

GRETCHKO NEWS

DECEMBER 14, 2021

GRETCHKO IN NEED OF ADULT HELPERS

We are looking for additional paraprofessionals at Gretchko. ***Each person will be paid for 3 hours a day, and will assist students in the lunchroom, classroom and outside.*** This is a great opportunity for parents to be involved, make some extra money and help the community. If interested in applying please go to the WB website - www.wbsd.org. Please review our vacancies via our new employment portal (www.westbloomfield.tedk12.com/hire) if you are interested in applying for employment. We are also in need of a full time (6.75 hours daily) paraprofessional to work specifically in a classroom to assist the teacher with special needs students.





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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

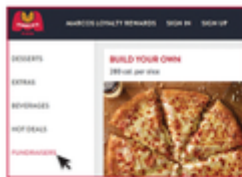
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STEP 2:

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STEP 3:

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SCHOOL RESUMES AS USUAL ON JANUARY 3, 2022

STOP THE SILENCE. STOP THE VIOLENCE! MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT.

We believe that the West Bloomfield School District is safe, but no community is immune from the threats of violence and drugs that endanger students and schools in Michigan. To address those concerns and to prepare your students for his or her part in staying safe. OK2SAY is a student safety initiative available to Michigan students in grades K-12 that enables students to confidentially report potential harm or criminal activities aimed at students, teachers, staff, or other school employees.

The nationally recognized program is run through the Michigan State Police, state agencies, schools, local law enforcement, and community mental health. Tips can be submitted 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week.

- Telephone: 8-555-OK2SAY (855-565-2729)
- Text: 652729 (OK2SAY)

- Email: ok2say@mi.gov
- Website: ok2say.com
- OK2SAY Mobile app: Available in the [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

OK2SAY tips have helped thousands of students and saved many lives because students are stepping up and speaking out when they are concerned about a friend or peer. There are 31 tip categories to choose from when submitting a confidential tip. Most tips were related to bullying, cyberbullying, self-harm, anxiety, stress and depression, and suicide. Other top tips include drug/alcohol use, weapon possession, or assault.

Upon receipt of a tip, specially trained OK2SAY technicians address the immediate need and forward the information to the appropriate responding law enforcement agency or organization. Tips go to schools, local law enforcement agencies, community mental health agencies, or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.



WEST BLOOMFIELD/KEEGO HARBOR

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Dear Blessings in a Backpack Parents,

As you know the West Bloomfield Schools are going remote for the rest of the week. They had a threat posted and went into lockdown this morning. All is well and , hopefully, they have caught the child that caused this latest problem.

In an abundance of caution and with so many children, parents, and staff on edge, we think that West Bloomfield did the right thing in closing down face to face learning and going online until Friday. We can only hope and pray that things will calm down by January.

We would still like to get the two weeks of Blessings food to you before the holiday break. We plan on doing so by passing out the Blessings bags at Sheiko Elementary from 10:30 to 11:30 am on Wednesday, December 15.

Look for the Blessings sign out on the cement pad on the west side of the building--not at the front door. You can line up there, stay in your car, and, as you move up, we will deliver the bags of food to your car.

Delivery will remain the same for those families who do not get their Blessings bags at school.

We wish you a safe, healthy, and restful holiday season.

Kind Regards,

Your Blessings in a Backpack Steering Committee



GRETCHKO PAJAMA DRIVE

Fantastic news! Due to the overwhelming generosity of our Gretchko families, we have collected 181 pairs of pajamas. Our double bonus is that Scholastic Books will match our donation with brand new books. The books will be paired with the pajamas to help make 181 children's pajama gift extra special. We truly thank all of our families for help in providing such a special gift to so many others!



iCenter News

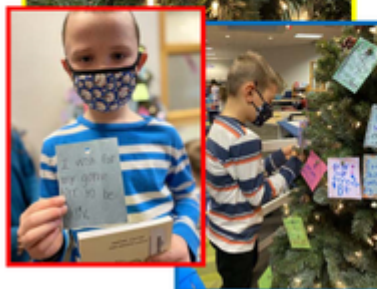
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WE'RE READING



Adding our important wishes to our iCenter WISH TREE



CONTACT ME

monica.hammerick@wbsd.org



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

What is the difference between FANTASY FICTION and REALISTIC FICTION? Fantasy stories have impossible elements, such as magic and talking animals. Realistic Fiction are pretend stories that could really happen.

1st and 2nd graders...don't forget to practice logging onto your Chromebook at home using your Google login and password. Enjoy our iCenter CANVAS PAGE! There are some great reading rooms and other fun sites to visit!

LATE BUS? USE THE WB SCHOOLS BUS TRACKER TO LOCATE YOUR STUDENT'S BUS.

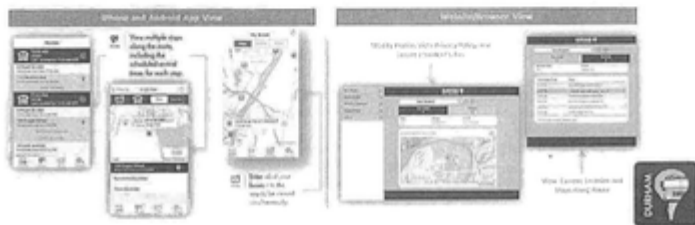
DURHAM BUS TRACKER

Getting Started, FAQ & Troubleshooting for Parents/Guardians

Getting Started and FAQ

1. What is Durham Bus Tracker (DBT)?

Durham Bus Tracker is an application (app) developed to help improve communication with families. This app will securely allow parents/guardians to view the location of their child(ren)'s bus in relation to their assigned bus stop as well as provide information about their routes, in near real-time, including the scheduled arrival time of each stop. The application is user friendly and available at no additional charge (mobile carrier data charges may still apply).



