



February 1, 2008

Important Dates:

FEBRUARY

- February 2
Groundhog Day
- February 5
Fundraising Online Auction Begins:
klsauctions.com
- February 5
Recruiting Open House 4-7pm
- February 5
~~Trading Card Club~~
Cancelled
- February 5
GCCS Community Council Meeting
7pm
- February 11
GCCS Board Meeting 7pm
- February 12
Trading Card Club
- February 14
Valentines Day!
- February 14
Community Circle Reptile Guy—
Rescheduled (\$2)
- February 16
GCCS Live Fundraising Auction
Boise Unitarian Church 6-9 pm
- February 26
Trading Card Club
- February 28
POWER PANTHERS Nutrition Kickoff
- February 29
Leap Year!

GCCS Fundraising Auction

Don't forget to bring in or email in your Auction Donation forms THIS MONDAY, 2/4/08.

If the item is smaller than a bread box, you can bring it into the office and I'll take it home. If you have larger items, please let me know and we will make arrangements. Please make sure that a donation form is with each item so that proper credit can be given. We are working diligently to get the website ready for the start of the auction, so please have all donations turned in as soon as possible.

Remember, the money from the auction will go to keeping class sizes small. Why don't we just shoot for the moon and try to make enough to perhaps rent extra space?

The limit just depends on how many things we have to sell. If you could sell it on eBay, you can sell it at our auction.

Snow Days

Winter is upon us and there is always the question about school. Will it be open? Will it be closed?

Garden City Community School follows the same school closure schedule as the Boise School District.

If you see on the news that Boise School District will be Closed, so will we.

Playground Coordinator Needed

We are looking for someone who is interested in helping us complete our playground project! If you have a little time to spare for planning we need you!

All aspects have been fully researched, we are just looking for a someone who can be a single point of contact and who will co-ordinate the completion of the projects.

Please let Traci in the office know (377-0011) that you are interested and join us at our meeting on the 5th of February.

The Live Auction is February 16 at the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Garrett from 6-9PM.

Auction invitations will be coming soon.

We are so fortunate to have the Hoochie Coochie band performing, so be sure to put 2/16/08 on the calendar and get your dancing shoes ready!

Unlike most auctions, we are not charging for entry. We want this to be a community building occasion.

If for some reason you can not buy any of the auction items this time around, please come to this event anyway and celebrate our school with us.

Yours thankfully,
Nimi, Parent Rep to the Board



Arts Integration & PE

A special thank you goes out to all of the parents who have helped out with all of our field trips to the YMCA, Museum and Various Outings through out the year. All of your time is greatly appreciated.

Another thank you goes out to Stuart Barber from the UK based circus program, BEST Educational, for the fabulous circus classes! He used our school as a pilot program and donated all of his time for free. He was at our school for two days. All of the students participated in classes. Matthew and Cathie's classes performed their new skills for the rest of the students. We have purchased our own circus equipment and will continue to practice in PE. If students are wanting to purchase their own equipment, they need to let me know right away so I can look into ordering.

A quick apology for the print quality of the updates and notices that went out last week with grades. Our printer was having problems that day!

Rebecca Harris

Boys & Girls Club

As you know our students have been given free memberships to the Boys & Girls Club. Please be sure your child understands that they may only ride our bus to go to the club if you send a signed, written note in order to get a bus pass from the office that will let them go to the club after school on special days. If you want them to go to the club every day, Traci will put this in their permanent school file.

Be Involved

The best thing that you can do as a parent to support your child's experience at GCCS is to keep a positive attitude towards their education and be involved! Let their teachers know if you are interested in volunteering in any way. Some work with one large school event (auction, painting, building, playground) while others prefer to volunteer in a classroom or the playground for a block of time each week or month. Others donate snacks, auction items, services, or teach a specials program in art, drama or music. Let the school know if you want to help as everyone is welcome and appreciated!



Music Program

Teacher, Marin Ramey, and parent, Barb Hamon, are starting a choir soon while a student survey is being taken to determine other students' music interests.

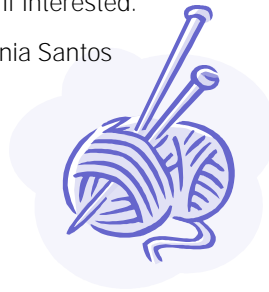
Rebecca is organizing options to fit other students' interests and abilities, but *we need volunteers with music backgrounds to offer their ideas and time to make this happen.*

Please contact Rebecca at 377-0011.

Knitting Club

I would like to start a knitting club after school that would meet for one hour, either on Wednesdays or Thursdays. I do not knit, so I am looking for a couple of volunteers who could teach the kids and me. I believe it would be wonderful if we could knit hats for chemo patients, lap blankets for the elderly, cat blankets for rescue groups, and whatever else people may think of. Please contact me, if interested.

Tawnia Santos



Recruitment Open House!

GCCS is having an Open House on February 5, 2008 from 4:00- 7:00p.m. Please invite any friends, family, neighbors, or anyone who is interested in the school to attend. Local businesses and dignitaries have also been invited to see the facility and learn about the only public school in Garden City!

Recycling Program

Are you an active recycler that cares about our environment? You can help start a Recycling Club at Garden City Community School. If you would like more information please contact teacher Lisa Courchane at 343-7708 or LisaCourchane@yahoo.com.

E-mail Notifications

Have you been receiving emails from Nimi on behalf of the school? If not, please consider dropping an e-mail to her with your current contact information. You will receive important information about activities that we are currently working on. If you have ever missed getting a paper notification for an activity? Getting these e-mails will keep you informed and up to date! Send your email address (corrections/updates are also welcome!) to Nimi at: nirmala.sandhu@mac.com

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

- Campbell's Soup Labels for Education—Continue to save UPC Codes from a variety of Campbell Products. There is a collection bin in the common area (looks like a soup can!) You can get a complete listing of products that have points here: www.labels4education.com
- Box Tops For Education—Save box top points from a variety of products, and sign up at the website for special emails and bonus box top offers. These points can be dropped off in the Campbell's Soup Can in the common area also. For more information: www.boxtops4education.com
- Cartridges for Kids—Help us to collect unwanted/broken lasers, PDA's, Video Games, iPods, Cameras, Laptops, Dvds, Cell Phones, and oh, yeah, Empty Ink Cartridges! There is a collection bucket at the school in the common area. For more information: www.cartridgesforkids.com
- Albertsons—Shopper can earn money for our school by using their Albertsons Preferred Savings Card. For more information:

**ONLINE AUCTION
FEBRUARY 5-15
LIVE AUCTION
FEBRUARY 16**