

# GRETCHKO NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 11, 2020

**NO IN-PERSON SCHOOL, VIRTUAL ONLY UNTIL  
NOVEMBER 30TH.**



## **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE SIGN UP BELOW.**

Parents should sign up for a conference slot and the teacher will share a link for the zoom conference once the conference slots are complete.

Please click on the link below to sign up for **evening conferences on Thursday, November 19th.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545A8AA2BA2F58-gretchko>

Click on this link below for **afternoon conferences on Friday, November 20 th.** Use

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545A8AA2BA2F58-gretchko1>

# THANKSGIVING ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Dear Parents,

The past 25 years Gretchko School and their families have supported many organizations through fundraising, financial donations, and in kind donations. We have participated in the Oakland County Lighthouse Hunger Walk yearly. Due to the health situation last spring we were unable to support the Hunger Walk or any other charitable event. So far this year, we are in the same situation,

At this time of the year, Gretchko School hosts a food drive, We also have a special Friday for our students. Students donate \$1.00 to help pay for the cost of turkeys and enjoy special reading activities when they have completed their daily work. Although more than ever this year people need assistance. we are unable to host our traditional Thanksgiving food drive.

We have been approached by many families that want to help, so we are offering the following options.

## **DRIVE AND DROP option:**

Gretchko Drive and Drop on **Wednesday, November 18 fro 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

### **Food items must be non-perishable**

Canned meats, tuna, chicken, ham

Boxed Cereal

Peanut butter, other nut butter's

Jelly

Boxed stuffing, pie crust

Boxed or bagged rice-all kinds

Canned fruit

Canned vegetables

Canned chili or canned stew

Canned ravioli

Canned pumpkin or fruit pie filling

Canned or boxes soups

Dry boxed macaroni

Boxed Macaroni and cheese, etc.

Dry boxed pasta, canned sauces

Boxed potatoes

\*A container at Gretchko will be available for **monitory donations to purchase turkeys.**

(Cash or checks to the Lighthouse of Oakland County.

\*Container at Gretchko for **FOOD GIFT CARDS** (Kroger, Aldi, Atlas, etc.)

## ONLINE LINK FOR DONATIONS

LIGHTHOUSE OF OAKLAND COUNTY-link for donations:

<https://lighthousemi.org/thanksgiving2020/>

**OUR CHILDREN'S FUND** donations Mail to:

West Bloomfield School District

**5810 COMMERCE ROAD WEST BLOOMFIELD, MI 48324**

**Phone: (248) 865-6420**

As always, we thank you for your care and support.

Respectfully,

Sally Drummond

Principal

[sally.drummond@wbsd.org](mailto:sally.drummond@wbsd.org)

## GRETCHKO PARTICIPATES IN A VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

WBSD VIRTUAL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - NOV. 2-15

The West Bloomfield School District will be hosting a [VIRTUAL Scholastic Book Fair](#) running Nov. 2-15. Book fair links for each of our elementary schools are listed below:

- [Doherty](#)
- [Gretchko](#)
- [Roosevelt](#)
- [Scotch](#)
- [Sheiko](#)

Support our Elementary Schools: 25% of your purchase goes directly back to the school.

***Lakers Online families, please consider shopping through your home school. Use the above school links to Shop Online.***

ALL purchases are shipped directly to your home. \*FREE shipping on book-only orders over \$25\*





## ART - WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16

Below you will find a sample of the next week's art projects for each grade. The projects are an extension of what we are learning about in class. Mrs. Takata will be referencing artists, demonstrate how to accomplish the technique and then students will draw what they have learned about. We are so glad we were able to provide the art supplies needed for the projects and are proud that our students are responsible and taking good care of their art supplies. Please have students keep their art work to share at a later date. Mrs. Takata, Gretchko art teacher.

## KINDERGARTEN - MONKEY

Kindergarten and first grade students will look at the work of Frida Kahlo. We will read books about her love of animals and her self portraits. Our Kindergarten students will work on pictures similar to the monkey below. (monkey picture)..



