GCCS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

November – December 2009

We've had a great first "tri-mester" and have enjoyed visits from many volunteers! Here's the rest of the year's info!

END of TRI-MESTER Friday, November 13, is the end of our first "tri-mester". Achievement Reports will be handed out at the end of Family Math Night this coming *Thursday, November 19*. Please feel free to contact your student's teacher to set up an appointment if you have any questions or concerns after receiving them. We held the "Family Goal Night" recently and will not have formal "Student-Led Conferences until a later date.

>>>>>>>>>FAMILY FUN MATH NIGHT - Thursday, November 19 from 6:00-7:30 PM<<<<<<<<<<<

Join the great fun of playing games with your children while helping them learn math concepts!!! Each class room will have several game tables set up that are age appropriate to students that would attend that class. Families are asked to start in their children's classroom, but are welcome to try games in other rooms if there is time. A light dinner will be catered by the Boys and Girls Club so parents have the chance to taste the food served in our school lunch program. Achievement Reports (formerly known as report cards!) will be handed out after families have enjoyed the math games.

STUDENT TEACHER We welcome Monica Galvan as our new art and Spanish student teacher from BSU. She's doing a great job with Art Studio, coordinating arts integration with each teacher's curriculum and will start teaching Spanish to all classes next week. We are very lucky to have such a talented, kind addition to our staff!

THANKSGIVING VACATION No school Wednesday, Nov. 25 – Friday November 26. Enjoy!

TREE LIGHTING The annual Garden City Tree lighting will be held at 6PM at City Hall this year (behind the library). Marti's 1-2 class will be signing a special holiday song with everyone joining for a few songs afterwards. The city will be providing refreshments afterwards. Come join the fun! It's a short event that starts a festive spirit and gives you a chance to visit with other GCCS families!

WINTER HOLIDAY The Winter Break will be December 21, 2009 – January 1, 2010 this year.

RECEIVING MAIL If your child's last name is different than yours, we've been having troubles getting the post office to deliver our mailings to you. After speaking with the postmaster, he said this is for safety purposes to protect checks, documents, etc. Please leave a note for your mailman stating ALL names of ALL family members living at your place so they can deliver mail to you! Thanks!

VOLUNTEERING – Remember that all families are asked to volunteer at least five hours per month! If you completed the orange All-School Volunteer forms, you are being contacted as the needs arise that you signed up. 1) We could still use some more Office Greeters! If you are interested in volunteering for this on a regular basis OR a "subbing" basis, please let me know! 2) We need more parents to help in the game rooms for this Thursday's FAMILY FUN MATH NIGHT. Please contact myself or parent rep, Michael Tetrault (321-7378), if interested. *NOTE: Please remember how important confidentiality is if you are volunteering. Volunteers are required to sign a form agreeing to not share information (especially if it is negative!) about students they work with during their visit. This is very important and I'm sure all parents understand the reason for this as they would not want their own child's academics or behavior being discussed! Let me know if you have questions about this or want me to be aware of something during your volunteering.*

FUNDRAISERS We are continually looking for fund raising ideas and parent rep, Sara Covington has some ideas coming soon. Talk to her if you know of some!

Penny Drive – This has been extended to the end of the year! Please send your change for your child's class jug! ANY money is accepted – not just pennies! They are having fun seeing the huge jugs filled. Some classes are counting it regularly as part of their math lessons on money! This will help towards field trips! The jugs will be out during Math Night, too!

Auction – Sara Covington is forming a committee to work on the March 19 Annual GCCS Auction. If interested in helping, contact her or come to their next committee meeting at 3:30 at the school on December 15.

Albertsons – Be sure to sign up for an Albertson's card that allows the school to be awarded a bit of money according to your purchases. It doesn't cost YOU a thing – it's Albertson's way of helping schools.

Ink Cartridges – We collect these and volunteer Rebecca Ernst recycles them to help raise funds for the school. Just bring them in!

SCHOOL TALENT SHOW Brenda's 7-8 class is organizing a Student Talent Show to be held during Community Circle Wednesday, December 16 at 9AM. Students will hear about this soon and be able to sign up to participate. We just have an hour for this, so the number of students performing will depend on the time allotted. Encourage your child to share their talents with us!

Happy holidays to you and your family!.....Cindy Hoovel, Director

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