

Straight from the Gecko

January 12, 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!

Monday, January 16th

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

Wednesday, January 18th

2nd Winter Sports Day!

Thursday, January 19th

Spirit Day: **Cartoon Day!**

And, it's "Third Thursday." Parents, join us for coffee in the library and then stay for School Sing!

Friday, January 20th

Jazz Band participants to Keene festival

"The Grimleys, The Brimleys, and the Great British Feud of 1826" 7pm at NEYT. (Also Saturday at 2 & 7pm and Sunday at 2pm)

Monday, January 23rd

Teacher In-Service Day - No School

Wednesday, January 25th

3rd Winter Sports Day!

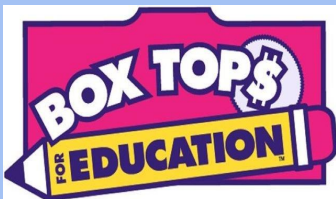
Friday, January 27th

Report Cards sent home

Tuesday, January 31st

Primary Sing at 2:10pm. Parents of K-2 please join us!

\$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.

Winter Sports Activities Have Begun!



Winter Sports Highlights from Day 1:

First of all, our amazing Mount Snow Coordinators gathered, conferred, and departed with all of our students right on time, in our smoothest Mount Snow departure process ever (moving 50 mountain-outfitted students into 16 different assigned vehicles takes a great deal of coordination!)

Comments overheard:

"It was like recess, but like, a lot better!"

"It was cool, and I get to do it again next week."

"That was my second time ever snowboarding, and I think I'm really getting good at it!"

"I really like skating, and I got to skate a lot! I don't get to skate usually, so it's good."



The Tulip Trot helps support Winter Sports! Don't forget to fill out your Sponsorship Challenge form!

Future Dates: Wednesdays, January **18 & 25 & Feb. 1**
(make-up days, if needed: Feb 8 & 15)

After-School Programs The Winter Session (Session 2) began January 9th.

(Programs and Tutoring run Mondays, Wednesdays, and/or Thursdays, through March 10th) Our first week of session 2 is off to a great start! Well over half of our students are participating in an ASP or tutoring!



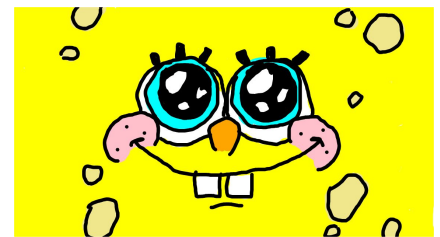
ASPs
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Fall Session: Oct 1 - Dec 15
Winter Session: Jan 9 - Mar 10
Spring Session: Mar 20-May 11

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*.

Student Senate Announcement SPIRIT DAY NEXT THURSDAY:

Hello, Green Street School families. We will be having our second spirit day next Thursday, January 19!!! It will be cartoon day, so dress up as your favorite cartoon character or wear a shirt with your favorite character on it. Remember this date: January 19. Let's have some fun as our favorite cartoon characters!
~ From, Your Student Senators



Parents, it's a great idea to label your child's winter gear, sweatshirts, and any other items that students may take off and put down somewhere during the day. The Lost and Found bin continues to fill up with items that we can't identify.

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 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

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



The Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration will take place at **Centre Congregational Church on Main Street on Sunday afternoon, January 15 at 4:00 pm.**

The event is a community wide event related to the ongoing legacy of Dr. King. A choir of the community led by Mr. Andy Davis - and open to singers of all ages - will rehearse at 3:00 and will present several songs during

the evening. For more information contact Andy Davis, adavis@wsesu.org or 257-1819.

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**



Brattleboro Food Co-Op Kids Classes

Fun with Food and Art: Components of Compassion

Monday, January 16, 10am-12

In celebration of MLK, Jr's birthday, we will meet at the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center first for an up-close look at the current exhibit followed by a hands-on creative activity there. Then we will walk up to the BFC Kitchen to make winter hand pies: soft, layered dough filled with seasoned apples. Free. Pre-registration Required.

Fun Foods from Around the World: Bosnia

Tuesday, January 24, 3:30-5pm

Come meet Aida Avdic and her daughters as they teach us how to make Burek, a baked pastry filled with various ingredients including the Vermont Harvest of the Month Vegetable: Parsnip. Aida is originally from Bosnia and will share with us aspects of her culture. Free. Pre-registration Required.