## FIRST GRADE-CAT

Our first grade students will work using the techniques of Frida Kahlo(the same artist as kindergarten), but will be drawing the cat, similar to what is shown below. (cat picture).





## SECOND GRADE GUITAR

Our second grade students will be reviewing and learning about different areas of spanish art and will use types of lines to make a composition of a spanish guitar.



## UNITED WE WALK 2021 VIRTUAL BUTTON DESIGN CONTEST

Do you enjoy drawing? Your artwork could be the inspiration for the [Annual United We Walk Celebration on Sunday, January 17, 2021](#).

You must include the following:

THEME: Everyone Can Be Great Because ANYONE Can Serve

\*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 6, 2020](#)

SUBMIT TO: Jennifer Graham - [Jennifer.Graham@wbsd.org](mailto:Jennifer.Graham@wbsd.org)

## GRETCHKO'S MISSION



"Our Mission at Gretchko Elementary, in cooperation with our community, is to foster curiosity, creativity, and the joy of learning. By providing opportunities and challenges, we will expand children's knowledge and enable them to be resilient, lifelong learners within an ever-changing global society."

## PTO NEWS

We would like to remind parents of our "Marco's Pizza Night - scheduled for next **Wednesday, November 18**. PTO will receive a portion of sales for all the families that mention Gretchko Elementary when ordering.

The Gretchko PTO has halted spiritwear sales and directory orders for the time being. We will restart sales after we return to in person learning.



The advertisement features a top section with a close-up of a pepperoni pizza and the Marco's Pizza logo, which includes a red circle with a yellow pizza slice and the text "MARCO'S PIZZA HELLO PRIMO". Below this, a green banner reads "SUPPORT THIS FLAVORFUL FUNDRAISER!". The date "Wednesday, November 18th" is prominently displayed. The main text area, on a light beige background, addresses "Dear Gretchko Star Supporters," and explains the fundraiser: "Order from Marco's Pizza® on this day and Marco's will give a percentage of the sales generated by you back to Gretchko Elementary PTO." It specifies that 20% of the online total or 10% of the phone total will be donated. A small screenshot of the Marco's website shows the "Fundraisers" option in the menu. A note asks customers to mention Gretchko when ordering. The bottom section, on a dark green background, provides the address "Waterford 5570 Cooley Lake Rd.", the phone number "248-682-9700", and the website "Order Online at MARCOS.COM". It also states "EVERY STORE. EVERY DAY. THE ITALIAN WAY." and includes a small copyright notice for Marco's Pizza.

**SUPPORT THIS FLAVORFUL FUNDRAISER!**

**Wednesday, November 18th**

Dear Gretchko Star Supporters,  
Order from Marco's Pizza® on this day and Marco's will give a percentage of the sales generated by you back to Gretchko Elementary PTO.

20% of your Online total or  
10% of your Phone total will be donated back to your school.

\*\*\*Please be sure to mention Gretchko when ordering for our school to receive funds!

**Order Online**  
Place your order as normal then click "Fundraisers" under the menu. Follow the prompts to completion!

**Waterford**  
5570 Cooley Lake Rd.  
**248-682-9700**  
DINE IN / CARRYOUT / DELIVERY

Order Online at **MARCOS.COM**

**EVERY STORE. EVERY DAY. THE ITALIAN WAY.**

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## TOYOLOGY OFFERS GRETCHKO SCHOOL A PORTION OF THEIR PROFIT-NOVEMBER 16 - 19TH.

