

# Straight from the Gecko

November 3, 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, Nov. 4th

Restorative Justice Team - BUHS 8:30-2pm  
McNamara's class to fire station 9:15am

### Saturday, Nov. 5th

Ski, Skate & Snowboard Sale 8 - 11am  
Gibson Aiken Center, Main Street

### Monday, Nov. 7th

Vermont Food Bank at WRCC 10-11am  
Winter Sports Meeting- 5:00pm  
PTO Meeting 6:00pm  
(Childcare provided 6pm-7pm)

### Thursday, Nov. 9th

All School Sing at 8:35

### Wed. & Thurs. Nov. 9th & 10th

Early Release Days - Parent/Teacher  
Conferences.

### Friday, Nov. 11th

Veterans Day - No School

### Thursday, Nov. 17th

**No School Sing today**  
Grades 3, 4, & 5 to Latchis performance

### Monday, Nov. 21st

Vermont Food Bank at WRCC 10-11am

Early Release Days:  
Wednesday, November 9th  
&  
Thursday, November 10th

School is dismissed at 11:30, after  
an early lunch. Busses run at that  
time. Please be prompt in picking  
up your children.

A Free Information Session for Girls  
and Their Parents/Caregivers.

  
girl scouts  
of the green and  
white mountains

Thursday  
November  
17th, 6-7pm  
Green Street  
School  
Library.

## Principal Post ~ Parent Teacher Conferences

Next week we will formally hold parent / teacher conferences on the afternoons of Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. On both of these days school will be dismissed at 11:30. If for some reason these two afternoons do not work for your schedule please be in contact with the classroom teacher to schedule an alternative meeting date and time.

Parent / teacher conferences are a very important time of the year and as always we have a set a goal of meeting with 100% of our families. Conferences are a time to celebrate all of the hard work and growth of your children as well as a time to collaboratively set goals for the end of the school year.

We look forward to seeing all of you next week at Green Street School and like last year we will have light refreshments available in our school library. Please feel free to take some time to relax and socialize with fellow families and GSS staff. Enjoy the weekend!



## PTO NEWS

Our WINTER SPORTS  
Committee is already  
meeting!

We would to have  
come to a 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, November 7th at 5:00pm  
Regular PTO meeting follows at 6:00pm  
(Childcare provided from 6-7pm)

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

## SIGN UP SOON FOR

## WINTER SPORTS !



Please be on the lookout  
for Winter Sports info,  
coming home soon!

You will have an opportunity  
to sign up for Winter Sports  
during Parent Teacher  
Conferences.

Final Deadline to register for  
Winter Sports will be  
Nov. 18th.

Friday November 11th **Nature Day** at Bonnyvale Environmental  
Education Center, 9am to 3pm for kids in grades K-5.

On this day of no school, drop the kids off to romp, stomp and explore  
as we play and learn in fields and forests, investigating the chilly  
changes that are taking place. \$45/day non members, \$35/day BEEC  
members, scholarships available. Information and registration  
[www.beec.org](http://www.beec.org) 802-257-5785



**RJ News**

The Restorative Justice Team of GSS is supporting an organization called Pencils for Promise, which is an organization that helps people who need things like pencils and paper. If we raise money we can contribute these things to people in need. We also hope to support the building of a new school in Haiti, where they don't have a lot.

We did a bake sale during movie night, where we raised \$62.00. Ali C, Micaela C-N and Andrew H donated cookies, cupcakes, brownies, and broomsticks. We sold out of everything!

In the spring, RJ is going to organize a school carnival with games, a pie toss, and a dunk tank, to raise more money for this cause.

RJ's goal is to bring students and all people together, to understand each other better.

Submitted by  
RJ Team Member, Ali C., Grade 6

**SUNDAY MORNING MOVIES!**

Latchis Arts is excited to invite you to films on Sunday mornings at 11am at the Latchis Theater. Movies for Kids series will have a loose monthly topic, and offer both contemporary and older films that fit into that theme. The goal for this series is to offer films for kids that their parents will be interested in as well. For November, we begin with four films that hold secrets in their own unique way. There is magic in landscape, history, music, and culture. There are containers for mystery, belief and hope, with strong child performances along with beautifully animated scenes.



- November has Secrets
- Nov 6: The Secret Garden
- Nov 13: The Secret of Kells
- Nov 20: The Secret of Roan Inish
- Nov 27: The Secret of Nimh

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

Girls ages 8-14:

The **Brattleboro Area Hockey Association** is looking to add to its dynamic and energetic girls team! Girls ages 8-14 who enjoy being a part of a team, and want to gain lots of skills and experience, both on and off the ice, in a growing sport are encouraged to contact team head coach Elizabeth McLarney at emclarney@hotmail.com and/or team manager Celena Romo at celenayfamilia@gmail.com for more information. Minimal skating experience needed! Equipment is available as are scholarships!

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**Ski-Skate & Snowboard Sale**

The Annual Phil Dunham Ski-Skate & Snowboard Sale, directed by the Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Department and the Brattleboro Outing Club will be held Saturday, **November 5th, 2016 from 8:00am – 11:00am, at the Gibson Aiken Center, 207 Main Street.** If you are interested in selling or buying snowboards, skis, ski boots, poles, and bindings (both downhill and cross country), skates, all winter sports clothing and hockey equipment this is the event for you! People who wish to enter items in the sale must bring them to the Gibson Aiken Center, Friday, November 4th between 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm only. Any winter sport article can be listed for sale, but only twenty items per person will be accepted. Equipment brought in for the Ski-Skate & Snowboard Sale will be checked for DIN numbers. This means that sports shops might not service those items without a DIN number. Equipment that does not have a DIN number will be marked with a red dot on the price tag. All those who displayed articles in the sale must return to the Center on Monday, November 7th between 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact the Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Department Office at 254-5808 between the hours of 9am-12pm and 1pm-5pm Monday through Friday.

**Fall in the Green Street Garden**

By Sarah Rosow, Garden Coordinator



Shouts of "I love kale!" and requests like "Can we have more broccoli?" were music to my ears while I worked with students in the garden this fall. School gardens are a wonderful tool for getting kids to try new foods and for teaching children about nutrition, soil, plant science, and where our food comes from. We are lucky to have a small but lovely garden nestled into the hillside in front of Green Street School.

This fall, I ran a recess garden club for students in grades 2, 3, 5, and 6. Over the course of six weeks, about 60 students participated. Together, we cleaned up the garden and got it ready for winter. We also harvested, tasted, planted, and cooked.

Students picked green beans and ate them straight from the plant. They were shocked to learn that there were also purple

and yellow beans growing in the garden, and that they could all be eaten raw. Students loved harvesting their own broccoli sprouts and eating them directly from the garden, and when we ran out of broccoli heads, the children happily munched on broccoli stems and leaves! Everyone got great satisfaction out of digging and searching for potatoes, and many students were surprised to learn that potatoes grow underground. We pulled yellow and orange carrots and students ate them for snack the next day. Garden club participants planted garlic and some perennial herbs. When we ran out of things to do in the garden, we baked butternut squash bread with squash from my home garden.

We even harvested food that became part of school lunches-- baby swiss chard for a salad, basil and oregano for the pizza sauce, sage for the stuffing, kale for the kale salad, and roasted potatoes. Some students told me that they don't normally get school lunch, but that they would on the day that their harvest was being served!

We had a great time in the garden this fall, and I am grateful for this fun opportunity to teach kids about food and gardens. Students who are interested in doing more gardening at school can sign up for the after school clubs in the spring, for grades 2-5.