

# G.V.E.S. NEWSLETTER # 5

## Message from the Principal

It is hard to believe that the Labor Day weekend has already passed. I want to take this opportunity to express how important it is that your child is practicing reading at home every night, for just a few minutes at least. Nothing contributes to academic success more than being a good reader and we know the only way to get better at reading is to practice doing it. As always, thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to call, write or visit with any questions, comments or concerns.

## Calendar of Events

- **9/8** – Grandparent Ice Cream Social for K Students
- **9/11** – LCPK Delivery Day
- **9/12** – Live Butterfly Museum
- **9/12** – Progress Reports Issued
- **9/15** – GVES Paint Night at 6:30 p.m.
- **10/11/17** – End of First Quarter
- **10/12** – No School – Teacher Workday
- **10/13-10/16** – Fall Break – No School
- **10/23** – Report Cards Issued

## Car-Rider Pick-Up

If you are a car-rider, please continue to circle through the entire loop on the black-top. This ensures that our loop doesn't get backed out to the road and that you stay in the appropriate order to pick up your child.

## Morning Drop-Off

As a friendly reminder, we are asking parents to drop children at the front door as opposed to walking to the classroom door in the morning time. **This minor change in routine started Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.** We feel this adjustment will significantly enhance the safety of our morning process and will encourage confidence and independence among all of our students.

## Paint Night

Our "paint night" is set for September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. This will be a fundraiser for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade overnight trip to AstroCamp planned for the spring. A flyer is attached. *Complete this to reserve your spot at paint night!*

## After-School Eagle Explorer Program

The application for this exciting new program is attached. Remember, there are only 65 slots available. Get your application in today. The deadline to submit is tomorrow.

## Ice cream sales tomorrow!

## LCPK Pick-Up

Pizza kit pick-up is scheduled for Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 6:00. If you are a car-rider, we encourage you to pick your child up and, once buses have cleared the back parking lot, park there to collect your kits from the gym. Students selling 3 kits or less can take their kits home on the bus or through the car-rider line. Please notify the front office if you would like your kits sent home with your child.

## Live Butterfly Museum

On Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, GVES will be hosting a live butterfly museum. Students will have an opportunity to enter a tent with several different varieties of live butterflies. They will examine butterfly wings under magnification as well as learn about the butterfly life cycle. We are very excited that our children get to experience this. Family members are welcome to come view the butterfly exhibit from 3:30 to 4:00. If your child is a bus rider and you would like to view the exhibit you may want to consider doing car-rider this day. This would allow you to pick up your child, park, and then come in to enjoy the exhibit.

## Grandparents Ice Cream Social

**Kindergarten** teachers would like to invite all **kindergarten** grandparents to enjoy a cup of ice cream **this Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00** in the school cafeteria. Please complete the attached RSVP.

## Student Progress Reports

We will plan to attach student progress reports to next week's newsletter. In addition, you'll get a report from the school's iReady reading and math diagnostic assessments which our students took a couple of weeks ago. Thank you for looking for these important reports on next week's newsletter.

## Junior Olympics

The Junior Olympics program for qualifying 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at CCHS. Please contact our fantastic PE teacher, Karen Coleman for additional information or questions.

## Intercession

We are very excited about our upcoming intercession program at GVES. This program will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>. During these three days of special instruction all students will participate in a series of project, problem, and place based learning activities. We have attached a course catalog to this week's newsletter. Please take a minute to review all of the offerings. Students will soon be given a chance to select 2 to 3 courses. As a friendly reminder, these three days are regular school days and students should plan to attend as they normally do. These three days of special instruction will be followed by a fall break for all students from 10/12 through 10/16.

## Keep collecting box-tops!

## Joke of the Day

Q: Why can't you give Elsa a balloon?  
A: Because she will just let it go!

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