

GRETCHKO NEWS

DECEMBER 3, 2021



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As increased security measures are put in place, **it has become necessary to adjust some of our drop off and pick up procedures.**

As always, safety is a primary concern to all of us. Please drop off and pick up students during the allotted time (**9:00 a.m. - 9:14 a.m.**). **Students should be in the classroom and ready to learn by 9:15 a.m.** When students are late is very interruptive to our school and the responsibilities of each student and staff member. Staff members all have additional responsibilities beginning at 9:15 a.m when school begins.

If you must arrive late, please park your car in the parking lot, walk your student to the front (left,west) door. You must sign in your student and wait with your child to be buzzed in.

We are no longer allowing parents to drop late students at the classroom door. If you must pick up a student before regular dismissal time, **you must call the office for directions (248) 865-6570.** You will park in a parking space, come to the front entrance, provide identification, sign

your child out and wait for your child to be brought to you. **No pick up will be from the classroom door.**

Please do not park in our lot or other locations to circumvent the car line.

Review the drop off and pick up traffic pattern on the map below.

Car loop parents please plan to drop your child between 9:00 a.m. - 9:10 a.m. Students will need to be in class and ready to learn at 9:15 a.m. Dismissal begins at 4:07 p.m. We provided large name tags in your "Meet and Greet" packet. Please use the name tag in your windshield when picking up students. Please be sure the name of the teacher is on the sign to help us during dismissal.

For the good of all students, parents and staff members please review and follow this partial list of general safety procedures in place at Gretchko.

- All doors to the school will be locked throughout the school day.
- Drop off and pick up will circle toward the **west side of the building.**
- **Please do not drop off children in the front loop.**
- Late students, parents **must park in the parking lot, walk their student to the front door, sign in and wait to have the child buzzed in.**
- Please do not park in **VIP** designated spots, they have been purchased by parents
- At the time of this printing, adults and **students are required to wear a face covering in the building.**
- Adults picking up students during the school day, must park in the parking lot, **call the office for directions.**
- Parents, please **notify in advance and in writing any changes to their student's school transportation** pattern. Call the office for emergency pick up(248-865-6570).
- Adult staff will supervise the students going to the busses.
- Please follow directions of our adult staff at the car loop during designated drop-off and pick-up times.
- Students **living in walking distance and have-arranged to walk** will check in with the classroom teacher as long as they are arriving on time.

Our school **OFFICE is (248) 865-6570, SAFELINE to report absences is 248 (865-6572) FAX (248) 865-6571.**

