



Garden City Community School Council Newsletter

Teresa Worth—Editor

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THEATER ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCY

Thanks to another grant from the Idaho Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, our students are launching a theater program this year with artist-in-residence, Anna Marie Boles. Although she is working mostly with the 3-4th graders, all the classes are learning basic theater techniques during their art classes. Each class will be putting together a theatrical presentation based on Garden City history. We will have an all-school production **January 15th**. Stay tuned for the location! If anyone is interested in helping with costumes, set painting, tech work, programs, or any other aspect of this project, feel free to contact Rebecca or your student's teacher!

TREE LIGHTING

The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Garden City Hall will be **December 1st at 6PM**. The public is invited and the GCCS After School "Holiday Choir" will be performing. If your child's in the choir, watch for more information from Marti and Marin about this! If your children are not in the choir, the mayor's office has invited the school's families to celebrate the start of the holiday season.

GREAT GRANTS!

Hurray! We are so excited to receive the word that GCCS has been awarded another grant. These funds must be used for "start up" items for the school and have to be used by June 09. Some of this grant money will be used to get a computer center and listening center for each classroom, additional needs for the kindergarten class, developing our counseling program and staff professional development in assessment and curriculum. Now everyone needs to help raise money to replace this grant since this is the last year we can receive this type of funding!

LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Please keep your lunch accounts (activity or kindergarten fees also) up to date and paid to the bookkeeper, Michele Roth.

Lunch monies may be paid before school or after school.

If you need to know what your balance is, you can contact Michele Roth at 377-0011 or email her at:

Michele.Roth@gardencityschool.org



2009 MARDI GRAS SCHOOL FUNDRAISING AUCTION

We are in the process of planning the fundraising auction. The auction will be held on **March 7, 2009** (location and time will be announced once it has been finalized) Larry Gebert from KTVB Channel 7 news will be the guest MC/Auctioneer.

If you are interested in helping out with the auction, please contact Teresa Worth (412-7044 or teresacrew@yahoo.com) The next Auction Meeting will be held on **December 4th at 3:30pm** at GCCS.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY

Parent volunteers are needed to help at the Garden City Community School activity table for the "Children's Holiday Party" sponsored by the Soroptomist Club on **Saturday December 6 (10:30-1:00PM)** at the Boys & Girls Club. Our students are invited to attend this & we've offered to teach an activity to help with the event. The volunteers may create any art type project they want. Please contact Director Cindy right away if you can help!

**ONGOING
FUNDRAISERS**

[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 ropped off in the Campbell's Soup bin in the common area also. For more information:

www.boxtops4education.com

[Project KOPEG](#)

Help us to collect unwanted/broken CD's, iPods, Digital Cameras, Laptops, Cell Phones, and oh, yeah, empty Ink Cartridges! There is a collection bucket at the school in the common area. For more information:

www.projectkopeg.com

[Albertsons](#)

A shopper can earn money for our school by using their Albertsons referred Savings Card. For more information:

www.albertsons.com/cp/

[Recycling Program](#)

We now have an account set up at the recycling center up the road on Glenwood between Chinden and Godard, it is on the West Side of the road. Anyone can go in and drop off their recycling and donate the funds to GCCS. Just let them know when you drop off that you would like money to be put on the Garden City Community School account.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Dear Family and Friends of GCCS,

Garden City Community School has grown a lot over the past year. We have added new programs, gained new students, and have been striving to meet the needs of the community. We have a very dedicated and knowledgeable staff. As you know, we are the only K-8 public school in Garden City.

There are many programs that make our school unique! In a time when many schools are cutting their special programs, we offer Spanish language classes, studio art classes, and arts integration throughout the school day. We have kept class sizes very small so that each child can have individual attention. Teachers get to know each child's interests and strengths. We are building a community of learners and working with the community surrounding us, in new and exciting ways. We have created a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club and we will have an artist-in-residence focusing on theater this year. The Dancing Through the Schools program will be working with our children for the third year in a row. Most of these programs have been paid through a grant that is no longer available to us.

At GCCS we seek and value input and involvement from parents and the community. Right now, we need your help. In order to continue providing small class sizes and special programs next year, we need you to contribute financially today, or help us solicit donations. We started a Fall Fund Raising Campaign recently and need help from you and others. Please consider making a donation yourself and encourage others you know to help us with our fundraising effort. Donation forms are available in the office.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Gaston, President

Garden City Community School Board

PAINTING VOLUNTEERS

We need one of the painting volunteers to organize the people who signed up to help paint Rebecca's art studio! It'd be so nice to have this done for her! Please let Director Cindy know if you are interested & she'll give you the names of everyone who already signed up to help with the project!

**IMPORTANT
DECEMBER
DATES**

11/26
Early release for Thanksgiving
1:15 pm

11/27-28
Thanksgiving Break

12/01
Christmas Tree Lighting at Garden City Hall
6:00 pm

12/11
Community Council Meeting 6:30pm

12/15
Board Meeting
7pm

12/19
Early Release
1:15pm

12/22-1/3
Winter Break
No School

DECEMBER 2008

"Milk is offered every day"	1 Hamburger or cheese burger, tater tots, fruit	2 Chicken nuggets with BBQ sauce, ranch, garden salad, fruit, cookie, wheat roll	3 Chef salad with ham, turkey and cheese, whole wheat roll, fruit	4 Beef enchilada casserole with beans and cheese, Spanish rice, corn, fruit	5 Beef and bean burritos, salsa, garden salad with ranch	6
7	8 Cheese quesadilla, refried beans, Spanish rice, fruit	9 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, bread and butter, fruit	10 Meat ball sandwich with marinara sauce on a hoagie, carrot sticks, fruit	11 Corn dogs, tater tots, garden salad with ranch, cookie	12 Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread sticks, yogurt cup, salad, fruit	13
14	15 Baked potato bar, with butter, sour cream, cheese, broccoli, fruit, cookie	16 Creamy turkey vegetable and noodle casserole, whole wheat roll, fruit	17 Fish sticks with tarter sauce, tater tots, fruit, cookie, whole wheat roll	18 Chef salad with ham, turkey and cheese, whole wheat roll, fruit	19 EARLY RELEASE Turkey sandwich on whole wheat, Lettuce, tomato, yogurt cup,	20
21	22 Winter Break	23 Winter Break	24 Winter Break	25 Winter Break	26 Winter Break	27
28	29 Winter Break	30 Winter Break	31 Winter Break			