

# GRETCHKO ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 27, 2020



**FRIDAY- SPIRIT DAY(TIE-DYE) AND BAGEL SALE \$1.00 EACH**

## **FIRST GRADE CONCERTS THIS WEEK**

**FIRST GRADE** concerts on Tuesday, January 28 and January January 29. See schedule below. **CONCERT BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 6:30 p.m.** Please have your student check in at the classroom door at 6:15 p.m. to line up and prepare for the concert. Students should wear their Gretchko class T-shirt. It is blue and says "Class of 2031". They should wear dark pants and comfortable shoes.

**Tuesday, January 28 - Session I** - Mrs. Merglewski, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Williams

**Wednesday, January 29 - Session II** - Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Pace, Mrs. Geottes and Mrs. Kirk

**ALL MONDAY'S IN SCHOOL DURING FEBRUARY ARE  
EARLY RELEASE - STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 3:17 P.M.**

## **DON'T MISS OUT! COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES FORMING NOW**

Last chance to sign up for **ACTIVE GAMES, KID'S KARATE, AND GYMNASTICS**. CLASSES START THIS WEEK. Classes will be cancelled if there are not enough students enrolled. Classes start this week.

## **MATH PENTATHLON - REGISTRATION CLOSED.**

We are no longer able to accept registration for the after-school Math Pentathlon program. Thank you!

## **YEARBOOK PHOTOS**

We are in the process of working on this year's Gretchko Yearbook. We need your assistance with photos. We are looking for **group photos** of Gretchko stars involved in fun activities at school. If possible, please identify who is in the picture when submitting photos. (Student, Grade, & Teacher).

The **deadline** to submit photos to the yearbook staff is **February 25th**. Please email Brooke Kelso the images, with the name of the child, grade and teacher name. Please email [brookejkelso@gmail.com](mailto:brookejkelso@gmail.com) or Lindsay O'Malley at [linds.omalley@yahoo.com](mailto:linds.omalley@yahoo.com)

## **CONGRATULATIONS GRETCHKO STAR SLIP WINNERS**

We are excited to continue having so many student names in our good citizen "Star Bins". This week we would like to congratulate the following students that were chosen: **the week of January 17th**, Mason Harris, Luca Karmo, Sammy Robles, Claire Manning, Benjamin Blanchard, Luke Blanchard, Chance Brown, Trevor Conkey, Petra Duvnjak, Mia Gidcomb, Julianna Mayer, Kleo Neuman, Mason Philleo, Isobel Sloan, Beckett Kulig, Henry Leese, Peyton Zimmerman. Also congratulations to: Silas Smith, Gabby Garmo, Zayden Ibbetson, Faith Mosley, Akeem Peck, Shia Al Sharbaz, Joseph Golbosik, Alice Pulver, Lexi Chismody, Ava Holmes, Isaac, Konja, Nathan Sokoli, Bailey Bairski, Isaac Turcas, Danny Foust, Sophia Roth, George Puiu, Kyle Ha, Niles Fleurissant, and Joseph Goidosik, who were all chosen **the week of January 24**.

## **KINDERGARTEN SHOWCASE-ROUND UP - THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 6:30 P.M.**

If you or anyone you know has a child that will turn 5 on or before September 1, 2020, it is time to begin registration for Kindergarten. Or if you have a child that will be 5 on or before December 1, 2020, you are able to fill out a state waiver to attend kindergarten.

Gretchko is having a Kindergarten Showcase/Round Up on **Thursday, January 30** at 6:30 p.m. Please join us and bring your student. You will be able to meet other new students and their families, Mrs. Drummond will present information and answer questions about curriculum and the coming school year. We will have the students spend some time with Gretchko teachers, so parents are able to spend time learning about Gretchko's school year. We will also begin the registration process for residents and present information about the School of Choice process.

If you have a student within Oakland County, do not live in West Bloomfield School District, and wish to attend Gretchko Elementary, you are able to enter West Bloomfield School District's School of Choice Lottery. The lottery is available online only, from **January 13th through February 11**. If you have a **School of Choice** student that already attends WB Schools, that student is expected to continue to attend WB Schools and you do not need to re-apply. However, if you wish to **have a sibling** of one of our current School of Choice students attend WB Schools, **you must apply for School of Choice for the sibling**.

