

# GRETCHKO ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 1, 2019



## MESSAGE FROM MRS. DRUMMOND

We would like to thank all of our parents for their understanding and patience during the construction at school. Our temporary drop off and pick up will continue to be somewhat congested throughout the completion of our new gym. We realize this is an inconvenience for parents, especially, families that live in the vicinity of our school. We will continue to work with parents to provide safe options for student pick up. We have been informed that construction is on schedule and we can anticipate the completion of our new gym by January. At that time our car drop off and pick-up route will change.

## PTO MEETING - WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

We would like to welcome everyone to our PTO meeting tomorrow - **Wednesday, October 2nd**. Please join us in the **I Center at 7:00 p.m.** Free child sitter service is available to all those who plan to attend. Hope to see you there!! It has been a fast past, exciting start of the year at Gretchko, we have lots of good things to report, and would like to share information, answer questions, and make plans for the future.

## EARLY RELEASE -MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

West Bloomfield School District's next Early Release is on **Monday, October 7**, school will be released 1 hour earlier than normal. **Our school will dismiss students at 3:07 p.m.** Busses will arrive at student's home 1 hour earlier than their normal time.

## FUND RUN DAY

What a great day for our FunD Run. Just enough cool weather to help the runners and not too much sun. Our students had a great time and some of them even surprised themselves to be able to run so many laps on the track. We would like to thank all of the volunteers for their part in this event. Truly - without all of the volunteers this event would not be possible.

We look forward to sharing the financial success of this fundraiser in the near future. This year our PTO primary focus for fundraising is to provide as many additional support reading books per classroom as possible. Please keep in mind this FunD Run is Gretchko's major fund raising initiative for this school year.

## NO SCHOOL -WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Just a reminder that there is no school on Wednesday, October 9th. If you need daycare services, please see the flier below.



# Fall into Fun at the Preschool and Kids Klub Sign Up Day!

Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
6:45 AM-6:30 PM  
At the ACS Building  
5810 Commerce Rd., WB  
48324



**\$60.00 per child**



Must have at least 15 kids enrolled for program to go.

Please call the office  
to register at 248-865-6468

Registration Deadline is October 7th, 2019

## YEAH, WE WILL HAVE A HYDROPONICS LAB!

Great news! We have a volunteer chairperson and team for the hydroponics lab. We welcome Kelly Jacobs as our new chairperson and look forward to seeing exciting things happening at the hydroponics lab. Thanks!

## GRETCHKO SPOOKTACULAR

Mark your calendar to join in on this FREE PTO sponsored family event. Friday, October 18th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Students wear costumes, enjoy dancing, games, fun, friends, a food and bake sale and more.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. AYAR'S CLASS

Marco's Pizza would like to offer Mrs. Ayar's class a pizza party for being the class with the most representation at Gretchko's first pizza night this year. Congratulations!



## KIDS IN CHARGE COMES TO GRETCHKO FIRST AND SECOND GRADERS

West Bloomfield School District has always been a strong advocate for substance abuse and drug prevention education. For the past 29 years our district has provided a parent volunteer "Kids In Charge" prevention program. This year our district improved and revised the program so that our physical education teachers will include the program in the school classroom curriculum. Surveys show that students who have had Kids in Charge curriculum in elementary school, use substances at lower levels than other students in our county and the nation.

During this school year the first grade and second grade students will be introduced to the KIC program. You can expect follow up information to come home about the program the week before your student begins the program in their physical education class.

The Greater West Bloomfield Community Coalition, West Bloomfield Education Foundation and West Bloomfield Township partner together to fund the KIC program. The Greater West Bloomfield Coalition is reliant on sponsorships and funding from our community so that we may continue our prevention efforts. **It is very expensive to run this program. Please help us make sure this important program continues into the future. Donations can be sent to GWB Community Coalition, P.O. Box 250072, West Bloomfield, MI 48325-0072. All donations are tax deductible.** For more information about the Coalition, please look at our website at [www.gwbcoalition.org](http://www.gwbcoalition.org) or e-mail Lisa Berkey, [lberkey@gwbcoalition.org](mailto:lberkey@gwbcoalition.org). For information on Kids in Charge, please contact KIC Coordinator Lisa Kaplan, [lkaplan@gwbcoalition.org](mailto:lkaplan@gwbcoalition.org) or 248-321-8476.