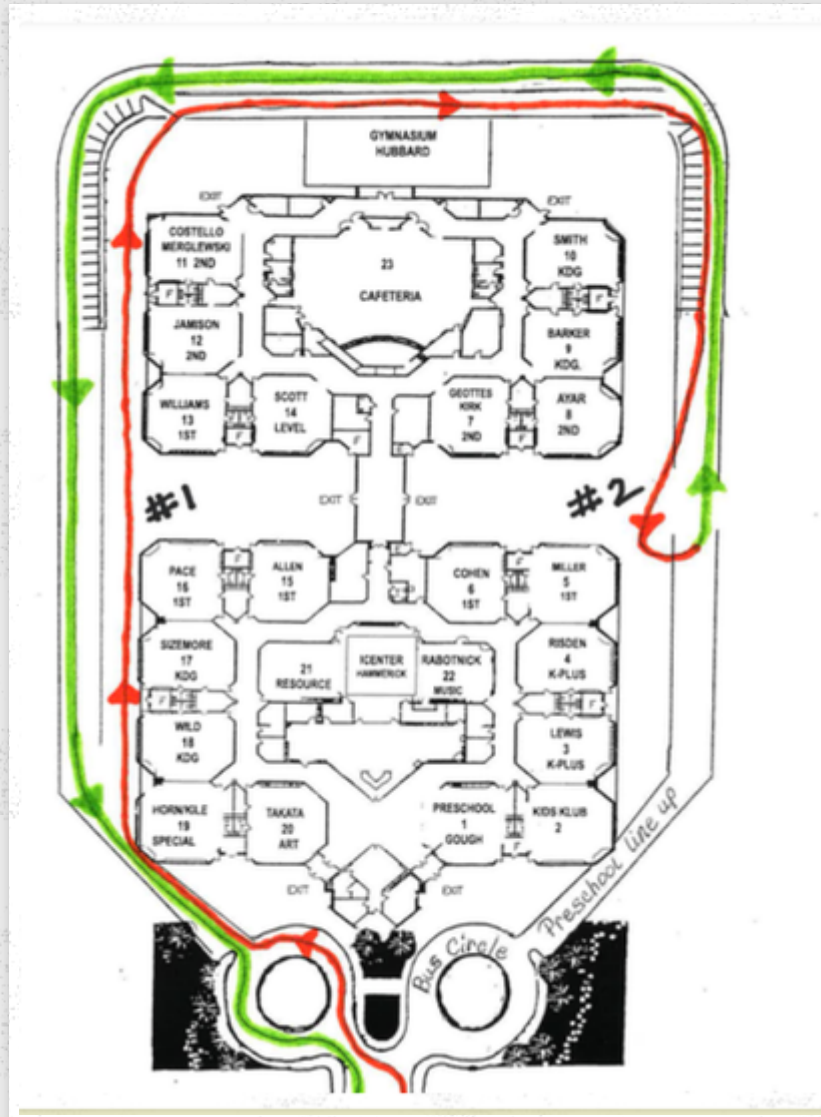
Sincerely, Sally Drummond, Principal

FOLLOW THESE PROCEDURES WHEN ARRIVING AT THE DESIGNATED DROP/PICK UP TIMES

Please refer to the map below of the school to see where your students' class is located. Locate the proper drop off area. We have 2 arrival and dismissal locations this year.

- * All cars enter the left (West) circle. Remain in the car line through drop off 1, 2.
- *Drop your student at their designated drop off location (See above)
- * All parents should remain in vehicles.

- * Students should unhook their seat belt and open car doors to exit the car.
- * Students will be directed by staff when exiting or entering vehicles.
- * All cars will continue following the car line around the loop.
- * Follow the car line around the building to loop around.
- * Exit on the same side that you entered on the West circle.
- * Please follow arrows and directions from our staff.



TRANSPORTATION CHANGES THROUGH THE SCHOOL DAY

Please have a regular transportation **routine** for your student in place. Changes 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 cannot accept any 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.

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.

PRINCIPAL - THANK YOU PARENTS!!

We would like to thank all of the parents that are being so thoughtful and thinking about others before sending students to school that may have contracted an illness. We appreciate the efforts you have made to keep students out of school when family members are showing symptoms of Covid and following up with Covid testing. Your diligent efforts have helped us keep quarantined students at a minimum and help keep as many students as possible in school. Keeping students in school is a team effort and it is a good feeling to know our community is so supportive.

FIELD TRIP TO SEE FANTASTIC MR. FOX POSTPONED

Our field trip scheduled for Monday, December 6 and Tuesday, December 7 will be cancelled at this time. It is our intent to revisit the opportunity at a later time.

EARLY RELEASE - DECEMBER 8 - STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 2:07 P.M.

GRETCHKO CHARITABLE EFFORTS

At Gretchko we strive to teach students the importance of caring and sharing, thinking of others, being part of a team and helping those in need. To reinforce the qualities we would like to see in our students, we are continuing our charitable efforts with a Pajama Drive. We have partnered with Scholastic Book Clubs, who will donate a book for every pair of pajamas donated. We are looking forward to helping those in need with a book and pajamas. Please see the flyer below for further information. We will be collecting any size new pajamas through - Monday, December 6th.

At the end of the Pajama Drive we will determine along with Scholastic Book Clubs, what local charity will receive the pajamas and books collected.

Pajama Drive

Dear Families,

Please send in new pairs of pajamas to school by:

Monday, December 6

WHAT TO DONATE:

- Brand-new pajamas in all sizes, from newborn to adult.
- Pajamas must be a complete set—either a top and bottom or a onesie.
- Pajamas for all seasons!

**Gretchko Elementary
Principal, Sally Drummond**

**Good
Nights Are
Good
Days!**



For more information, visit scholastic.com/pajamadrive and pajamaprogram.org.

GRETCHKO IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL PARAPROFESSIONALS

We are looking for additional helpers 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.