## **RAISING RESILIENT KIDS**

IMPORTANT PROGRAM FOR PARENTS - Our district is encouraging parents to take time for this important parenting session.

*This one session program is for parents of elementary school aged children and provides a model for how parents can help kids develop the **skills needed to cope with adversity, allowing them to persevere and succeed**. Parents will come away with concrete suggestions that **EMPOWER** kids to be resilient. (See flier below).*



# RESILIENCY PUZZLE

Wednesday, January 29th, at 7pm\*

Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital - Demonstration Kitchen  
6777 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield



## The Key to Raising Resilient Kids

This one session program is for parents of elementary school aged children and provides a model for how parents can help kids develop the skills needed to cope with adversity, allowing them to persevere and succeed.

Parents will come away with concrete suggestions that EMPOWER kids to be resilient.

\*Program is free, space is limited - registration required, use the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/resiliency-puzzle-tickets-86426470901>

Questions? call 248-928-4942 or email: [iberkey@gwbcoalition.org](mailto:iberkey@gwbcoalition.org)

**Speaker: Julie Fisher, M.Ed.**, is an educational consultant, creator of The Resiliency Puzzle, a book and curriculum for parents and educators, co-founder of Echo70, and the founder of The Social U. She is a sought-after speaker and educator with 25 years of experience speaking to and working with parents and students.



Federal, State, and/or county funding have been provided through the Oakland Community Health Network - Substance Use Disorder Services to support the project costs.

**CASINO NIGHT -FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7 - JOIN THE FUN!**



***The WBEF Casino Night 2020***

***7 to 11 pm  
Friday, February 7, 2020***

***Edgewood Country Club  
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**Great Gaming, Great Food, Great Fun!!  
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**Go to [WBEF.org](http://WBEF.org) or buy your tickets at the door.**

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 Friday, February 7, 2020  
 7:00 - 11:00 PM  
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<b>Card Shark:</b> Entry, Appetizers, 1 Raffle Entry, 100 Chips	\$ 30	\$ 35	\$ 45
<b>Diamond:</b> Entry, Appetizers, 5 Raffle Entries, 250 Chips, 1 Beverage	\$ 70	\$ 75	\$ 85
<b>High Roller:</b> Entry, Appetizers, 10 Raffle Entries, 500 Chips, 2 Beverages	\$120	\$125	\$135

Purchase tickets at [www.wbef.org](http://www.wbef.org) OR mail form to: WBEF - 5810 Commerce Road - West Bloomfield, MI 48324

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ ☐ \$30/35 ☐ \$70/75 ☐ \$120/125

☐ Check made to WBEF

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 www.wbef.org  
 248-865-6463

## US CENSUS BUREAU HAS IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOU.

Do you know how and what the U.S. Census Bureau factors in with the count for State of Michigan Schools. Census information is used in determining where to distribute federal assistance for:

- 1) School Lunch Programs
- 2) Special Education Grants
- 3) Title 1 (Paraeducator needs)

## T-SHIRT CONTEST- ALL STUDENTS

We are looking for a talented artist to be a part of West Bloomfield history. All students who attend West Bloomfield schools are invited to submit a design that will be featured on the 2020 Innovation Extravaganza t-shirt. You can find more information and specific requirements about the design contest in the attached flyer. Designs must be completed and turned in by Friday, February 28th, 2020. One winner will be selected. Please contact Danielle Capello ([danielle.capello@wbsd.org](mailto:danielle.capello@wbsd.org)) or Nicki Collins ([nicole.collins@wbsd.org](mailto:nicole.collins@wbsd.org)) with any questions!



