

GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Integrating the arts and our community into learning and life!

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Dear GCCS Families,

Enclosed you will find the following:

- 1) Your child's fourth quarter **achievement report** from their classroom teachers
- 2) A **description** of fourth quarter's art (Linda Bu) and Spanish (Rosemarie) activities
- 3) **Kindergarten through 3rd grade students**: AIMSWEB report of the state required **IRI** (Idaho Reading Indicator) Spring test scores. These can be compared to the Fall scores as shown on the achievement report. A score of "3" is highest and "1" is lowest. We have a Summer Reading Program this June and July for any k-3rd grade students needing some extra help. We are including an IRI information flyer for parents of k-3 students.
- 4) **3rd – 8th grade students**: Enclosed is the "fresh off the press" **ISAT** (Idaho Standards Achievement Test) **reports**. An information brochure is included in this packet if your child took these tests. Teachers will be analyzing this data next fall to identify students' needs in the tested areas of reading, language arts, and math. Remember – this score was based on a *one time test at a computer* – required by the government for all public schools. Our school philosophy focuses on *interactive, real-life, performance-based learning* which we believe will greatly improve the ISAT data once a child has been with us for a consistent time. We will use this information as one of our assessment methods to guide learning.

FAMILY SUMMER FUN

SCHOOL POT LUCK – *Thursday, August 6, 6:00-7:30PM!!!* Park location to be announced! Please save the date so we can have a fun, casual time to see old friends and meet new ones!

OPEN HOUSE – *Thursday, August 27, 6:00-7:00PM !!!* The school will be open informally to students and their families to visit their classrooms and teachers.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SCHOOL GREETERS – Due to some very tough budget considerations, this year we will not have a full-time employee at the front desk. This opens a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to be an important part of the school and truly get to know everyone! If you are an upbeat person who loves people and wants to help the school, please e-mail me to reserve the time of the week that would work for you to volunteer in this position. We hope to have the schedule planned before school starts.

PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION – If you are interested in helping create the new playground this summer, please send me an e-mail with your summer contact information so the project coordinator can reach you once the supplies are here to get started.

SUMMER TOURS & SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Yes! – there are still some openings in some of our classes! Please pass the word about our incredible school! The building will be open every Thursday during the summer to give tours of the school. Potential families – as well as current families who want to show off the school – are welcome to visit. Tours start at 4PM and end at 6PM. The school office will be officially closed until August 19, but you can leave phone messages or e-mail me. Just please be patient as I will be traveling and it may take a while to reply sometimes!

Have a great summer creating good memories with your children. Don't forget to READ and EXPLORE!!!

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