The Holiday Shopping season is just around the corner, and **Toyology** is excited to continue to offer our **Holiday Shopping Kickback Day**. This year we will be extending our normal one day



shopping day to **three day kickback** shopping period. When you shop at Toyology and mention your school — **15% will go back to your organization.**

**Remember to mention your school or organization name at checkout.** This offer cannot be combined with any additional coupons. The holiday Kickback also applies to online purchases. Please DO NOT use the school or organization code. Please make sure to include in the notes of your order at checkout that you would like the kickback applied to your specific school or organization. As always, Toyology provides free gift wrapping. This year our Kickback Holiday Shopping days will be **November, 16-November 19th.**

**Click on the link below for a complete catalog.**

<https://www.tgtgimage.com/ecats/H020/375/ToyologyToysDigital/>

Toyology is sensitive to the current state of Covid-19 and the need for appropriate social distancing and other protective safety measures such as masks and additional cleaning. We also are able to place orders over the phone and or work with our staff using facetime to have the same excellent shopping experience for those not comfortable physically coming into the store. We can also make appointments for private shopping experiences. We greatly appreciate your business and support during these changing times. We understand that there are many ways to shop, and are grateful to our customers for choosing to shop local. We are proud to be able to continue supporting the schools and organizations in our community.

## **ZOOM MEETING HELP GETTING IN**

Parents if you are struggling to get your student onto zoom meetings, please make sure they follow these steps.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gx2jrtlLw0d4Ns2Bv40YxdCyzHLoZfF1k2i2WHsbwp8/edit>

## **DO YOU NEED TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE**

We are sharing some good resources below that may assist parents resolving common technology issues.

Help with Canvas: [www.wbsd.org/academics/classroom-to-cloud/canvas](http://www.wbsd.org/academics/classroom-to-cloud/canvas) or [canvashelp@wbsd.org](mailto:canvashelp@wbsd.org)

Help with Chromebook: [www.wbsd.org/departments/technology](http://www.wbsd.org/departments/technology)

Help with PowerSchool: [www.wbsd.org/parents/powerschool](http://www.wbsd.org/parents/powerschool)

## **NO COST SCHOOL MEALS**

No cost meals are available for curbside pick-up to all children 18 or younger in the community. Each child will receive 7 breakfast and lunch meals. Children do not have to attend West Bloomfield School District.

- Please pre-order meals on the West Bloomfield School District Food Service page or click here:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wVbzmc8iJQHZ10KLSwyS6MjtpqtKEgKccMvdC06RtACY/edit>
- Pick up sites:
  1. West Bloomfield HS main entrance
    1. Pick-up day: Wednesday or by special arrangement
    2. Times: 11:30am-12:30pm or 3:30pm-4:30pm or by special arrangement
  2. Roosevelt Elementary main entrance
    1. Pick-up day: Wednesday
    2. Time: 1100am-1:00pm
- Please contact Nutrition Services for special arrangements or questions at (248)865-6733 or email [anne.stevens@wbsd.org](mailto:anne.stevens@wbsd.org).
- Blessings in a Backpack will also be distributed at both sites during these times. Please contact Kathy Sheiko with questions at [katherinesheiko@hotmail.com](mailto:katherinesheiko@hotmail.com) or (248)521-0074

## I CENTER BOOK FAIR

The VIRTUAL book fair begins next week! There are so many wonderful, age and level appropriate books for your reader to choose from. Browse the virtual book fair room and/or search for specific titles on the Scholastic website. All purchases will earn our school new literature we will add to our Book Buses! Students may shop online Nov 2-15. All proceeds from the book fair go directly to the Grechko iCenter. Orders of \$25 or more will receive FREE shipping. Please consider adding items from your classroom teacher's WISH LIST in order to help build our classroom libraries too! A book gift for your teacher will surely help meet the \$25 free shipping minimum. Mrs. Drummond is very excited to personalize and deliver her PRINCIPAL PICK books to your reader! Order forms for the Principal Pick Books are due by Friday, Nov 13.

Principal Pick Order Form:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dDkrPaioCwz0Pgu37c6E1YqFcXHtjUXI/view>

Shop the Virtual Book Fair: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/gretchkoelementaryschool>

## ADDITIONAL ART PROJECT IDEA FOR GRETCHKO STUDENTS

Gretchko students may want to create a turkey picture for fun and to share with their family. We know you are all very creative and hard working. See the sample below for some ideas for your turkey decoration. Parents may want to join the fun!