GRETCHKO ART SALE

The student art sale was a great success. Thanks to all involved! The art work is now being worked on and the wonderful artwork projects will be in soon. I am very excited that we were able to share this wonderful gift idea with parents and students. Tricia Takata, art teacher



Cool Caf
Food...Fun...Friends

West Bloomfield School District
Elementary Lunch Menu
December 2021

1 Chicken Popcorn Yogurt Plate Today's Veg: Baked Beans	2 Jet's Cheese Pizza Yogurt Plate Today's Veg: Carrots	3 Mac & Cheese Yogurt Plate Today's Veg: Broccoli	4 Bosco Sticks/ Marinara Sg. Yogurt Plate Today's Veg: Mix Veg	5 Pancakes Turkey Sg. Yogurt Plate Today's Veg: Tater Tots	6 Chicken Nuggets Yogurt Plate Today's Veg: Baked Beans	7 Jet's Cheese Pizza Yogurt Plate Today's Veg: Carrots	8 Italian Sandwich Yogurt Plate Today's Veg: Broccoli	9 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Yogurt Plate Today's Veg: Green Beans	10 Mini Corn Dogs Yogurt Plate Today's Veg: Crispy Mash Potato	11 Chicken Drumstick Yogurt Plate Today's Veg: Navy Beans	12 Jet's Cheese Pizza Yogurt Plate Today's Veg: Carrots	13 Mac & Cheese Yogurt Plate Today's Veg: Broccoli	14 Cheese Pizza Crunchers Yogurt Plate Today's Veg: Mix Veg	15 Waffles & Turkey Sg. Yogurt Plate Today's Veg: Corn
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Happy Holidays

Due to unprecedented supply chain shortages our menu is subject to change at any time!

Each meal includes your choice of fat free flavored or 1% white milk.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

