

GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL



"Learning to Live!....Living to Learn!"

Parent Newsletter for May 16, 2008

MAY CELEBRATION: May 29, 2008, 6:00-8:00PM

Join us at the school for an evening of celebration and sharing your children's year! Our classrooms will be open to all GCCS families and the public with activities and displays showing the wonderful programs we have had this year, especially the activities involving the Hyatt Wetlands! Our students have been working hard all year and would love to show you their favorite projects which include: paintings, drawings, student-made board games, haikus, puppet shows, photos, and scientific studies! You will also hear our new GCCS Choir at 7:00PM! *Everyone is welcome!*

SCHOOL T-SHIRTS

All students will be given a special gift during our May Celebration Night.....a newly designed GCCS t-shirt! The art work of Freya Bridges (2nd grade) and Nick Nelson (6th grade) was chosen for the shirt choices. We hope the students will wear them proudly and represent GCCS well! If you are interested in buying a shirt for yourself or others, please complete the attached order form and return it to the GCCS office with \$6 to cover the cost no later than Friday, May 23. We plan to place another order at that time for interested GCCS families and friends. Shirts will be ready by the end of school.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Garden City Library visited the school during our May 1 All-School Community Meeting! Starting June 2, they will have a great reading program to encourage youth and adults to read throughout the summer. They are offering fun prizes for everyone as they reach certain goals. Be sure to take advantage of their partnership with our students!

UPDATES on CLASS GROUPINGS for 2008-09

We are currently configuring the classes for next school year. Our tentative plans include: Kindergarten: AM/PM/All-Day programs offered. Two 1st/2nd grade Combo (Marin & Tawnia), two 3rd/4th grade Combos (Ben & Lisa), 5th/6th Combo, and a 7th/8th Combo. We are interviewing for a new kindergarten teacher as Shari is moving north. Matthew Shapiro has decided to pursue his doctorate degree and not teach at GCCS next year so we are also reviewing candidates for the oldest class. Please pass the word about these teaching positions!

If you have a reason you would like to have your child in a certain class, you may write a letter addressed to Cindy Hoovel, Director stating your reasons. Otherwise, enrollment numbers and staff's input regarding all students' needs will be used to determine the best class grouping for each child. We hope to have the classes determined before school is out. We are close to being full, but spread the word that there are still some openings available! We especially want to build our kindergarten classes!

JUNE JUBILEE: Wednesday, June 4

Please call the office or sign up on the list on Cindy's door to volunteer during this fun day! We need help from 9AM-12:30pm for the activities and BBQ at the Boys & Girls Club in addition to help chaperoning the students from 12:30-3:00PM at the West Y for swimming, rock climbing and other activities. It's going to be a blast, so don't miss out!

ALL-SCHOOL COMMUNITY CIRCLES

Paul Higgins, a story teller from Garden City, will join the school at 9AM next Thursday, May 22 during our All-School Community Meeting. You're welcome to join the fun and listen in! This week students performed some of their new talents from the preceding six-week Music Choice programs. The Youth Action Council announced that the school had exceeded their goal of Random Acts of Kindness writings for their RAK wall, so they prepared a wonderful social event for all students to have refreshments and visit with each other. Thanks to the YAC for their great ideas this year and to parents who helped supply the goodies!

THANKS FROM THE GCCS STAFF

The staff loved the wonderful dinner and fun treats they were given from the Community Council during National Teacher Appreciation Week recently! Thanks especially to parent volunteer Kirsten Finnigan for coordinating the week!

LAST DAY of SCHOOL

Our last day for students will be Thursday, June 5. Achievement reports will be mailed directly to parents the following week.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, Mon. May 19/7PM

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, Wed., June 4/6:30PM.

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend both of these meetings! You may also apply to become school board parent representatives and Community Council officers. Please contact the office for more information!

*There's lots of learning and fun planned to complete our great school year!
Be sure to join us at the various events and contact us if you have any questions or feedback for us! Thanks!*

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