

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

April, 12, 2010

Hi GCCS Families!

Below is information about things happening at Garden City Community School! Be sure to check the GCCS website for continuous updates as the year wraps up! We hope you'll plan to join us during the various events.

Don't forget Community Council will be discussing changing the name of the school next Thursday evening, April 22. Come express your opinions!

NEW>>>>>>>>>>the board's finance committee has decided to offer referral incentives to anyone who recruits new students to GCCS. For every student you recruit, \$50 will be taken off your annual Special Programs fee - up to the actual \$150/child !!! We still have some space for students at our great school, so spread the word!

TEACHER CHANGES: We are working on our 2010-2011 class lists. If your child is moving to the next multi-age group, teachers will be discussing what class placement they feel best fits your child. You are welcome to make requests to Cindy Hoovel in writing, but we are currently in the process of hiring some new teachers, so specifics won't be known until later in May. We are sad to have three teachers - Marin, Tawnia & Lisa - heading out to new adventures away from GCCS next year....but are receiving incredible applicants who hope to be able to replace them.

RECRUITING STUDENTS: Pass the word.....we still have a few places available in some classes! Word-of-mouth is our best form of advertising!

PARENT PERMISSION: Please remember that we have to have written, dated/signed permission any time you want your child to ride home with anyone who is not on the list you gave us for their permanent file or to be dropped off at a different place on the bus route. There are NO exceptions...it's all about safety. Please appreciate how much we care about your children and do everything possible to keep them safe!

COMMUNITY COUNCIL - Thursday, April 22 at 7PM The main topic this evening will be the possibility of changing the school's name. There has been much input from families and community saying our name might be preventing us from recruiting students. The board wants to hear your opinions and ideas. It's very important for parents to attend!

NEW FAMILY GET-TOGETHER - Thursday, May 6 (6:30-7:30 PM) Our new enrollees and their families are invited to meet staff, ask questions and visit the classrooms.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP - Thursday, May 13 (6-7PM) This is a required event for all our 2010-11 kindergartners and their parents. They will get to meet their teacher and we will have fun activities for them to do to help us screen them in preparation for next year.

GCCS PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING - Monday, May 17 Board Meeting, 7PM

FAMILY NIGHT - Thursday, May 20. This event will be for our current students and their families to celebrate what they have been doing this year. There will also be a special thank you send-off to our teachers who are moving. More information will be available later.

TRANSITION DAY - June 2 afternoon. Students in grades 1-8 (current and future!) will visit the classroom they will be in next year for get-acquainted activities to welcome them and prepare them for the start of next year.

END-of-YEAR CELEBRATION - Friday, June 4. This day will include a Community Circle for the 8th grade graduation and in-class special events. Students will also be participating in various events depending on their ages. Please contact Director Cindy if you're interested in chaperoning for the off-site events.

Have a great April!

Cindy