**Order your "Kids In Charge" t-shirt today!**  
**Order Form - \$10 per shirt!**



*Please turn this order form and money by October 4th to the school main office (\$10 cash or check made out to Greater West Bloomfield Community Coalition or GWBCC).*

*The Kids in Charge (KIC) program is offered in all West Bloomfield School District elementary schools to children from 1st to 5th grade. Students are educated about the dangers and health risks of cigarettes, alcohol, and drugs plus they learn coping and refusal skills. Each school Physical Education teacher leads KIC sessions during gym class about 4-5 times per year.*

Student Name:	
Teacher:	
Size (Child S, M, L or Adult S, M, L)	Child S M L Adult S M L Please circle correct size
Total-	\$10



## MANSOUR BOWLING EVENT POSTPONED

Due to a scheduling conflict the Mansour Bowling event will be canceled and rescheduled after the winter break!

## END OF THE DAY

Students leaving from the front office at the end of the school day, should be "walkers". **Please do not park on the school grounds and come to the office to pick up your child.** Please use the car loop for it's intended use -- PICKING UP students. All parents want a fast pick up for their child and have assorted schedules after school. Please plan accordingly. Keep in mind, shuttle busses are still available to help alleviate issues picking students up at Gretchko and Scotch at similar times. Students can shuttle to Scotch and meet their siblings, therefore, parents only need to make one stop at school for all siblings. Online requests can be found on the WBSD website under the transportation heading. **We would like to thank all of the parents that are patient, understanding and follow procedures.** It helps all of us have a safe and quick end of the day student release.

## DAILY STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Please continue to have a regular transportation routine for your student. Changes that during the school day are very stressful for all. Any changes in a child's routine transportation "the day of" must be written and received by the school. **We can only accept emergency transportation changes after 3:00 p.m. Please do not EMAIL OR LEAVE VOICE MAIL MESSAGES regarding student transportation on the day of the change. Our staff may not receive the message in time regarding the change.**

## SHUTTLE BUSES ARE AVAILABLE

Bus information is **NOT** available through the **Gretchko office**. If you would like to request a shuttle to Scotch, or an area unloading area, the shuttle requests are on the WB website. The shuttle busses are limited and are provided as a first come first served basis. If you are unable to locate the shuttle bus information, please contact the Transportation Department at 248-865-3680. Please be aware we anticipate busses will arrive home late at the start of school. You may be assured that your child's safety is of primary concern to all of us.

## GRETCHKO SPIRIT WEAR AVAILABLE SEE ORDER FORM BELOW

### Gretchko Spirit Wear!

We are offering Spirit Wear for you and your Gretchko Star! Short sleeve t-shirts and pull-over hoodies are for sale. If you are interested in making a purchase, please fill out the bottom portion of this form and send it back with cash or a check made out to Gretchko PTO. Feel free to view and purchase apparel at the Meet and Greet! Thank you for your continued support!

Questions? Please contact Tiffany Dooley [simmo162@gmail.com](mailto:simmo162@gmail.com)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth T-Shirt (Gray or Purple) \$15.00 Women's T-Shirt (Sea Green) \$18.00 Men's T-Shirt (Gray) \$18.00

\_\_\_\_ Size 4 \_\_\_\_ Size S \_\_\_\_ Size S  
\_\_\_\_ Size 6 \_\_\_\_ Size M \_\_\_\_ Size M  
\_\_\_\_ Size 8 \_\_\_\_ Size L \_\_\_\_ Size L  
\_\_\_\_ Size 10 \_\_\_\_ Size XL \_\_\_\_ Size XL  
\_\_\_\_ Size XXL

Youth Zip Up Hoodie (Blue) \$30.00 (Purple) \$30.00

\_\_\_\_ Size XS \_\_\_\_ Size S  
\_\_\_\_ Size S \_\_\_\_ Size M  
\_\_\_\_ Size M \_\_\_\_ Size L  
\_\_\_\_ Size L \_\_\_\_ Size XL  
\_\_\_\_ Size XXL



## BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Earning money for your school has never been easier. Simply download the app, choose your school and snap a picture of your receipts! For those of you still clipping the old school way there is a collection box located right outside the office! Please deposit any clippings you currently have before October 18th!

