

Straight from the Gecko

January 5, 2017

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!

Tuesday, January 3rd

First Day Back at School!

Wednesday, January 4th

Winter Sports Chaperone Meeting at 6:00pm, GSS Library. Pizza and childcare provided.

Thursday, January 5th

School Sing at 8:30-9:05am

Monday, January 9th

Community Breakfast for Families of students in grades 4 - 6. Join us anytime between 7:30am - 8:30am.

Winter Session (Session 2) of After School Programs begins

Wednesday, January 11th

First Winter Sports Day!



**5th
Annual
GSS Tulip
Trot 5K**

Sponsorship Challenge.

Will you turn in 5, 10, or more names, addresses, and email addresses BY JANUARY 13TH?

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!

Winter Sports BEGINS!



The Winter Sports program takes place as part of the school day on **Wednesdays in January and February. The dates are:**

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 contact Patrick Ackerman-Hovis at patrickah@gmail.com

After-School Programs

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

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

(Programs and Tutoring run Mondays, Wednesdays, and/or Thursdays, through March 10th)

Confirmation forms were sent home earlier this week. Please 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 *arrive* at school already *confident* about their *after-school plan*.



**ASPs
After
School
Programs**

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

GSS Website

www.greenstreetschoolvt.com

Please be sure to access the Green Street School website, which has been updated with things like:

- Teacher bios
- Weekly Newsletters
- PTO Meeting Minutes
- Monthly Breakfast & Lunch Menus
- Monthly Calendars
- Access to Computer Applications our Students Use at School (and at home if you like!)
- Parent Links to WSESU Documents
- More

Movies for Kids ...

...continues in January with films on Sunday mornings at 11am at the Latchis Theater.



For January, we will have four films that are adaptations of Roald Dahl books. His books have a sense of mystery, adventure, and a little fright, as do the movies based on the books. This series, hosted by Latchis Arts, seeks to bring together thematic Movies for Kids, and for their parents, and their older friends too....

January with Roald Dahl

Jan 8: *James and the Giant Peach*

Jan 15: *The Witches**

**(perhaps not for the youngest kids)*

Jan 22: *Matilda*

Jan 29: *Fantastic Mr. Fox*

All film costs are 'by donation', and support Latchis Arts

Parents of Students in Grades 4 - 6

Please join us on Monday, January 9th for a lovely breakfast buffet! This community breakfast will take place in



the gymnasium at 7:30am until 8:30am. We encourage you to enjoy school breakfast, and learn

how nice it's been to start the day with breakfast at school!

PRINCIPAL'S POST

I hope that you have all enjoyed a wonderful winter break and a happy new year. Upon our return to Green Street School we are very excited to be starting up our winter sports program that will begin on Wednesday, January 11th. Please be sure to mark this date on your calendars as it is crucial that our students attend their winter sports activity with the proper clothing attire.

The only way we are able to offer such a dynamic winter sports program is directly related to the support we receive from the GSS PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). The financial support we are lucky enough to benefit from allows us to offer a K-6 winter sports program unlike any other. Every student in our school is able to participate in our program and learn a new life long skill.

Our one major GSS PTO fundraiser of the year is our famous 5K Tulip Trot that will take place this spring on May 13th. The success of this fundraiser impacts winter sports, field trips and other enrichment programs. I am urging that all GSS families participate in this year's Tulip Trot by filling out the attached Student Sponsorship Form. By simply filling out this form and submitting the names and addresses of chosen friends and or family members you will be a participant of this important fundraiser that positively impacts every single student in our school. Lastly, by participating and submitting this Tulip Trot sponsorship form your child will receive their very own Green Street School book bag! Thank you in advance for your participation and support of the GSS community!

Nature Days at Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center



Monday January 16th and Monday January 23rd

9am to 3pm for kids in grades 1-5. On these

days of **no school**, drop the kids off to romp, stomp and explore as we play and learn in fields and forests, investigating what is happening in the natural world around us.

\$45/day non members, \$35/day BEEC members. Information, scholarship applications, and registration at www.beec.org 802-257-5785

KIDS' CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB at the BOC

WHEN: Mondays 3:30 to 4:45 pm, starting January 9

WHO: 3rd through 6th grade kids with some skiing experience (youngsters welcome with parent participation, elders welcome too!)

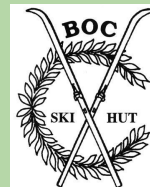
COST: Free for BOC members! \$5/child and \$5/adult if not members.

EQUIPMENT: Please bring your own.

WHERE: the BOC ski trails on Upper Dummerston Rd.

TO SIGN UP, CONTACT: Diana Whitney: diana@coreflowyoga.com or Sheila Humphreys: sheila@shumphreys.net

Not a school sponsored activity. Use above contact information for questions.



\$241.70

All of that money goes directly toward the 6th grade end-of-year field trip to Boston.

We encourage you to **continue** sending your **BoxTops** in, because we'll redeem them again in April.

