

Straight from the Gecko

October 13, 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!

Friday, October 14th

Gr 5&6 to Latchis for Author visit 10-11:30

Monday, October 17th

The Vermont Foodbank's VeggieVanGo Program at the Windham Regional Career Center! 10:00-11:00am

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Maple Leaf Kickoff for potential participants in grades 5 & 6 at 9:30am

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WINTER SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:15PM

Congratulations, Spellers!



Congratulations to Madame and the GSS Spelling Team! GSS Won the local spelling bee on Friday against Academy School! Spellers on the team are:

- Sylvie Lann
- David Berkson-Harvey
- Eben Wagner
- Thomas Hyde
- Autumn Nuzman
- Griffin Rankins
- Evie Kiehle

The GSS spelling team will continue to practice spelling their list of 600 difficult words and will next compete in a regional bee at the end of October.



The After School Programs are Scheduled!

Here's what you need to know:

- Students will receive **CONFIRMATION FORMS** on **FRIDAY** for the programs in which they are enrolled. (Some programs filled up fast, and students did NOT not necessarily get enrolled in their first choices)
- Session I (Fall) Programs begin October 17th.
- All programs end at **4:00pm**. It is important that everyone gets picked up on time.*
- Be sure to copy down:
 - The name of the activity,
 - The days and dates it takes place,
 - The name of the staff member who coordinates that activity.
- When you receive confirmation and contact information from your child's After School Program Coordinator, keep that contact information handy, and refer questions to that person if needed.
- Check your email and child's backpack daily for notes or other information that is sent home.

***For students who are taking the bus, be aware that there is ONE bus at 4:00. It travels in all directions to bring children home throughout Brattleboro. It may be a long ride, and it will be tricky to know exactly when your child will be dropped off.**

A parent must be available to meet K-2nd grade students at the bus stop.

PRINCIPAL'S POST

I am happy to say that Green Street School is off to a great start to the year. One of the major factors in student success at school is consistent attendance. For the month of September 148 students held perfect attendance and 198 students were only absent on one day. In recognizing that student attendance and truancy is so important it is our district policy to notify all families with a formal letter when their child is absent or truant for 5, 7, 10 and 15 days.

Students who are consistently at school and on time on a regular basis are at a distinct advantage of attaining high academic achievement and social competencies. Predictable routines and expectations are so important for all children and getting to school on time and on a daily basis is the first step in achieving this. Beginning next week we will be highlighting all students who have achieved perfect attendance for each month, please be on the lookout for this bulletin board in our front hallway displaying the names of students who have achieved perfect attendance in the month of September.

-- Mark V. Speno, Principal

Our WINTER SPORTS Committee is meeting!



Will you join a team of wonderful parents, to assist with the planning and coordination of another cool season of Winter Sports? We'll meet on...

Monday, October 17th at 5:15

Just come and learn about it. There's a job-- large or small - for everyone!

SOMETHING FUN FOR KIDS AT THE BRATTLEBORO FOOD CO-OP



As the crisp nights blanket our green mountains, we continue with our exploration of food, cultures and holidays. Join us for an incredible variety of classes and events this month...

Fun Foods from Around the World: India

Saturday, October 15, 10-11:30am We travel further east to the great land of spices and fragrant food: India. In this class, we will prepare samosas, a popular triangle shaped street food, traditionally filled with potatoes, peas and spices. We will add bits of broccoli and cauliflower, the Harvest of the Month vegetable, to make it a Vermont samosa!

Spooky Cookies: Halloween Baking

Monday, October 31, 4-5:30pm Eye balls dripping with vanilla cream, chocolate dipped dragon claws, mouse tails and more come together in this playful class where we will gruesomely decorate Halloween cookies to eat and share. Come in your costume, and afterwards have dinner at the Coop Cafe as you wait for the Horribles Parade to start at 6pm right outside our front door.

Want to join the All School Sing Band?



Parents or Grandparents, do you play a musical instrument, and would you like to share your talents with our All School Band fun each week? Please email Ms. A ! That's Julie Ackerman-Hovis, at jackerman-hovis@wseu.org

The Maple Leaf Writing Program is set to begin next week! This fun writing contest has been challenging 5th and 6th graders at Brattleboro's three elementary schools for 15 years. The Kick-Off informational meeting is on Monday 10/17 from 9:30-10:30 at Green Street School. All potentially interested 5th and 6th grade students are welcome to attend this meeting, to find out if the Maple Leaf challenge is right for them.



Author Event

Friday, October 14th Green Street students in grades 5-6 will be walking to the Latchis for the 10:00 am presentation and will return by 11:30 am. As an honorarium to our visiting author, we are requesting a \$1.00 donation per student. If your family's budget allows, please consider sending an additional dollar or two.



end-of-year trip!

Please send your boxtops to school, to help support our 6th graders'



YOUTH SERVICES 5K EVENT - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH REGISTRATION AT 9:00AM

The Catamount Half Marathon, presented by 3 C Race Productions on Sunday, October 16 is being held for the third time in Brattleboro, VT and benefits Youth Services of Windham County, VT.

According to its organizers, the race will start again this year at the Brattleboro Retreat grounds on Route 30 at 9 a.m. The accompanying 5 K race will give family and friends of the half marathoners their chance to compete as well. In addition to runners, Youth Services is recruiting 20-30 volunteers to staff each of the six water stations and help direct racers on the race course from 8 a.m. to noon the day of the event.

The Half Marathon/5K entry fees are \$70/\$35 up until October 15; and \$80/\$40 on Race Day. Lead race sponsor is Sam's Outdoor Outfitters. To register, visit www.catamounthm.com To volunteer, email info@youthservicesinc.org or call (802) 257-0361.