## WBSD INNOVATION EXTRAVAGANZA

This awesome event will showcase our very own innovative students! Food will be provided for all families that RSVP. There will be tons of door prizes and anyone who RSVPs early will get extra tickets for the raffle! Go to the link below for more information and to RSVP

[bit.ly/wbinnovation](https://bit.ly/wbinnovation)





**COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASS AVAILABLE**





**Special Student Appreciation Discount:**  
**SAVE UP TO \$10**  
**Discount Code: SPRING**  
 Discount valid for Spring 2020 Registration

**Register NOW**



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## BOXTOP SAVING TIPS

Earning money for your school has never been easier. Simply download the app, choose your school and snap a picture of your receipts! Encourage your friends and family to download the app as well! Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles, Cousins, literally anyone who grocery shops and has a receipt can help Gretchko earn and it adds up quickly!

[https://www.boxtops4education.com/-/media/GMI/boxtops4youreducation/CRC-Downloads/June\\_19/BTFE\\_Overview.ashx?la=en](https://www.boxtops4education.com/-/media/GMI/boxtops4youreducation/CRC-Downloads/June_19/BTFE_Overview.ashx?la=en) We still accept boxtops cut from products you purchase. We have a boxtop container in the front lobby.

## FIT WITH FAMILY PHOTOS

Stop by to see the many pictures on display showing how our Gretchko Stars spend time getting fit with their family. Ms. Hubbard has on display many "Fit With Family" pictures outside the gymnasium. We want students to take action and be active outside of school with their families! We would like you to share your family's "being fit" photos. What type of pictures do we want on the wall? A group running picture, playing a sport as a family, dancing, or any other type of physical activity! Who should be in the picture? Your student and one or more family members. Have your student bring the picture in to class on their P.E. day, they will share with the class what physical activity they did with their family, and Ms. Hubbard will put the photo

up on the Fit With Family Wall. If you have any questions feel free to email her - [emily.hubbard@wbsd.org](mailto:emily.hubbard@wbsd.org)

## WB DISTRICT MEDICATION POLICY

The WBSD Medication policy prohibits students from carrying any medication with them at school. All medication, both over-the-counter and prescribed, must be brought to the school office by a parent or guardian and will be administered from the main office only. In order for us to administer medication (over-the-counter and prescribed) the **WBSD Medication Forms, completed and signed by your students' physician, must be on file**. Please remember that all prescription medications must be in the original prescription container with your student's name and physician's instructions.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January 28 - First Grade Concert - session 1 - Mrs. Merglewski, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Williams  
January 29 - First Grade Concert - session 2 - Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Pace, Mrs. Geottes & Kirk  
January 30 - Kindergarten - Showcase and Round UP - 6:30 p.m.  
January 31 - Spirit Day (Tie Dye Day)/Bagel sale \$1.00  
February 3 - Early Release  
February 10 - Early Release  
February 13 - Classroom Valentine Parties  
10:30 - First Grade  
1:30 - Second Grade  
2:45 - Kindergarten  
February 17 - 18 MID-WINTER BREAK  
February - 24 Early Release  
February 25 - Kindergarten Music Concert Session 1  
February 26 - Kindergarten Music Concert Session 2

## SAFELINE PARENT REMINDER

Don't forget to call the safeline at (248) 865-6572 if your child will be late or absent from school. Any unreported absence is considered an un-excused absence on your student's record.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

**Office phone** Phone - 248-865-6570

**Sally Drummond-principal email** - [sally.drummond@wbsd.org](mailto:sally.drummond@wbsd.org)

**Kitrina Van Meter-principal's secretary email** - [kitrina.van-meter@wbsd.org](mailto:kitrina.van-meter@wbsd.org)

**Suzanne Pokley-building secretary - email** - [suzanne.pokley@wbsd.org](mailto:suzanne.pokley@wbsd.org)



## GRETCHKO STARS

📍 5300 Greer Road, West Bloomfield Township, MI, U...

☎ (248)865-6570

🌐 [wbsd.org/Domain/12](http://wbsd.org/Domain/12)

## CODE OF CONDUCT

Below is the link for parents to have the opportunity to review the West Bloomfield School District's Code of Conduct. Please go to the following link to review

[WBSD Code of Conduct](#)

## PTO BOARD MEMBERS -2019-2020

PTO Board for 2019-2020 School Year

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