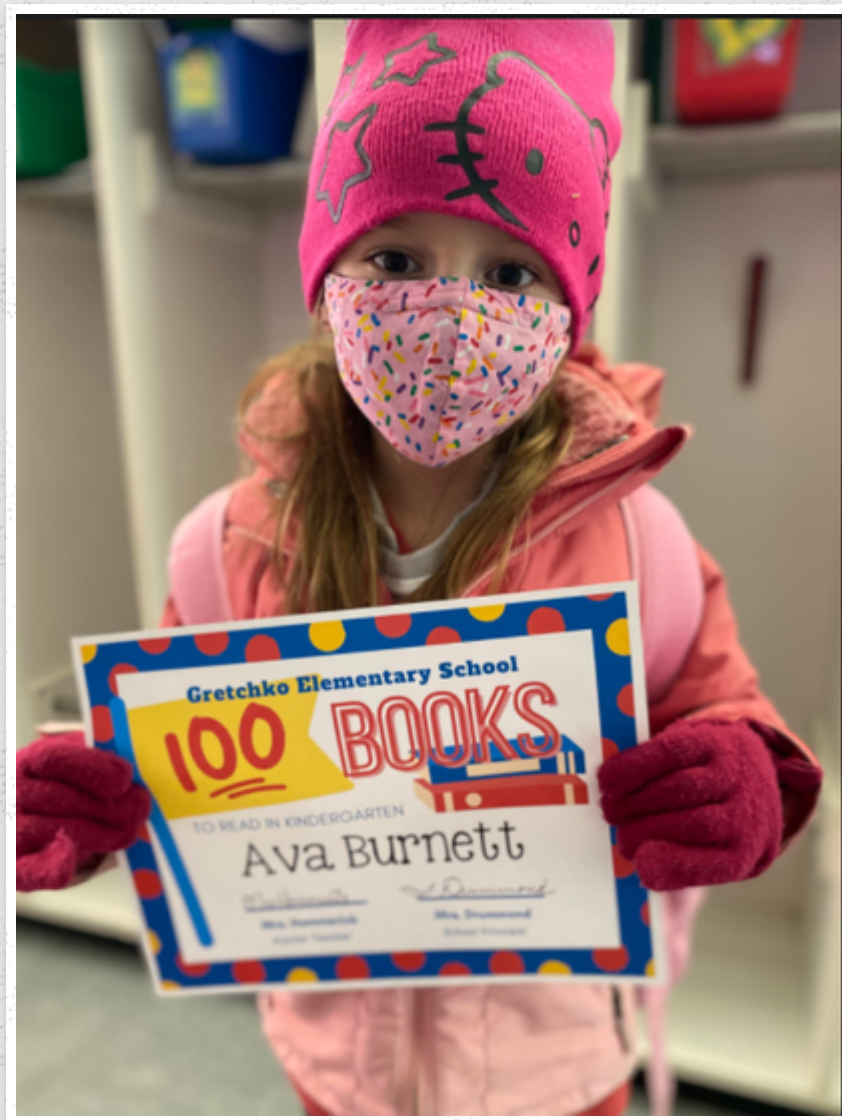


WE NEED YOUR PROMPTNESS

Each morning and evening our staff works very hard keep the car loop running smoothly. Our staff help students in and out of cars through wind, rain, snow and heat. Each person out in the elements has other responsibilities at 9:15 a.m. We ask that you please show respect for everyone by arriving in enough time for students to be in class and ready to start learning at 9:15 a.m. Late arrivals as well as early pick ups are very disruptive and interfere with the entire classroom's learning experience. We appreciate your promptness.

I CENTER NEWS

We would like to congratulate Ava Burnett on her wonderful accomplishment of reading 100 books. Keep up the good work Gretchko Stars!



iCenter News

November

WE'RE READING

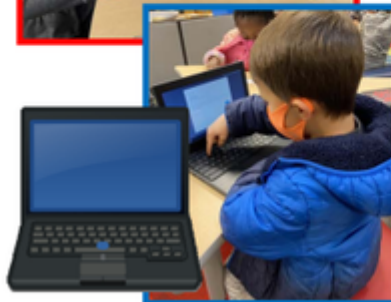


**New Veteran's
Day Books!**



CONTACT ME

monica.hammerick@
wbsd.org



WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

Fiction stories usually have an **AUTHOR'S MESSAGE**...what is the author trying to teach us when we read his/her story?

We will have the **SAME** Google login and password for all of our years in WBI! We are beginning to learn our email address and password, and we practice logging in on our Chromebooks. Please practice logging in at home on your student Chromebook and enjoy our iCenter **CANVAS PAGE**! There are some great reading rooms and other fun sites to visit!

United

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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

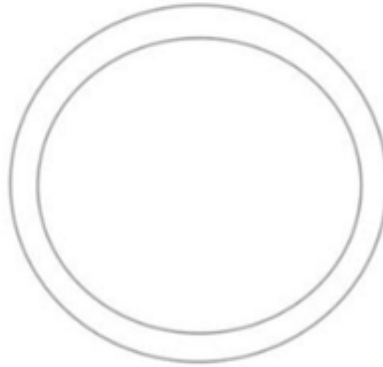


For more information, email Jennifer.Graham@wbsd.org

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.



The poster features a colorful horizontal bar at the top with segments of teal, purple, orange, yellow, and green. Below this, the word "Toyology" is written in a green, hand-drawn font, followed by a plus sign and the word "SCHOOL" in a large, bold, teal font. To the right of "SCHOOL" is the text "KICKBACK PROGRAM" in a smaller, teal, sans-serif font. Below this, the text "When you shop at Toyology and mention our school name at checkout..." is written in a black, sans-serif font. In the center is a large green square with the text "10% of your purchase GOES RIGHT BACK TO OUR SCHOOL!" in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below the green square, the text "Metro Detroit's Modern Toy Shopping Experience" is written in a red, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there are three columns of text listing Toyology locations: West Bloomfield, Royal Oak, and Bloomfield Hills, each with their address and phone number. At the very bottom, there is a small line of text stating "Cannot be combined with any other offers. Effective _____" and a footer with "ToyologyToys.com | DISCOVER US" and social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Toyology + **SCHOOL KICKBACK PROGRAM**

When you shop at Toyology and mention our school name at checkout...

10% of your purchase
GOES RIGHT BACK TO OUR SCHOOL!

Metro Detroit's Modern Toy Shopping Experience

WEST BLOOMFIELD
6389 Orchard Lake Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48322
(248) 562-7526

ROYAL OAK
Downtown Royal Oak
119 South Main Street
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 268-1412

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
6558 Telegraph Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301
(248) 579-5130

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ToyologyToys.com | DISCOVER US   

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

December 6 - School as usual - Field Trip canceled

December 8 - Wednesday, Early Release - students dismissed at 2:07 p.m.

December 15 - Marco's Pizza Day

December 17 - Holiday Spirit Day

GRETCHKO STARS

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

 (248)865-6570

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