## **LINDSEY DESANA-GRETCHKO SOCIAL WORKER, SHARES INFORMATION**

Take a look to see how you can be a part of your child's social-emotional learning with RULER!

If there is anything I can do to help, please do not hesitate to contact me at [lindsey.desana@wbsd.org](mailto:lindsey.desana@wbsd.org)



## Understanding the MOOD METER

Students are becoming familiar with the Mood Meter:



A visual way to identify feelings

**Red:** high energy, low pleasantness

**Yellow:** high energy, high pleasantness

**Blue:** low energy, low pleasantness

**Green:** low energy, high pleasantness

Ask your child to describe feelings on the Mood Meter!



Dig deeper with questions!

- What feeling do you have today? What color is that on the Mood Meter?
- What feeling would you like to have? What do you need to feel that way?

Make your own Mood Meter!

- Use construction paper or have your child draw one!
- Attach pictures of feelings from magazines or household items!
- "Check in" to the Mood Meter each day!



For more information contact Lindsey DeSana, School Social Worker

## WBSD CHROMEBOOK ACCIDENT AND LOSS PROTECTION

Please click [HERE](#) for information on accident and loss protection for district issued Chromebooks. Please contact Allyson Dewar at [allyson.dewar@oakland.k12.mi.us](mailto:allyson.dewar@oakland.k12.mi.us) for more information or if you have questions.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

November 15 - LAST DAY FOR OUR BOOK FAIR

November 18 - Marco's Pizza Night

November 19 - Zoom Parent Teacher evening Conferences use

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545A8AA2BA2F58-gretchko> to sign up.

November 20 - Zoom Parent Teacher afternoon Conferences use -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545A8AA2BA2F58-gretchko1> to sign up.

November 26 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING

November 30 - In Person school Resumes

December 4 - Gretchko Spirit Day

December 11 - Pajama Day



December 16 - Marco's Pizza Night  
December 18 - Holiday Attire Day  
December 21 - Jan. 1 - Winter Break

## WATCH LIVE LAKERS ATHLETICS THROUGH THE NFHS NETWORK

Watch Live Lakers Athletics Through the NFHS Network

Please see the attached flyer below for information on how to watch live action of Lakers Athletics for events in our Gymnasium and Stadium. Here is the link for our school page for the NFHS Network:

<https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/west-bloomfield-high-school-west-bloomfield-mi>

## BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

West Bloomfield School District

### WEST BLOOMFIELD/KEEGO HARBOR

Dear Parents of Doherty, Gretchko, Roosevelt, Scotch, and Sheiko Elementary,

If your child qualified for the Free and Reduced Meal Program last year or this year, s/he can also participate in the **Blessings in a Backpack** program. This program sends six non-perishable meals home each Friday of the school year in your child's backpack. 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 fill out the two sections below. The first section gives the West Bloomfield School District's Nutrition Department permission to release your name to **Blessings in a Backpack**, so that they can add your child/ren to their roster. The second section registers your child/ren in the Blessings program and alerts them to any allergies they might have.

Please return this to your school office as soon as possible, or email it to [kathernesheiko@hotmail.com](mailto:kathernesheiko@hotmail.com). The first backpack of food will be sent home the first week of October. If your child is enrolled in Lakers On Line, you can pick up your child's bag at WBHS from 6:30-7:30 am, 11:30 am-12:30 pm or from 4:00-5:00 pm on Wednesday of each week.

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Yes, my child's/children's name may be released by the Nutrition Department to the **Blessings in a Backpack** Program.

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Yes, I would like my child/children to participate in the **Blessings in a Backpack** program.

Child's  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Child's  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Sheiko at [katherinesheiko@hotmail.com](mailto:katherinesheiko@hotmail.com) or at 248 521 0074. For more information on Blessings in a Backpack go to [blessingsinabackpackmi.org](http://blessingsinabackpackmi.org).