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/boxtopsforyoureducation/CRC-Downloads/June\\_19/BTFE\\_Overview.ashx?la=en](https://www.boxtops4education.com/-/media/GMI/boxtopsforyoureducation/CRC-Downloads/June_19/BTFE_Overview.ashx?la=en)



**girl scouts**  
of southeastern  
michigan

**UNLEASH STRONG!**

**BE A GIRL SCOUT.**

**TROOPS ARE FORMING NOW!**

**Interested in Girl Scouts? Join us at our Family Information Meeting! @ Gretchko Media Center**

**Tuesday, October 15 @ 6:00 PM, Grades K-2**

Questions? Contact: Devin Brown, Recruitment Specialist,  
248-871-9206, [dbrown@gssem.org](mailto:dbrown@gssem.org)

Visit us at [gssem.org/join](https://gssem.org/join)


## FIT WITH FAMILY PHOTOS

Ms. Hubbard is putting up a Fit With Family board 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)

## VOLUNTEER RELEASE FORM

All parents wishing to volunteer at Gretchko Elementary must complete Volunteer Release Form. A new volunteer sheet must be filled out every year by each volunteer and an additional form must be filled out for each school the volunteer will be. Forms are available in the entrance lobby and in the newsletter. Please fill out all boxes on the form.



**WEST BLOOMFIELD  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**VOLUNTEER AND CONSULTANT RELEASE FORM**

In order to ensure the protection of children in the care of the West Bloomfield School District, all persons wishing to volunteer at the school or for any function conducted by the school or provide a service as a consultant defined by Board of Education Policy 3120.09-A must complete a State of Michigan Internet Criminal History Access Tool (ICHAT) background check. Any individual declining to complete the Volunteer Release Form will not be considered for volunteer or consultant service.

The information on this form must be complete and legible; otherwise the background check will not be processed.

Please be sure to sign and date the bottom of this page and return the form to your school office.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE (please print)		
Service to Provide	Date to Provide Service	School
Student Name	Will you be driving students	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION (please print)		
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Maiden Name or Last Names Previously Used		
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Race <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male

The West Bloomfield School District reserves the right to approve or deny any volunteer or consultant service upon review of the background check returned. The determination will be based upon the individual's fitness to have responsibility for the safety and well being of children. Providing false information or information contradicting to the background check information is grounds for immediate volunteer denial.

As a volunteer or consultant, you must abide by all relevant Board of Education policies and administrative guidelines while volunteering for the District. Although volunteers are covered under the District's liability insurance policy, you are not covered by its health insurance policy nor are you eligible for workers' compensation. Should you become ill or suffer an accident while doing volunteer work for the District, you shall be responsible for any and all medical charges that may accrue. As a volunteer or consultant, you are not in any manner considered an employee of the District or entitled to any benefits provided to employees.

You must understand the procedures, policies and expectations that govern field trips for which you are volunteering to chaperone. The trip leader is responsible for the preparation and conduct of the trip and will provide chaperones with detailed information about the trip. Chaperones are required to model the behaviors expected of students at all times on the field trip. Inappropriate conduct on the part of a fellow chaperone or staff member must be reported to the trip leader as soon as possible.

By affixing your signature to this form, you acknowledge your statements to be true, understand the expectations for the West Bloomfield School District volunteers, release the Board of Education from any and all liability for damages, whatever their nature, which may result as a consequence of your volunteer service and give full consent to complete the requested background check. ICHAT background checks may be rerun at any time.

Signature of Volunteer Applicant	Date
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OFFICE USE ONLY		
Determination <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	Date	Determining Staff Member Initials

6/18/2019

## VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Our PTO is still in need of volunteers for a variety of activities. If you able to volunteer, please go to Sign Up Genius. (see below).





Gretchko Elementary is excited to introduce Sign-Up Genius as our method of scheduling volunteers! Our goal is to provide a quicker and easier sign-up process for anyone that wishes to help out in the school. At Sign-Up Genius you will be able to see which events still need volunteers, choose your event and have reminder notifications sent to you prior to the event.

All Gretchko events for the entire 2019-2020 school year are listed on [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com). Please follow these short simple steps to sign-up to volunteer at any of these events...♪

1. Go to [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)
2. Click on the green tab "Find a Sign Up" at the top of the page
3. Search by the Creator's Email [GretchkoPTO@gmail.com](mailto:GretchkoPTO@gmail.com)
4. Find the Gretchko events you wish to volunteer at and submit your sign-up!

