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September Newsletter 2010

WELCOME!

We would like to welcome all our new and returning students to Gretna Green. We are so excited to see all the bright and happy smiles enter our doors the first days of school. This promises to be another exciting and successful year!

STAFFING

As with every year, there have been a few changes to our staffing. We would like to welcome Mr. Rodney Buggie to our staff as acting principal for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Brandon Ryan is returning to Gretna Green to replace Mr. Derek Hutchison who was seconded as Principal to Metepenagiag School in Red Bank. We also have a new Student Attendant, Mrs. Gail Baker. Mr. Troy Cabel and Mr. Jonathan MacIntosh are student teachers joining us until Christmas. Mrs. Beverly MacLean was hired as our new cafeteria worker to replace Mrs. Barb Briggs who retired in June. We hope you will join us in welcoming all of the new faces at Gretna Green.

BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION - DESSERT DELIGHT NIGHT

On Thursday, September 16th, the staff at Gretna Green will be hosting a "Welcome Back to School Dessert Delight" Celebration. We will be offering a selection of ice cream and tasty desserts from 6:00-6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$5.00 per family. At 6:30 p.m., families will be invited to meet the child's teacher in their classrooms and at 6:50 p.m. everyone will meet in the gym for the Gretna Green staff introduction and PSSC elections. We hope you can join us!

PSSC ELECTIONS

Elections for PSSC members will take place at 7:10 p.m. on Thursday, September 16th after the "Welcome Back to School" Celebration. New members are welcome and needed. If you are interested in nominating someone or if you would like your name to stand, please contact Mr. Buggie or Ms. Bransfield.

Important Reminders



We want to remind parents to **please stop for the red flashing lights on the school busses** when entering the school parking lot before and after school. Also, please do not drop your children off at the school before 7:50 a.m. No supervision is available until after this time. Your cooperation with these matters is greatly appreciated.

GRETNA GREEN SCOUTING GROUP

The 1st Gretna Green Scouting Group, the only scouting group left in the city is in need of leaders. We need extra leaders for beavers, cubs and scouts. We will be having registration on September 11th with the city. If you are interested, please call Karen DeWolfe at 773-9264 or Betty Ann DeMerchant at 624-8257. Please leave a message if there is no answer. There will be an Open House on Monday, September 13th at 6:30 pm at the Douglstown Hall.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Our school pictures will be taken by Dewey Photography on Wednesday, September 15th in the morning. We will keep children in at recess that day, to make sure they are looking perfect for the camera. If you would like to volunteer to help, it would be nice to have two parents to fix collars, hair, etc. Please contact Mr. Buggie or Ms. Bransfield at 778-6099.



WALKING SCHOOL BUS

October is National Walk to School month. To participate in this on Friday, October 1st, all parents and students are invited to meet at Northumberland Square at 7:30 a.m. to walk to school. This is a great way to promote active, healthy living. We encourage families to walk to school as often as possible; you don't have to wait for the "Walking School Bus".

GOLDEN RULE

Last year our students learned and practiced good manners and what it means to live and play by the "Golden Rule" - *Treat others how you want to be treated* - We have set high expectations for our students in this area and as a staff we will work hard to ensure our students continue to exhibit good manners and play by the "Golden Rule".

STUDENT INFORMATION SHEETS

For new students, student information sheets will have to be filled out and returned, for returning students you will receive an information sheet to update. Please review and return as soon as possible as these are very important regarding medical updates, as well as contact phone numbers, etc.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION

This year's student council elections will take place on Friday, September 17th. We will begin by electing class representatives for the grade 3-5 classes. We will then elect a president, vice-president, and secretary.

FUNDRAISING

This year we will be having a Math-A-Thon!! More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

TERRY FOX WALK

For our annual Terry Fox Walk this year, we will again have a "Spare Change Drive" from September 20-24^h. Students are asked to bring in any spare change to school from September 20-24th to be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Students who donate a loonie will have their name entered for the "Principal of the Day" draw.

The walk will be held on Friday, September 24th at 1:00 p.m. All parents, friends and family members are invited to join us. If you would like to make a donation, other than spare change, please send it in to the attention of Mr. Buggie. Thank you in advance for your help.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Soccer practices will begin Monday, September 13th from 2:30-3:30 for Grades 4 & 5.

Cross Country will also begin Monday, September 13th from 2:30-3:00 for Grades 3, 4 & 5.

More information will be sent home with the dates for meets and games.

CAFETERIA

This year, the cafeteria will not be serving Garlic Fingers but Grilled Cheese will be served every day. Following is a list of items on the cafeteria short order and what days they are available:

Monday: Chick Noodle Soup, Sub or Grilled Cheese

Tuesday: Pizza

Wednesday: Hamburgers

Thursday: Pizza

Friday: Chicken Nuggets



*******IMPORTANT DATES*******

- Monday, September 13 - Cross Country Starts 2:30-3:00 p.m.
Grade 3, 4, & 5
- Monday, September 13 - Soccer Starts 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Grade 4 & 5
- Wednesday, September 15 - School Pictures
- Thursday, September 16 - Welcome to School Dessert Delight Night
& PSSC Elections 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 21 - Home & School Elections & Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 20 - Spare change drive starts for Terry Fox Walk
- Friday, September 24 - Terry Fox Walk 1:00 p.m. in Story Land Park

Remember to check out our website for updates, notices, class pages, calendars, newsletters and daily announcements!

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