2. How does DBT work?

DBT works with the GPS technology currently installed on the Durham buses. More specifically, DBT reads the GPS signals of the bus in motion to provide you with the location of the bus while in route. The relayed GPS data is then pushed through a routing system and then to you via the DBT app in near real-time.

3. How much does DBT cost?

The service is free of charge to parents/guardians and provided at no additional cost to the school districts serviced by Durham School Services. Please note, associated data charges from cell phone carriers may still apply and are the responsibility of the parents/guardians.

4. Is DBT secure?

The DBT app is set up so security information (username and password, along with individual student name(s) and student ID number(s) and the location) must be provided before the bus location can be viewed. This helps to ensure that only parents and guardians of students assigned to specific bus route(s) are able to view the location of their student's bus.

5. Do we have to use DBT?

No, DBT is voluntary.

6. What platforms does DBT run on?

DBT currently runs on Apple (iOS), Google (Android) and in a Standard Web Browser such as Internet Explorer, Chrome or Firefox.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Preschool parents drop off students in the morning at the same time as our K, 1, 2 students. They are required to go to the left (bus) loop. They may need to pass parents that are already in line to drop off K, 1, 2 students. Your courtesy is appreciated.

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Walk

28th Annual United We Walk

***What Does
Dr. King's Legacy
Mean To You?***

**Sunday,
January 16, 2022**



**Do you like to
create or write?**

Here's a CONTEST just for you!

**UWW
Expression
Contest**

Topic: What does
Dr. King's Legacy
mean to you?

Poetry Speech Art

Submission: Video MP4 format

Deadline: Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Send to: Jennifer.Graham@wbsd.org

Subject: Expression Contest

Length: Max. 3 minutes

Eligibility: K —12 grades

You will be judged on your tone, articulation,
presentation, and originality.

If selected, your entry will be presented during our
event on Sunday, January 16.

Contact Jennifer.Graham@wbsd.org
for more information.



**United We Walk
2022
Button Design
Contest**

Do you enjoy drawing?

*Your artwork could be the
inspiration for the 28th
Annual United We Walk
Celebration on
Sunday, January 16, 2022*

You must include the following:

**THEME:
Dream, Believe, Do**

- *A graphic or photo
- *Artwork must be 3 inches in diameter
(see the back for actual size)
- *Consider contrast, balance, and value
- *Artwork must be original, hand-drawn or digital
- *Eligible contestants K-12th graders

DEADLINE: Friday, December 3, 2021

SUBMIT TO: Jennifer.Graham@wbsd.org
BE AS CREATIVE AS YOU CAN BE!

2021 Button Inspiration

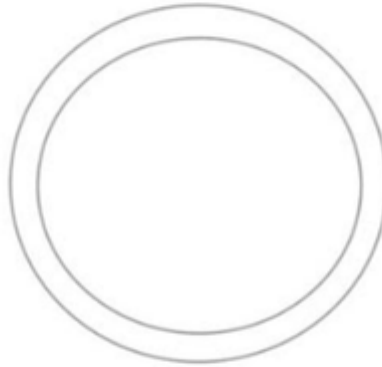


For more information, email Jennifer.Graham@wbsd.org

Button Design Contest

United We Walk 2022 Theme: "Dream, Believe, Do"

Draw your button design within the 3inch diameter circle provided.
Allow for theme wording around the outside edge of the button.
Design this year's button from your understanding of the theme.



Student Name:

Grade Level:

School student is representing:

Contact information (Phone or Email):

For more information, email Jennifer.Graham@wbsd.org

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TOYOLOGY OFFERS A KICKBACK TO GRETCHKO PARENTS

Good News! Our school will receive a check for 10% of sales if you mention Gretchko Elementary at checkout. Just purchase from Toyology and let them know that you would like the 10% to be donated to Gretchko and it will be added together with all of the other Gretchko parents that mention our school.



BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to invite you to enroll your child/ren in the **Blessings in a Backpack** program for the the 2021-22 school year. This program sends six non-perishable meals home each Friday of the school year. Its goal is to make sure that no child goes hungry on the weekend. Run by volunteers, there is **NO cost** to you.

To enroll in this program, please reply to katherinesheiko@hotmail.com as follows:

- If your child is in preschool or elementary school, respond with your child's name, school, and teacher.
- If your child is in middle or high school, respond with your child's name and school.
- If your child is enrolled in Lakers Online, respond with your child's name and indicate s/he is in Lakers Online.
- In all cases include your email address.
- Indicate if there are any allergies.

If your child is going to school Face to Face, s/he will get his/her bag of food at his/her local school. If your child is enrolled in Lakers Online, we will contact you on food pickup arrangements.

The first backpack of food will be distributed the first week of October.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Sheiko at katherinesheiko@hotmail.com or at

blessingsinabackpackmi.org.

Sincerely,
Katherine Sheiko
Chairperson
Blessings in a Backpack—West Bloomfield/Keego Harbor

CALENDAR THIS MONTH

DATES TO REMEMBER

NO PTO MEETING THIS MONTH

January 3 - Welcome back - school resumes

January 5 - Early Release students dismissed at 2:07 p.m.

January 13 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

January 14 - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

January 17 - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day

January 20 - AM School only- Dismissal 12:17 p.m.

January 21 - AM School only - Dismissal 12:17 p.m.

January 26 - Marco's Pizza Day

January 28 - Spirit Day (Tie Die Day)

February 2 - Early Release - Dismissal at 2:07 p.m.

GRETCHKO STARS

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