

GRETCHKO ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 10, 2020



JANUARY RELEASE CALENDAR

Please remember Monday- January 13 is our ONLY Early Release Day in January. Students will be dismissed at 3:07 p.m. Please arrange to be available for your student.

No school on January 20 due to the Martin Luther King Holiday.

Both days - January 23 and January 24 - we have a 1/2 day of school.

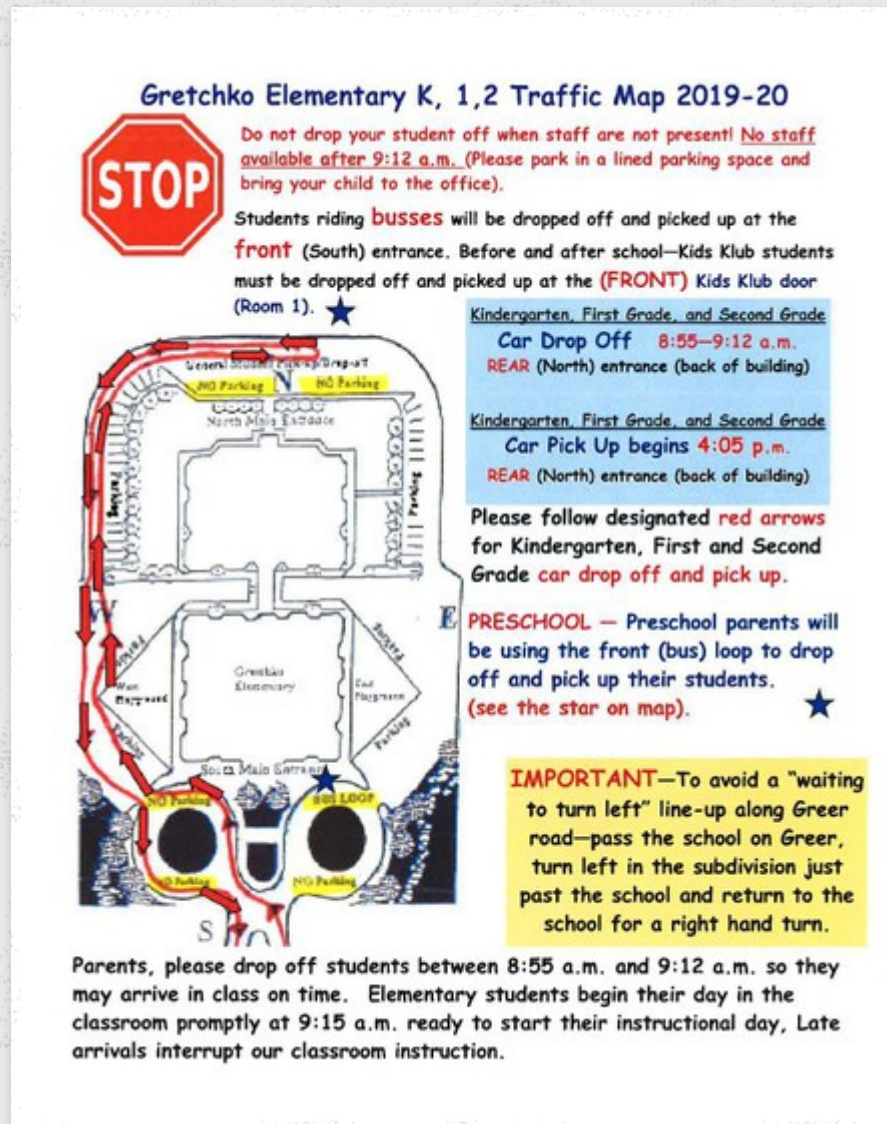
GRETCHKO DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP CONSTRUCTION PATTERN CHANGING

We are excited to announce our new **gym is available for class on Monday, January 13th**. Beginning on **Monday morning, January 13th** we will revert to our regular car loop pattern. The subdivision gate will no longer be available for cars to exit through. Cars will enter on the left

side of the building, drive to the back of the building, to drop-off or pick-up students, then circle around to return out the same entrance they came in. Please see map below for details.

Please remember our car loop supervision stops at 9:12 a.m. to allow our staff to be in position for school to start. Please do not release children from cars without an adult to accompany them. The ENTRANCE doors will be locked at 9:12 a.m. and you will need to park your car and bring your student to the front office to check in.

Please remember, school begins in the classroom at 9:15 a.m. At that time students should be in the classroom with their coats off, lunches put away, and ready to learn.



FIRST GRADE CONCERTS THE END OF JANUARY

Mark your calendar for our **FIRST GRADE** concerts on January 28 and 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

THANK YOU LAKER EXPRESS

Fantastic concert! We would like to thank WBHS Laker Express for providing a wonderful concert for our students. We all enjoyed the songs and were happy to sing along.

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

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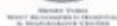
Parents will come away with concrete suggestions that EMPOWER kids to be resilient.

*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

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.

WBSD CASINO NIGHT - JOIN THE FUN!!

Are you ready for a great night full of fun?

Get your tickets now for the

WBEF's Casino Night 2020!!

