



Garden City Community Council Newsletter

DANCING THROUGH SCHOOLS

All of the classes began participating in this fantastic dance program. Each student has had 45 minutes of dance practice every day for two weeks! This program comes to us through Children's Dance Institute paid for by a grant. Director Jon Swarthout is teaching all of our students with Lita and Tracy (From New York) and African drummer, Harrison, from Ghana. The kids are doing a great job moving and grooving to the live music. All students will have a dress rehearsal from 9am until noon on March 14. Please make sure that they wear appropriate clothes and shoes. **The Family Recital will be on Friday March 14 at 6pm sharp at the Boys and Girls Club.** Please make sure that everyone is there and ready to go.

2008 FUNDRAISING AUCTION WRAP UP

Thanks to all who helped make the Silent and Live Auctions happen. Thank-you Caren Hosselkus, Sasha Rojas and Tonya Wildman, Teresa Worth and others who I only glanced at during the rush to get things organized. This school is indebted to you.

Thanks to the Ken Harris and the Hoochie Coochie Men who made the Live Auction a rockin' good time. They also donated all of their tips to the school in a wonderful show of support.

For those of you who missed it, we have plans in the works to make next year's auction even better! Special mention to Jeannie Evans for donating some hand embroidered jeans to the auction. We failed to mention her business on the website. It is Grace's Place and the website is www.gracesplace.etsy.com

Fundraising is a fact of life at any charter school. GCCS is no exception and we have a plan! We are going to ask that everyone be a part of the team and we will let you know how you can help!

Nimi Sandhu—Fundraising Coordinator



THE REPTILE GUY

The Reptile Guy paid a visit to Garden City Community School on Valentine's Day!

The students were introduced to many reptiles as well as a tarantula! All the students got to see, and some got to interact with the animals.

Everyone learned where each of the animals came from and their habitat.

Important Dates

March

- ♣ March 14
Dancing Through Schools Recital
6PM Boys and Girls Club
- ♣ March 17
GCCS Board Meeting 7pm
- ♣ March 20
Youth In Action—
Community Meeting 9am
- ♣ March 21
Early Release
12:15PM
- ♣ March 21
End of School Quarter
- ♣ March 24-28
Spring Break
NO SCHOOL
- ♣ March 31
Music Choice Program begins
on Thursdays

ONGOING 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, DVD's, Cell Phones, and oh, yeah, Empty Ink Cartridges! There is a collection bin at the school in the common area.

For more information:
www.cartridgesforkids.com

Albertsons

Shoppers can earn money for our school by using their Albertsons Preferred Savings Card.

For more information:
www.albertsons.com/cp/

THANK YOU!

A huge Thank you goes out to the Boise Art College and Linda Buczynski for their generous donations of art supplies and resource materials

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

The next Community Council Meeting has been changed. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9th at 6pm. Please plan on attending if at all possible. We would like to start our discussion to guide the development regarding how Garden City School implements Sexuality Education.

We would like to hear everyone's opinion on how or what should be taught in what grades. Please bring with you any curriculum examples that you think could be considered.

We will try to have someone available to watch kids while the meeting is in session.

MUSIC PROGRAM

Thanks to Marin Ramey and Barb Hamon, who are willing to teach a choir class, we will be offering a six week music program starting in April. Students will be able to choose a type of music class to take on Thursdays from 2 until 2:50pm—including the choir. This will be a wonderful opportunity for students to work with others from different classes, to choose a topic they are most interested in, and for us to try an "electives" program. Staff will be involved in teaching or helping guest teachers. If you are interested in getting involved or have any music equipment that we could borrow, please contact Rebecca. Stay tuned for more information.

CHICKEN POX

Chicken Pox has been going around school for the past few weeks. If you notice spots on your child, please check with a doctor to verify.

CROCHET CLUB

The turnout for the Crocheting Club has been outstanding! We have had 30 students sign up for it - boys and girls! We'd like more adults to help, so why not join us, learn to crochet and have a fun hobby to share with your child?!

LUNCH MONEY

To ensure that proper credit is given to student accounts, please drop off all lunch money to Michele Roth. Please do not leave lunch money with Traci in the office.

However, please help the students be responsible with the crochet hooks. They are not swords, etc. We don't want anyone getting hurt while just playing around. Therefore, crochet hooks are only to be brought out at school during the club meeting. If you have any questions about this policy, please call Tawnia at 322-8539.

POKEMON CLUB

This week's club on March 11 was the last meeting for the Pokemon Club. Interest has significantly fizzled out.

I was hoping more kids would learn how to play the game so we could have games going on (as well as the looking at other's cards and some trading) but it didn't work out that way this year.

I have some ideas about how we can make it better for next year. Be thinking about trading cards and we'll get together in the fall!
Megan Jones

MAY CELEBRATION

Some time in May our doors will open for a presentation of the school projects that have been going on all year.

Presentations will include our wetlands projects, the recycling team's goals and accomplishments, After School Clubs presentation (Pokemon, Crochet, and Reading Groups to list a few) Youth for Action goal celebration, Music Program performances and more! Stay tuned and get involved.