Thank You for  
your support!♪



For additional information on school events, please visit our new Gretchko Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pages/GretchkoPTO](https://www.facebook.com/pages/GretchkoPTO). Please direct any questions regarding sign-up genius to [gretchkopto@gmail.com](mailto:gretchkopto@gmail.com).

## PICTURE ORDERS STILL AVAILABLE

Gretchko Picture Day was September 5th. Picture orders went home this week. Picture orders are still available through Lifetouch.com Please use Id #LM72901YO to designate Gretchko School. Picture retakes will be on October 30

## BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

West Bloomfield School District helps provide food for families in need. The "Blessings in a Backpack" program sends home items to help supplement families food needs on the weekend. If your family is in need of this service, fill out the form below, or stop by the school office to pick up a form to fill out. Food items will be sent home regularly on Thursday or Friday evenings.

## REMINDER!!

### West Bloomfield School District



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. The first backpack of food will be sent home the first week of October.

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

☐ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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).

Sincerely,

Ryan West  
Principal  
Roosevelt

Sonja James  
Principal  
~~Sheiko~~

Sally Drummond  
Principal  
~~Gretchko~~

James ~~Scotch~~  
Principal  
Scotch

Scott Long  
Principal  
Doherty

## 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.

## YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE

We still have a few last year's Yearbooks available. Purchase price \$10.00 each. Stop by the office if interested in purchasing.

## LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found is located at the center of the back of the building. Several items are already piling up. Please mark your student's items with a name. Often students have the same



lunch box, sweater, shirt, hat, etc. of other students at school.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

### OCTOBER

October 2 - Kids in Charge Kick Off assembly for students Grades 1 & 2 only - 1:30 p.m.

October 2 - PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 7 - **Early Release - 3:07 p.m.**

**October 9 - NO SCHOOL**

October 11 - Bagel Day - \$1.00 each

October 14 - **Early Release - 3:07 p.m.**

October 18 - Spooktacular 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

October 21 - **Early Release - 3:07 p.m.**

October 23 - Marco's Pizza night

October 25 - Spirit Day (Hat Day) and **Bagel Sale** - \$1.00 p.m.

October 30 - **Picture RE-TAKE Day**

October 30 - Fall classroom parties

First Grade - 10:30 a.m.

Second Grade - 1:30 p.m.

Kindergarten - 2:45 p.m.

## 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)

**School answering machine - safeline** - 248 - 865-6572 -

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## 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](#)

**Hey Gretchko Stars! Here are your Bagel & Spirit Days!!!**

**Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>-Bagel Day Only!**

**Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>-Bagel & Spirit Day-Gretchko Gear Day!**

**Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>-Bagel Day Only!**

**Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>-Bagel & Spirit Day-Hat Day!**

**Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>-Bagel Day Only!**

**Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>-Bagel & Spirit Day-Crazy Hair Day!**

**\*Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>-Bagel & Spirit Day-Holiday Spirit Gear!**

**\*(Due to the break we will have only 1 Bagel Day in December)**

**Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>-Bagel Day Only!**

**Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>-Bagel & Spirit Day-Tie Dye Day!**

**Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>-Bagel Day Only!**

**Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>-Bagel & Spirit Day-Favorite Sports Team Day!**

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>-Bagel Day Only!**

**Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>-Bagel & Spirit Day-80's Day!**

**\*Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>-Bagel & Spirit Day-Camo Day!**

**\*(Due to the break we will have only 1 Bagel Day in April)**

**Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>-Bagel Day Only!**

**Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>-Bagel & Spirit Day-Wear your Sunglasses Day!**

**\*\*\*\*Thank you for your Support!1 -The Gretchko PTO\*\*\*\***

## **PTO BOARD MEMBERS -2019-2020**

### PTO Board for 2019-2020 School Year

Co-President: Katie Palazzolo / Ashleigh Davis

Co-Vice President: Amy Risius/Stephanie Reynolds

Co-Treasurer: Ufuoma Kaplan/Vanity Koop

Recording Secretary: Heather Aldrich

Co-Corresponding Secretary: Juliet Jozwick /Erica Daenzer

Board Advisor: Kelly Robrahn