

GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER for **April 24, 2009**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to help with new activities!



SCIENCE DAY

9:00AM-3:00PM.....Monday, April 27

FAMILY FUN SCIENCE NIGHT

6:30PM-8:00PM..... Monday, April 27

We are partnering with Utah State's Jr. Engineering Program for a day of "experimentation station rotations" and their Sky Lab. In the evening the students are invited to bring their families to take them to each of the same experiments they experienced during the day! Since the GCCS staff is teaching each rotation, we need parents to help each classroom rotate through the stations during the day. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to help. There will be a quick training for volunteers in the computer lab at 8:45 and lunch will be provided!

NO SCHOOL Friday May 1

It's a Professional Development Day for staff. They will be working on math curriculum, collaboration methods, and plans for next year.



Wanted: Parent Representatives to the Board

Here's your exciting opportunity to be involved with Garden City Community School in a completely different way! As the parent representative on the school's Board of Directors you will make decisions on strategic issues, assist with Community Council and help create bigger and better fundraising activities. Sound like fun??

Just complete the application form (download it from the website or pick one up in the office) and return it to Cindy by May 15th. Two positions are currently open. Elections will be conducted May 18th – 22nd. For more information on the positions, contact Laurel York Odell at 859-8271 or laurelyo@cableone.net.

2009-2010 CLASS LISTS

Class lists will be out mid-May. Students spend two years in the same multi-age group then move to the next teacher according to what the teachers feel will fit them best. If you have requests for your child's teacher for next year, you may do this by sending Director Cindy a written statement explaining your reasons. This needs to be received by May 8 as classes are filled and it will be very difficult to make changes later.



Healthy School Committee



GCCS is one of the 10 schools in Idaho to be awarded a grant to help develop a healthy school program which involves our health, PE and nutrition programs. We need several parents to be part of the steering committee. Please contact me if you are interested in joining Counselor Cyndi, kindergarten teacher Elizabeth and myself to make plans for next year!



End-of-the-Year Celebrations

Wednesday, June 3 has been set for the end of the year celebration. Please contact Michelle Martinez, coordinator (230-2534) for the K-6 events and Laurel Odell ((859-8271) for the 7/8 events. The day will end with 8th grade's graduation in the Commons Area at 2:15PM. Many of you signed up through the volunteer sheets at the beginning of the year, so you are already on the committee, but be sure to contact these volunteers or leave a message at the office if can help!

Green Committee



We are writing a grant to receive funds for an environmental program. Parents are invited to join us to share ideas for the grant – in addition to helping us plan for next year's all-school involvement in environmental projects! Students and staff want to become much more involved with the environment and would love to have you help us!

STATE TESTING

Students are in the middle of taking the required state tests – ISATS (3rd – 8th grade) and IRI (K-3). Please be sure they are getting adequate rest and a good breakfast before heading to school – as always!

BUDGET & SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010

The school's budget hearing will be at the May 18 GCCS Board meeting. All schools are having a tough time dealing with the legislature's cuts of public ed funding. A appreciate all the creative ideas parents have given the last few months to help us adjust to the charter grant ending along with the economy. Plan to attend the meeting to hear what has been developed. There have been changes to lunches, activity fees, custodial services, supplies. We will be just fine, but it's going to take much more volunteer help!

¡El Día de los niños!..... DAY of the CHILD

Check with BSU and the Garden City Library for some fun, free activities to do with your children
April 30 to celebrate Children's Day!

7th & 8th grade

ART SHOW

Be sure to stop by Boise's Flying M to see Brenda's class's BLOCK PRINTS! They are on display through next Friday as part of the artist-in-residence grant which Brenda developed through the Idaho Commission on the Arts. As part of their study of Asia, she invited artist Benjamin Love to teach her class the art of creating multi copies of their art through the block printing process!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns!

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