

# GRETCHKO ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 30, 2020



## INVITATION TO GRETCHKO'S NEXT MEETING

You are invited to join our next Gretchko Zoom meeting.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our next PTO meeting. Gretchko will be holding a combined principal's update and PTO.

**When** Wed May 6, 2020 7pm –

**Where** <https://zoom.us/j/95610597003?pwd=R21sSHI1VTY1R1JyVFQ5aE1JTHFwQT09> ([map](#))

**Joining info.** Join Hangouts Meet

<meet.google.com/pdo-efhj-kcn>

Join by phone

+1 443-671-8341 (PIN: 513500174)

Included in this meeting will be our PTO board election for next year.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to run for one of our PTO offices, please contact Katie Palazzolo at [katiepalazzolo@icloud.com](mailto:katiepalazzolo@icloud.com)

## VIRTUAL FIELD DAY FOR GRETCHKO

Virtual Field Day is next week, May 4th-8th. We are looking forward to posting pictures of our Gretchko Stars participating in field day activities next week. Parents you are welcome to take pictures of your children doing field day activities and email them to Emily Hubbard, at [emily.hubbard@wbsd.org](mailto:emily.hubbard@wbsd.org). Ms. Hubbard, our physical education teacher, will put them on the district field day slideshow! All students have access to the games through their Google Classroom. You are welcome to create your own personal field day, that is always an option! Enjoy! Emily Hbbard.

Regards,

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

PTO had scheduled Teacher/Staff appreciation week from May 4-8th. It might be a great time to recognize your child's teacher and their dedication as they continue to work hard to ensure everyone is well and the students stay engaged in the learning process. Hope to see you at our next meeting, May 6., at 7:00 p.m.

Thanks again,

Sally Drummond, Principal

## LOVE AND LOGIC OFFERS FREE ONLINE PARENTING IN APRIL

Love and Logic is providing their online parenting class for FREE for the duration of this month! It is typically \$99. Love and Logic is a great resource for parenting techniques. Enjoy!

Click on the link below and you will see an option to add a "quantity" to their cart. If you add "1" and then go to the cart in the top, right corner to checkout. There you will need to create an account with Love and Logic to finalize their **free purchase**, and everything else will get emailed to you.

<https://www.loveandlogic.com/collections/parents/products/love-and-logic-parenting-online>

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION ONLINE CLASSES OFFERED

West Bloomfield School District Community Education continues to provide online enrichment and fun educational opportunities in this virtual environment.

### FREE RESOURCE: Michigan Virtual – Michigan Cares

Free digital lessons designed to help students in grades K-12 develop the skills required for social, emotional, and mental well-being. [Click here](#)

### ***NEW CLASS* Challenge Island**

You're invited on a virtual trip around the world with Challenge Island! Weekly 1-hour STEAM challenges from your home every Wednesday at 6 p.m. All materials can be found in your home.

\$10 per challenge, price covers entire household.

[Click here to register](#), World Tour Island Challenges begin May 6

### **Challenge Island Flyer**

Back by popular demand, Sunset Theatre Company presents: 101 Dalmatians Musical Theatre Online Workshop

Learn musical theatre, acting, singing, dance and more! Excellent for both boys and girls 5-12 years and students of all levels!

[Click here to register](#), Tuesday or Thursday classes.

### **Chess Wizards**

Online Chess Classes for Beginner, Intermediate and Strong Intermediate - Private and Group Lessons - Safe and Secure

[Click here to register](#), online classes begin the second week in May

### **Chess Wizard Flyer**

### ***NEW CLASS* for Young Adults, Teachers and Parents**

In this class, Amazon's #1 best selling children's author, [Kimberly Wyman](#), will take you through some of the main elements that go into creating a children's book. We'll talk about some of the reasons to create a book, the benefits of being a published author, and the work it takes to get there.

[Click here to register](#), ONLINE on Saturday, May 9, 2020 from 1-2 p.m.

### **EdReady Math & English**

An online program to help incoming 4th - 8th grade students master a range of Mathematical and English concepts.

More info and to register, [click here](#).

### **EdReady Flyer**

### **GRASP 2020**

Greater Retention & Achievement through Summer Practice

GRASP is a home-based program consisting of 9 weekly modules to help students maintain or improve their math and reading skills over the summer. Workbooks provided, this is not an online class.

More info and to register, [click here](#).

