

# G.V.E.S. NEWSLETTER # 14

## Message from the Principal

We are having a GREAT year! Please do not hesitate to call, write or visit with any questions, comments or concerns.

## Calendar of Events

- 11/16 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair – 5:30 to 7:30
- 11/20 – Progress Reports
- 11/22 – Schools Close at 1:00
- 11/23 & 24 – Thanksgiving Break – Schools Closed
- 12/2 – GVES Shopaganza – 10:00 – 2:00
- 12/14 – K-2 Winter Program – 6:00

## Christmas Program

We are excited to share that our K-2 students will have an opportunity to participate in a traditional Christmas program this year at GVES. The program is scheduled for 12/14 at 6:00. Children will be sent a variety of traditional Christmas songs. Mark your calendars now!

## Geography Bee Update

Congratulations to Connor Beasley, GVES 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, who won the school level geography bee. Conner will represent GVES at the County-Wide Geography Bee soon. Also, congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up Trenton Newman, GVES 4<sup>th</sup> grade student, who will serve as our alternate this year. Great work boys!

## Upcoming Santa Shop

Our annual Santa Shop is scheduled for Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Almost all homerooms will visit the Santa Shop during their PE class on either Monday or Tuesday. We are using a new company this year and are excited about their offerings. Virtually all items will be priced less than \$10.00 and the vast majority of items will be in the \$2.00 to \$5.00 range. This is an excellent opportunity for us to enhance and continue our WE>ME philosophy as we discuss with children the joy of giving. We have attached a volunteer form if you are willing to come in and help staff the Santa Shop this year. In addition, we ask that you please notify the front office, in writing, if you do not want your child to participate in the Santa Shop this year!

## GVES After School Program

Please be reminded that the Eagles Explorer Program has been cancelled on Wed., 11/22 due to early release.

## My School Bucks

The next time you are at Food City, we encourage you to take a minute and "link" your value card to Gladeville Elementary School. Any cashier can do this for you before you check out. Once you have "linked" your card, it lasts for a year. Any purchase you make at any Food City using the value card earns the school "School Bucks" points. The GVES PTO earns cash rewards for every point that goes towards the GVES account!

## Upcoming School Dance/Social

The Winter Social/Dance is coming up on December 15<sup>th</sup> for students in grades 3-5 from 3:30 to 5:30. We will have more details out in next week's newsletter. Please mark this important event on your calendar!

## Annual GVES Shopaganza

Please take a look at the attached flyer for the GVES Shopaganza scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 to 2:00 at GVES. We are expecting many vendors and will have hot dog lunches for sale!

## Canned Food Drive

Our fantastic AmeriCorps staff members are busy planning our annual canned food drive. Here is some important information about the drive:

- We are collecting any non-perishable food items.
- They will be donated to the Carroll County Christmas Fund.
- We began collecting on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- We will end our collection on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Our school-wide goal is to collect 1,000 items.
- The grade level that collects the most items will receive an extra recess period for a week!

As you work with your child to collect and submit items for the canned food drive, we want to encourage you to continue the conversations we've started regarding empathy and compassion for those around us. This is an excellent project to help reinforce those characteristics we highlighted through our Great Turkey Hatch.



## Dental Clinic

Our annual dental clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a great community service and we are hopeful that many of our students will choose to take advantage of it. Forms need to be submitted ASAP. Please call the office if you need a form.

## Joke of the Day

Q: Why did the turkey cross the road?  
A: It was Thanksgiving Day and he wanted people to think he was a chicken!

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