Friday, February 7, 2020

7 to 11 PM

Edgewood Country Club

8399 Commerce Rd Commerce, MI

- Play Blackjack, Roulette, Craps, Color Wheel, and Bingo.
- Enjoy great appetizers, delicious desserts, late night pizza, and drinks.
- Dance to the music of **Byron in Motion**.

*Participate in the **Silent Auction** and take in a weekend of skiing at **Boyne Mountain** while staying on site, or have a great dinner at a new Detroit restaurant.*

***"Celebrity Volunteers"** include our own West Bloomfield educators and Board of Education members!!*

Go to www.wbef.org to get your tickets NOW!!

All the proceeds from this yearly event go back to the students and staff of the West Bloomfield Schools in the form of grants!

50/50 Classroom Scholarship Raffle!

West Bloomfield Educational Foundation

WELCOMES
YOU TO *Fabulous*
CASINO NIGHT

Premiere Event Sponsors:
 & 

Adults Play - Kids Win!
 Friday, February 7, 2020
 7:00 - 11:00 PM
 Edgewood Country Club

BUY TICKETS EARLY AND SAVE! Adults only please 21 & older

ORDER ONLINE at www.wbef.org

	12/2 - 1/13	1/14 - 2/6	Door
Card Shark: Entry, Appetizers, 1 Raffle Entry, 100 Chips	\$ 30	\$ 35	\$ 45
Diamond: Entry, Appetizers, 5 Raffle Entries, 250 Chips, 1 Beverage	\$ 70	\$ 75	\$ 85
High Roller: Entry, Appetizers, 10 Raffle Entries, 500 Chips, 2 Beverages	\$120	\$125	\$135

Purchase tickets at www.wbef.org OR mail form to: WBEF - 5810 Commerce Road - West Bloomfield, MI 48324

Name _____ Email _____
 Address _____ Zip _____
 Number of Tickets _____ @ ☐ \$30/35 ☐ \$70/75 ☐ \$120/125
☐ Check made to WBEF
 Credit Card: ☐ VISA ☐ MC Card# _____ Exp. Date _____


 www.wbef.org
 248-865-6463

CAPTURING KIDS' HEARTS PROGRAM AT GRETCHKO

Capturing Kids' Hearts is a positive reinforcement program that is used by West Bloomfield Schools to help create a culture that supports the success of our students. We would like to share expectations of Capturing Kids' Hearts with parents. The following initiatives are being followed through our daily routines at Gretchko.

- * Teachers greet students at the door as they enter the classroom each morning.
- * Classroom Social Contracts are used regularly.
- * Students reference the Social Contract to help create an environment that places ownership and responsibility on the students in the class.
- * Staff and students use the thumbs up to reinforce acceptable behaviors.
- * Thumb sideways is used to remind students to "check" their behavior to see if it is acceptable under the classroom Social Contract.

The following questions are asked if a student needs redirection from a negative behavior.

1. What are you doing?
2. What are supposed to be doing?
3. Are you doing it?
4. What are you going to do about it?

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT UNVEILS BUS TRACKER APP

Durham Transportation is rolling out a new bus tracking app for West Bloomfield families. The Bus Tracker app is available for iOS, Android and web and allows families to track their student(s) bus along its route, to and from school. Families will need to have their student(s) ID numbers which are available in PowerSchool in order to log into the app and create an account.

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.

UNITED WE WALK- MARK YOUR CALENDAR

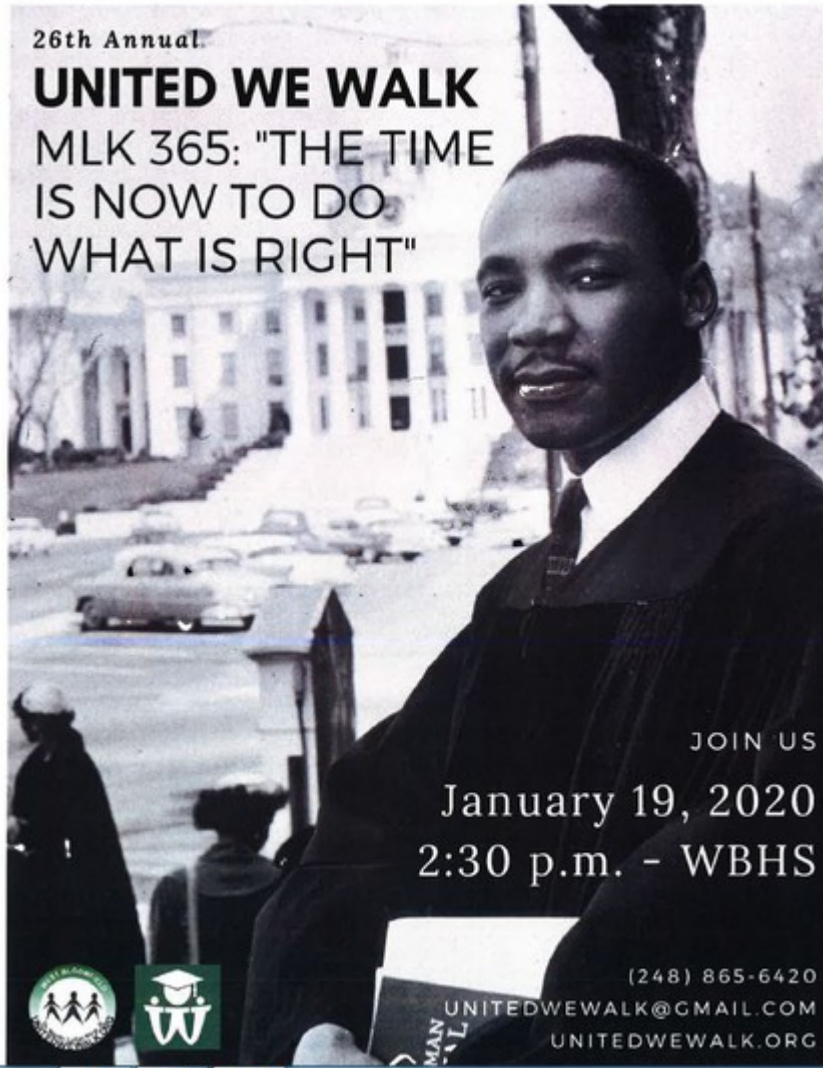
Please join us on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020, 2:30 p.m. at WBHS for our [United We Walk Event](#)