### **GRASP Flyer**

For registration information please contact:

[andrea.foglietta@wbsd.org](mailto:andrea.foglietta@wbsd.org)

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## SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS FOR STUDENTS - AVAILABLE

Dear West Bloomfield Elementary Families:

We hope you and your families are doing well and are safe. This has certainly been a trying time for all of us and we are appreciative of your kind words and encouragement as we continue our Cloud Learning journey. In response to feedback we have received from both families and teachers, the Teaching and Learning Team has compiled additional resources for your child for math, science, social studies and writing. We have copied these resources and made them available for you at the buildings. The packets are sorted by grade level but are not student specific. **The bins are located outside the front doors of each school and can be picked up at your convenience.** Please know this is not required work for any student; they are simply additional instructional materials you may want to have at home. If this is not something your child needs at this time, do not feel obligated to pick up a packet.

The resources are aligned to the state standards for each grade level and support the learning your child is doing each day. We are pleased to be able to provide these instructional materials to our families. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.

Be safe!

Deanna Barash

The Teaching and Learning Team

## STUDENT ITEMS LEFT AT SCHOOL

We are very sorry but we are unable to retrieve any student items for parents at this time. We must follow the governor's quarantine initiative. We will contact parents when we are cleared to have individuals enter the classrooms.



DEVELOPMENTAL ENHANCEMENT  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

## Trauma Informed Supports During the COVID-19 Pandemic

### Administrators:

- [30 Minute On-Demand Video](#)
- [Resource List](#)

### Teachers & Staff:

- [30 Minute On-Demand Video](#)
- [Resource List](#)

### Supporting Parents:

- [20 Minute On-Demand Video](#)
- [Resource List](#)

Password: RelationshipsMatter!

*Access to these videos has been purchased by your district for your use.  
Video links are not to be shared outside of your district.  
Videos are copyright protected.*



## KIDS KLUB UPDATE

### 2020-2021 ENROLLMENT DATE

Important things to know coming up:

- 2020-2021 Registration will begin on **Friday, May 22nd**.
- Families may register online.
- Your account must be up to date with no outstanding balances.
  - If you register without paying your outstanding balance, then the registration fee will be applied towards your balance and your enrollment will be removed.
- If you do not pay the registration fee, the system will not enroll you.
- Once a school reaches capacity, enrollment for that school closes. You may put your child/children on a placement list.
- Enrollment closes **August 14, 2020**.

### REFUNDS THIS SCHOOL YEAR

All families' refunds have been processed. The refund covers the period of March 16th - April 30th, 2020. The refunds were allocated based on your child/children's schedules and based on how you paid your invoice. For example, people that paid with a credit card were refunded using their most recent credit card we had on file. Many families had to be reimbursed twice because their refund was larger than their last payment and the system will not allow us to refund over what was paid on the credit card. A few families were paid via check. Those who

are being reimbursed with a check, we ask you to please contact Collette if you do not get your refund by May 13.

We thank you for your patience as we processed these refunds.


In closing, please reach out to us if you have any questions, concerns or if there is anything we can do for you. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Stay home and stay healthy!

Laura Poxon

Coordinator of Early Childhood and School-Age Childcare

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**KIDS KLUB and TWEEN TIME**  
Before & After School Child Care  
5810 Commerce Road \* West Bloomfield, MI 48324  
(248) 865-6468  
Tax ID# 386007700

## **Kids Klub/Tween Time Registration**

**Online Registration Begins May 22, 2020**

Visit our website at [wbsd.org](http://wbsd.org) and select "Schools" then at the drop menu select "Kids Klub/Tween Time"  
Click on the "Register Now" link for our **Online Registration**

Once on our website you can, also, view the Kids Klub/Tween Time Parent Handbook, pricing information and/or download additional forms.

***PLEASE NOTE:***  
*Due to high enrollment numbers, enrollment will be capped for the 2020-2021 school year.  
Once cap is reached, we will be unable to accept any more enrollments.  
Do not wait to sign up. Kids Klub has limited spaces available!*

**❖ ALL Registration will close August 12, 2020!**

**Looking forward to the 2020-2021 School Year!**

- **Kids Klub** is an elementary school age childcare program available on school days from 6:45 a.m. until the start of school and then from dismissal of school until 6:30 p.m.
- **Tween Time** is our middle school program and is available on school days from dismissal of school until 6:30 p.m.

**Select your child's schedule:**

- Register for the school your child attends.
- Register for 5 days in a week, one day, two days, etc. (**Kids Klub:** a.m., p.m., or both) (**Tween Time:** p.m. only)
- All children must be registered and committed to a consistent weekly schedule a month at a time.
- Schedules must be the same days each week. We are unable to change schedules weekly and we are unable to do an alternate week schedule.
- Schedule changes need to be made by the 15<sup>th</sup> prior to the month.
- A \$10 schedule change fee will be applied for each schedule change.

**Billing Procedures:**

- Invoices are billed monthly and always billed a month in advance.
- No credits can be given once the month begins.
- Invoices will be emailed at the beginning of each month and payments are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Payment Options:**

- Mail or pay in person by **Cash or Check**
- Pay online by clicking the "Pay Bill Online" link on your invoice – transaction fee will be applied
- Set up your account for **Auto Pay** which will automatically charge your credit card on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Transaction fee will be applied.

