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## Garden City Community School Council Newsletter

Teresa Worth—Editor

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# AUCTION UPDATE

The auction is quickly approaching and we can always use your help. Please go through your address book and make a note of any friends, family or business contacts that you would like to invite. Please email all address information to Teresa at [teresacrew@yahoo.com](mailto:teresacrew@yahoo.com) as soon as possible so that invitations can be mailed out next week. If you are interested in helping out with the auction on **March 7, 2009** please let Teresa know also and you will be included in all of the meeting dates and times as well as receiving email updates. Thank you everyone for helping us make this our most successful auction yet!

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## CANINE READERS

Two days a week for a half hour I would like to have friendly dogs with kind owners come to visit our class so the students can take turns reading to them. Research shows that children who read to dogs have higher self-esteem and improved reading scores. This is because dogs have a calming effect on people, and are nonjudgmental.

Please contact Tawnia if you can help out with a canine friend.

## SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Please keep your accounts (Lunch, activity or kindergarten fees) up to date and paid to the book-keeper, 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](mailto:Michele.Roth@gardencityschool.org)



## Note about a New Neighbor

You might have heard that ANSER charter school is purchasing the Garden City Community Christian Center/Foundations Academy - where the "Garden City, Alive!" performance was held last week. GCCS had considered buying the same building, but could not meet their final financial requirements. Some first reactions were ones of concern how having another charter school so close might affect us. However, I have been communicating with their administration and we are looking at this as a positive situation where our schools can partner on various activities and support each others goals to help children learn. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. *Director Cindy Hoovel at 377-0011 or [cindy.hoovel@gardencityschool.org](mailto:cindy.hoovel@gardencityschool.org)*

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## LOST & FOUND

Our baskets overfloweth! Please take a moment before school or after school to take a look at what is accumulating by the Common Room Entrance Doors.

**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](http://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 topped off in the Campbell's Soup can in the common area also. For more information:

[www.boxtops4education.com](http://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](http://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/](http://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**

**PARENTS: We Need Your Input Regarding School Operations for the 2009/10 School Year**

At the February 12<sup>th</sup> Community Council meeting, we will be discussing creative solutions for minimizing the impacts of reduced state and federal monies for operating our school. Governor Otter has announced cutbacks in the education budget. In the past, we have received a Federal Charter School Grant which is intended to help set up programs and facilities in a new school. This grant was only available for our first three years. We must get creative in our solutions in keeping and supporting our ongoing programs at the school.

Options for discussion could include increasing our enrollment yet keeping the same number of teachers so class sizes could have five to eight additional students each. Going to a four-day school week is another option, eliminating expenses for transportation and lunches. Your opportunity to help the Board have the information it needs to prepare the budget for next year is now. Please attend, **Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, at the school**. If you cannot attend, but have questions or would like to make sure your comments are heard, contact Laurel York Odell or Teresa Worth your parent representatives to the Board.

Laurel York Odell – 859-8271, [laurelyo@cableone.net](mailto:laurelyo@cableone.net)

Teresa Worth – 412-7044, [teresacrew@yahoo.com](mailto:teresacrew@yahoo.com)

**PARENT EDUCATION CLASSES**

Parent Education Classes by Dr. Jan Thomas every **Wednesday night 6-8PM at GCCS**. Join the group now and learn how to work through the challenges of parenting in this fun, hands-on class! Contact the GCCS office for more information.

**IMPORTANT  
FEBRUARY  
DATES**

**February 4**

GCCS Family Circus Night with Stuart Barber.

Location of gym to be used is still to be determined.

Watch for his flyer with this newsletter & next week!

6:30-8:00PM

**February 9**

Winter Snow School for Ben & Brenda's classes

**February 12**

Community Council

Very important topic!!! (see article for details)

6:30pm

**February 19**

OPEN HOUSE

for families interested in learning more about GCCS.

Our kindergarten will be featured this night!

4-7PM

**February 13**

No School

for students, Professional Development for staff

**February 16**

No School

Presidents Day

**FEBRUARY 2009 menu is now on our GCCS website!**

1 "Milk is offered every day"	2 Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread sticks, mixed vegeta-	3 Hot dogs, green salad, fruit, cookie	4 Hot turkey sandwich, with mashed potatoes & gravy, fruit	5 Baked potato bar, with butter, sour cream, ham and broccoli, fruit, cookie	6 Hamburger or cheese burger, tater tots, green salad	7
8	9 Scrambled eggs, sausage links, hash brown patty, fruit, whole	10 Chef salad with ham, turkey and cheese, whole wheat roll, fruit	11 Beef enchilada casserole with beans and cheese, Spanish rice,	12 Turkey and Swiss cheese submarine sandwich, potato	13 <b>No School</b>	14
15	16 <b>No School</b>	17 Cheese quesadilla, refried beans, Spanish rice, mixed vege-	18 Meat ball sandwich with marinara sauce on a hoagie, carrot	19 Corn dogs, tater tots, garden salad with ranch, cookie	20 Chicken nuggets with ranch or BBQ, tater tots, corn, cookie	21
22	23 Pork egg roll, steamed brown rice, peas, sting cheese, fruit, cookie	24 Tacos with beef taco meat, refried beans, cheese, lettuce, taco	25 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, bread & butter, fruit	26 Chef salad with ham, turkey and cheese, whole wheat roll, fruit	27 Creamy turkey vegetable and noodle casserole, whole wheat roll, fruit	28

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