣ Winter Sports
- ▣ Enrichment Planning
- ▣ The 5th Annual Tulip Trot
- ▣ So Much More!

**At our first meeting on Monday, September 12th, we'll make plans for our annual Mega Tag Sale! Childcare provided. Please be sure to check this weekly newsletter for regular PTO news. Meetings are *usually* held on the 2nd Monday of the month.**

## Learn your Teacher's Telephone Extension!

If the phone doesn't get picked up when you call with a message regarding your child, please dial your child's teacher's extension number to leave a message.

Kindergarten-	Winn	ext. 104
Kindergarten-	McNamara	ext. 105
1st Grade-	Johnson	ext. 106
1st Grade-	Simon	ext. 107
2nd Grade-	Stahley	ext. 102
2nd Grade-	Bissonnette	ext. 103
3rd Grade-	Germain	ext. 203
3rd Grade-	Manwaring	ext. 204
4th Grade-	Altshuler	ext. 201
4th Grade-	Shifflette	ext. 202
5th Grade-	Roach	ext. 205
5th Grade-	Merluzzi	ext. 206
6th Grade-	Kaufmann	ext. 207
6th Grade-	Neikirk	ext. 208
Nurse	Julia	ext. 304
Counselor	Tracy Binet-Perrin	ext. 305
Office	Miss Mo	ext. 301

## Please be sure to check your child's backpack every day!



Experience tells us that most children will not voluntarily remember to give you all the important pieces of information we need you to have! Please be sure to make a habit of emptying your child's backpack with him or her each day. It'll give you a chance to chat about the day... as well as an opportunity to pull out any old banana peels or loose socks that may end up in there!

**Free Breakfast and Lunch for All Students, Every Day**  
**By now, everyone knows that breakfast and lunch are provided to all students at no charge. We hope all of our families will take advantage of it! Here's how our morning schedule has changed, to accommodate breakfast:**

- 7:30am-** Morning recess, on the playground
- 7:57am-** Bell rings, students enter building
- 8:00am-** Breakfast for all students, in classrooms
- 8:15am-** Morning meetings and classes begin

School Picture Day!

**CHEESE!**



Wednesday, September 14th  
 Tips for Great School Pic's:  
 Help your child pick out clothes and colors that look good on them.

Help your child select a bright-colored shirt without stripes or images that will detract from his or her great smile.

Send your child to school feeling fresh, clean, and happy!

Remind kids to relax and just be themselves

**ANNUAL PTO MEGA TAG SALE!**

**Saturday, September 24th.**

**Please start saving items you would like to donate to the sale!**

**Can you sign up to volunteer for the sale?**



**It's a great fundraiser for GSS and.... It's actually a really fun way to get to know other GSS parents.**

**We continue to offer HEALTHY SNACKS for students every day!**  
 Please contribute \$5 each month to off-set the cost of our popular Healthy Snack program.

**RVCU Youth Savings Program**

We have sent home a form from The River Valley Credit Union (RVCU) about their Youth Savings Program. Students are encouraged to bring a few dollars to school each Wednesday, to deposit into their savings account, right here at school! Helayne Barrett of RVCU takes care of making the deposits, and she tracks how many times students participate in the savings process. Students earn prizes from RVCU while they develop a life-long good habit of saving money.

~ Note from Miss Mo ~  
 GSS Administrative Assistant

**Thank you for the Completed Welcome Back Paperwork!**



Most families have already turned in their Start-of-the-Year paperwork! *Thank you so much* for helping us stay on top of things so early in the year!

If you haven't quite gotten to the paperwork yet, **Here's what I need from you, right away, please:**

- **Registration Data Form**  
*It has all of your contact information. Please make corrections and updates; sign it, and return it into your child's classroom, without delay!*
- **Green Street End-of-Day Transportation Schedule**
- **Health Form 2016-17**
- **2016-17 Community Eligibility Income Form**  
*All students are eligible and encouraged to enjoy free breakfast and lunch each school day. The Agency of Education mandates, however, that I collect some very basic and broad income data for each and every Green Street School family.*
- **GSS Student Permissions Form**

**But wait, there's More!** There is other paperwork we need to send home for your review, over the first couple weeks of school, as well. Please be on the lookout for it.

**HURRICANE SPINNER!**



Our newest piece of playground equipment, the Hurricane Spinner, has been very popular with the students!

Reminder: We ask that all children wear safe shoes, which will help keep recess safe, fun and physically rigorous! Flipflops are not permitted.

**WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND TOWN FOR KIDS?**

**NEYT:** Get started at **New England Youth Theatre** with **PAGE TO STAGE** taught by Amy Majer for AGES 6-9. Meets Tuesdays & Thursdays from September 20 – November 9 from 4-5:30pm. Tuition is \$200. **CREATE** a character, write a script, find your costume. **BUILD** a PLAY! **REGISTER ONLINE** at **NEYT.ORG**

**Gallery Walk/NECCA:** The **New England Center for Circus Arts** will perform in front of the Museum and Arts Center in downtown Brattleboro, **Friday, Sept. 2nd at 6pm & 6:45pm.** Aerials, acrobatics and more from the circus school that offers classes for everybody and Every Body!

**BSD- Brattleboro School of Dance:** Fall classes begin **Tuesday, Sept. 6th.** Registration takes place at BSD Friday, Sept. 2nd from **5-8pm (during Gallery Walk).** Also: drop off your kids for Saturday Night Dance Parties on Sept. 24th, Oct. 22nd, and Nov. 19th. \$25 per evening.

**CO-OP CLASSES: Fun Foods from Around the World: Egypt. Tuesday, September 13, 3:30-5pm**  
 Arabic words, expressions and numbers will be spoken while we stuff and cook the Harvest of the Month vegetable and learn about the food and culture of Egypt. Free.