To view the Kids Klub/Tween Time Parent Handbook, pricing information and/or download additional forms, visit our website  
<https://www.wbsd.org/departments/community-education/kids-klubtween-time>

## GOOGLE CLASSROOM HELP

The WBSD suggests the following websites for parents looking for Parent & Family Resources:

From the hub-

[Google Classroom for Families: Guardian Summaries](#)

[Parents' Guide to Google Classroom for Students](#)

[Learn from Home with Youtube](#)

[Wideopenschool.org](https://www.wideopenschool.org)



For families looking for more at home extension resources-

[Rivet](#)

[Khan Academy](#)

## NEW STUDENTS FOR FALL

### We are open for registration!

If you have or know anyone that will have a new kindergarten (or other grade) student that will be starting school in the fall, please remind them to register their student. West Bloomfield School District is using Gateway online registration for all new students. Please go to the district website at [www.wbsd.org](http://www.wbsd.org). Go to the "parent" heading in the green bar and click on enrollment and you will enter Gateway to complete the registration forms.

## GRETCHKO STUDENTS RETURNING NEXT YEAR

All students that currently attend West Bloomfield Schools are considered registered for next year. You do not need to re-register, even if your student will be moving on to Scotch. You will be contacted through your powerschool email information if there are gaps in registration information or if you have a lease that will expire over the summer.

If you have had a change of address recently, you will need to notify us online to maintain your registration with WBSD. Please contact Suzanne Pokley at [suzanne.pokley@wbsd.oeg](mailto:suzanne.pokley@wbsd.oeg) or [kitrina.van-meter@wbsd.org](mailto:kitrina.van-meter@wbsd.org)

## ADVANCED OR ACCELERATED MATH UPDATE

The West Bloomfield School District will be moving forward with the placement process for Elementary Advanced or Accelerated Math for the 2020 - 2021 school year. We would like to thank you for your patience and support during these unprecedented times. We have determined that entrance criteria will now consist of existing NWEA Math scores from Winter 2020, Fall 2019 and Spring 2019, Spring 2019 M-Step scores, Bridges Unit assessment scores and teacher recommendation. We will be using the next few weeks to look at this data to make our decision. As a result of the extended school closure, the Comprehensive Growth math placement test will not be used. **An email will be sent on May 15th with placement status results.** Please kindly contact your building principal or the district Advanced Math testing coordinator, Amy Quinn [amy.quinn@wbsd.org](mailto:amy.quinn@wbsd.org), with any questions. Thank you, Amy Quinn

## MAGNET PLACEMENT FOR 2021

Magnet

The West Bloomfield School District will be moving forward with the placement process for Magnet for the 2020 - 2021 school year. We would like to thank you for your patience and support during these unprecedented times. We have determined that entrance criteria will now consist of existing NWEA Math and Reading scores from Winter 2020, Fall 2019 and Spring 2019, Bridges Unit assessment scores and teacher recommendation. We will be using the next few weeks to look at this data to make our decision. As a result of the extended school closure, the CogAT test will not be a factor in the acceptance of the Magnet program. **An email will be sent on May 15th with placement status results.** A parent meeting via Zoom will be held on May 22nd at 6:00 pm for students who qualify for the Magnet program. Please kindly contact your building principal or the district Magnet testing coordinator, Amy Quinn [amy.quinn@wbsd.org](mailto:amy.quinn@wbsd.org), with any questions.

Thank you,

## UPDATE ON YEARBOOKS

All pre-ordered yearbooks are nearing completion, The publishing company has assured us that we will have our yearbooks before the end of the school year. Once the yearbooks arrive we will decide how to distribute them.

## MEAL SERVICE REMINDER

Remember! The district recently transitioned to Meal Service pick-ups **three days** per week. Families will still receive **seven days** worth of food per child with pick-ups on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. Pick-Ups will still take place between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. each pick-up day at your pick-up location (Roosevelt Elementary or OLMS)

## COVID-19 INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

The West Bloomfield School District is concerned for the safety and well-being of all who work, play and learn within our buildings. We regularly consult with officials from the Oakland County Health Department on matter related to public health. We also partner with Oakland Schools to ensure consistency in outreach and communication related to public health.

- [COVID-19 Info and Resources](#)

## CALENDAR

May 4 - 8th is Staff appreciation week  
May 6- PTO Zoom meeting - 7:00 p.m.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS



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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](#)

## 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: Vanity Koop/Ufuoma Kaplan

Recording Secretary: Heather Aldrich

Co-Corresponding Secretary: Juliet Jozwick /Erica Daenzer

Board Advisor: Kelly Robrahn