Our district's United We Walk Committee will be celebrating 26 years of service in the community. The 2020 initiative is continuing our focus to **put the power of change in the hands of ordinary people so they can do extraordinary things**. Our vision in West Bloomfield is to collect specific items until Wednesday, January 15 to donate to the Grace Centers of Hope. This facility has identified their current needs which are listed below. A donation box is available at Gretchko. We are asking for the following items to help support this cause:

26th Annual

UNITED WE WALK

MLK 365: "THE TIME
IS NOW TO DO
WHAT IS RIGHT"



JOIN US

January 19, 2020
2:30 p.m. - WBHS

(248) 865-6420

UNITEDWEWALK@GMAIL.COM

UNITEDWEWALK.ORG



OUR SHARED MISSION

To celebrate annually the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by embracing the continuing influence and impact of Dr. King's dream of creating a beloved community that values diversity, promotes unity, and underscores the worth of every person.

UNITED WE WALK / MLK 365 ON THE RUN:

"The Time Is NOW To Do What Is Right"

DONATIONS NEEDED:

- Canned goods - all types
- Toilet paper
- Men's disposable razors
- Underwear for children, women and men

Please join us on Sunday, January 19, 2020,
2:30 p.m. at WBHS for our United We Walk Event
as we prepare all donated items for the
Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac.
Visit unitedwewalk.org for more info.


**PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL POLICIES
AND PROCEDURES**

The best opportunity for all students to learn is if all students are in attendance and the teacher has the least disruption as possible. **Late students** (interrupt lessons already being taught), **absent students** (miss lessons and take time to catch up), and **students leaving the classroom early** (create unnecessary interruption to all students and staff).


- * Students that arrive late 1 hour or more to school will be marked absent for the morning.
- * Students that leave school 1 hour or more before the end of the school day will be marked absent for the afternoon.
- * Students absent for vacations will be marked unexcused.

We thank and appreciate your understanding and look forward to working with you to ensure your student continues a successful educational career.

West Bloomfield School District Community Education Department



FLL Jr. Registration
Gretchko: Grade K-2
Wednesdays, March 4—April 29
4:07-5:10 pm (8 wks)
Program Cost: \$100
Includes: Team registration, t-shirt and certificate



Return registration to Gretchko school office no later than December 20, 2019

****Space is limited based on number of coaches so register early!!!!**

We are in need of coaches...guarantee your child's spot and become a coach!

Checks made payable to West Bloomfield School District

Visa/Mastercard/Discover/American Express cards accepted for payment

CLASS # 4070	FLL JR.	School: _____
Student's Name: _____		M _____ F _____ Birthdate: _____
Teacher's Name: _____		Grade: _____
Parent's Names: _____		
Address: _____		City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone (H): _____		Phone (Cell): _____
Parent email: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check Made Payable to West Bloomfield School District		
Visa/MasterCard/Discover/AMEX # _____		Exp. _____ CVV _____
Signature _____		I would like to be a coach or an assistant _____
Teammate preference if any: _____		
Coach preference if any: _____		Permission to photograph YES _____ NO _____

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 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

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 13 - Early Release-Dismissal at 3:07 p.m.

January 15 and 16 Winterfest - Weather permitting

January 19, 2020, 2:30 p.m. at WBHS Join us!

for our [United We Walk Event](#)

January 20 - MLK Day - No School

January 23 - Half-Day of school - Dismissal 12:17 p.m.

January 24 - Half-Day of school - Dismissal 12:17 p.m.

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 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

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Office phone Phone - 248-865-6570

Sally Drummond-principal email - sally.drummond@wbsd.org

Kitrina Van Meter-principal's secretary email - kitrina.van-meter@wbsd.org

Suzanne Pokley-building secretary - email - suzanne.pokley@wbsd.org

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

GRETCHKO STARS

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

 (248)865-6570

 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

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