

Straight from the Gecko

December 15, 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)

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

Mark Your Calendar!

Friday, Dec. 16th

Fill The Bus Event at Hannaford

GSS Winter Concert at 6pm

Monday, Dec. 19th

Vermont Food Bank at WRCC 10-11am

Community Breakfast for families of 2nd and 3rd grade. 7:30am-8:30am

Tuesday, Dec. 20th

Primary Sing at 2:10pm



Thursday, Dec. 22nd

Early Release at 11:30

We will have school Sing
Enjoy your Holidays!



Tuesday, January 3rd

First Day Back at School!

Winter Sports



Planning is almost done for the 2017 Winter Sports Program! Here's what you ought to know:

- The Winter Sports program takes place as part of the school day on Wednesdays in **January and February. January 11, 18, 25 & Feb. 1** (make-up days, if needed: Feb 8 & 15)
- Students in 1st - 6th grade leave the school for the afternoon to participate in a variety of physical activities, and return to school in time for regular dismissal.
- **Exception:** Mount Snow participants don't return until about 4:30pm.
- Kindergartners participate in a dance program here at school on Winter Sports days, during the early afternoon.
- Parents who have indicated that they'd like to chaperone for Winter Sports are asked to attend a Chaperone Meeting on Wednesday, January 4th at 6:00pm.

Project Feed
the thousands



Feed the Thousands THE DRIVE ENDS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH!!!

Green Street students have collected 858 pounds of food for Project Feed the Thousands so far. As of Thursday, we are just 142 pounds away from meeting our goal of 1,000 pounds of donated food and personal care items.



5th Annual GSS Tulip Trot 5K Sponsorship Challenge.

- Will you turn in 5, 10, or more names, addresses, and email addresses **BY DECEMBER 16TH?**
- The people whose contact info we collect will be sent a sweet fundraising letter about all the great ways the Tulip Trot benefits our school community.
- Many of the letter recipients mail donations to the Tulip Trot! The response rate was tremendously high last year!
- Students who participate in the Sponsorship Challenge receive a token of appreciation from Mr. Speno.
- **This year's Tulip Trot Run/Walk event takes place on Saturday, May 13th**, but the majority of our fundraising happens before that date!

After-School Programs

The current session of Tutoring and After-School Programs has ended.

The Winter Session (Session 2) begins January 9th.

Confirmation forms will be sent home soon. Keep those at home, for your reference. To minimize phone calls to and from the school office, please plan to remind your student about his or her after-school plan each morning. We're guiding all of our students to different places at the end of each day, so it's very helpful when students are confident of their plan.



ASPs
After
School
Programs

Fall Session: Oct 1 - Dec 15
Winter Session: Jan 9 - Mar 10
Spring Session: Mar 20-May 11



GSS WINTER CONCERT -- FRIDAY, DEC 16TH AT 6:00PM

The 4th grade band, and the 5th/6th grade band will perform some festive tunes under the direction of Miss Fowler.



**Green Street School's
Coat Drive**



Wow! Who knew that there would be such an outpouring of support! We received a huge number of donated winter coats, snowpants, and boots in excellent condition! We are happy to know that many of our students were able to receive all kinds of awesome winter gear!

Please be sure to label your child's belongings.

Also, it seems that snow pants are always needed. If your child outgrows his or her snowpants this year, and they're in good condition, please consider donating them to a child in need.



GSS Website
www.greenstreetschoolvt.com

Be sure to visit our up-to-date website over the break! You'll find a button called "Apps We Use." If you click on that, you'll have access to lots of great tools and learning games you can use over the holidays with your children! It's a great option for indoor playtime!

PRIMARY SING
Tuesday, December 20th at 2:10pm
Parents of students in Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders,
Will You Come Join Us?



On the last Tuesday of every month, we hold a "Primary Sing" event in the library. This Tuesday, December 20th, our students are featuring festive songs from around the world. We invite you, as always, to join us for this endearing event with primary Music Teacher, Mr. Andy Davis.

Principal's Post:

As we head into the winter break I would like to remind all of our students of the continued importance of reading and spending time playing outdoors. I hope that all of our GSS students are able to find plenty of time to spend outdoors enjoying our wonderful snow filled December but I also challenge each student to find 30 mins each day to spend time reading something enjoyable and of interest. Reading every day builds on fluency, comprehension and background knowledge while playing outside each day promotes physical fitness. My hope is that both playing outside and reading are fun priorities for this winter break.

I would like to thank all of you for the continued support of Green Street School. I wish you all a wonderful, healthy holiday season and a happy new year.

-Mr. Speno



What To Do During the Break?

The Brattleboro Recreation Department has so many fun things planned for families over the holidays. Be sure to check out <http://www.brattleboro.org/> and click on "Special Holiday Flyer" for details. Here's a heads-up:

MOVIE MATINEE:: "The Secret Life of Pets" When: **Thursday, December 29th at 2:00 pm** Where: Gibson-Aiken Ctr. Conf.

Room Cost: FREE! Juice & Popcorn will be provided!

OPEN GYM & GAME ROOM SCHEDULE: A wonderful FREE program for any child. It is a fully supervised program with a variety of activities to choose from. Along with basketball there is foosball, air hockey, bumper pool, arts and crafts. This is a great safe place for children. Feel free to check them in with the Rec. & Parks Staff or stay & play with them!: **December 23, 26-30 & January 2nd 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for school ages only.** There will be No Open Gym & Game Room on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & New Year's Day Happy Holidays!

PUBLIC SKATING SCHEDULE: ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SKATING HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAYS Dec. 23rd, 26-30 & Jan. 2nd 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Rink will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! Skate Rentals Available - \$3.00

