

# GRETCHKO NEWS

OCTOBER 15, 2021



## SPOOKTACULAR

SAVE THE DATE for the GRETCHKO OUTDOOR SPOOKTACULAR EVENT on October 29th 4:30-6:30 pm. Costumes encouraged - see below for more information.



# **Gretchko's Outdoor** **SPOOKTACULAR**

**JOIN US FOR OUR FREE FAMILY HALLOWEEN EVENT!**

 WHERE: OUTDOOR at GRETCHKO ELEMENTARY 

WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021


TIME: 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

 **COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED!** 

Hot chocolate and donuts and other items will be available for purchase along with a fundraising bake sale with lots of goodies!

*All food & beverage items are \$1*

## **Activities include:**

 Dancing, crafts, tattoos, halloween games and prizes and photo opportunities with family and friends!

There will also be a silent auction for the parents.



We need volunteers to help make this night a success. We appreciate your help! If you would like to help during this event please fill out the bottom of this form and return, visit the link or scan the QR Code! You can also reach out to Amanda at [akschultz85@gmail.com](mailto:akschultz85@gmail.com)

<https://tinyurl.com/gretchkoevent>



Yes, I'd like to volunteer to help at the Spooktacular!

## **Please select a time that works best for you!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

_____ 1pm - 2pm	_____ 2pm - 3pm	_____ 3pm - 4pm
_____ 4:00pm - 4:30pm	_____ 4:30pm - 5:00pm	
_____ 5:00pm - 5:30 pm	_____ 5:30pm - 6:00pm	
_____ 6:00pm - 6:30 pm	_____ 6:30pm - 7:00pm	

# SPOOKTACULAR BAKE SALE



We are having a bake sale at the Spooktacular on **Friday, October 29th** and we need lots of nut-free goodies to make it a success!



If you would like to donate items for the bake sale please sign up using either the QR code, link below or send in the bottom portion of this flyer by **Friday, October 22nd.**

visit: [tinyurl.com/gretchkospook](https://tinyurl.com/gretchkospook)

## PLEASE REMEMBER:

- Items packaged/ bagged individually preferred
- Items include ingredient list or package label due to allergies
- Drop items off to Gretchko by Thursday, October 28th



If you have any questions please email [amato.jen@gmail.com](mailto:amato.jen@gmail.com)



Yes, I would like to donate items for the Spooktacular bake sale!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

Item(s) I will donate: \_\_\_\_\_

## TRANSPORTATION REMINDER

Transportation is unable to take students to friends homes. Several of our busses are full and cannot have extra riders. Therefore, we need to keep all busses available for the riders designated to the bus.

## FUND RUN REMINDER

Don't forget to turn in your FunD Run envelope. PTO is getting ready to wrap up this year's FunD Run collections in the next week. Deadline has been extended to October 18th.

Also, for those of the students who have raised \$75.00 or more and are looking forward to their special prize, please understand the prize order shipment has been delayed. We will distribute the prizes as soon as they arrive. Thank you for participating in this year's Fund Run.

## GRETCHKO OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

Gretchko students do not wear Halloween costumes to school. Our PTO does plan a special



dress up, meet with friends, and enjoy lots of fun together. This year our Spooktacular will held OUTSIDE on the Gretchko School grounds on **Friday, October 29th from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.** Although we are unable to invite parents to to the classroom celebrations, the PTO and our room parents are planning a fall classroom celebration. Your student's classroom celebration will be held on October 29 during the school day. This will also be a Gretchko "Spirit Day". Students are encouraged to wear Halloween colors.

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES COMING

Parents should sign up for a conference slot and the teacher will share a link for the zoom conference once the conference slots are complete.

The first link is for **Tuesday, November 16 for Evening Conferences.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545A8AA2BA2F58-gretchko>

This link is to sign up for **Friday, November 19th for Afternoon Conferences.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545A8AA2BA2F58-gretchko1>

## SCHOOL DIRECTORY FOR 2021 - 22

It's time for the 2021-2022 Gretchko Elementary School Directory! The directory is a great tool to help with sending out birthday party invitations, setting up playdates, or just contacting fellow parents with a question. This year, we are having people electronically confirm their contact information and order online using the link below. In order to get the directory as accurate as possible, we need you to submit the form by October 22nd. Please submit the form even if you DO NOT want to order a Directory. Your information will be included in the directory unless we receive a form that tells us otherwise. If you do not want some of your information to be included, a form must be submitted indicating what you do not want to have published (address/phone number/email). After your form is submitted, if you order a directory, you will receive an electronic invoice with instructions on how to pay.

The Gretchko Elementary PTO would love your support this school year by becoming an active member of the Gretchko PTO. We have a special offer for you this year. You can receive a PTO membership, and school directory, for only \$15. What a great way to be involved in your child's school! For families who would like to contribute to Gretchko, we are offering several Special Recognition donation opportunities, as well as advertising options.

Please fill out the form at <https://tinyurl.com/38rb43tw>

If you have any questions, reach out to Jessica Szkrybalo at [gretchkodirectory@gmail.com](mailto:gretchkodirectory@gmail.com)

# iCenter News

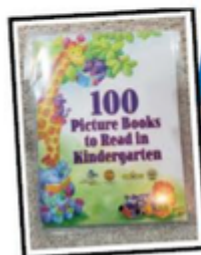
## October



### WE'RE READING



All WB Kindergarteners are working on reading the 100 Books to Read in Kindergarten! This program is sponsored by the WBTP. These books are labeled with a special "100 Books" sticker in our iCenter. Kindergarteners are encouraged to check out these books every week. Be sure to hang up your poster at home!



### CONTACT ME

[monica.hammerick@wbtd.org](mailto:monica.hammerick@wbtd.org)

For the month of October, students are learning how to SELF-DIRECT. Self-Direction is the ability and learned skill to set goals. We emphasize our responsibility to make positive choices related to our emotions, attitudes, and actions.



### WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

All students need digital citizenship skills to participate fully in their communities and make smart choices online and in life. This week, students considered the feelings of themselves and others when making decisions about when, where, and how much to use technology. Some ways we can have media balances are to...

- Put our devices away when a friend comes over to play
- Go outside when the sun is bright
- Put our devices away at bedtime
- Set a timer when we are on our devices
- Ask for permission before we use our device



## Help Wanted!

Looking for a someone who has access to a laser cutter to cut out large pieces of thin plywood so we can get our iCenter tree back growing this year!



Contact Mrs. Hammerick at [monica.hammerick@wbsd.org](mailto:monica.hammerick@wbsd.org)



From phones and tablets to streaming movies and YouTube, tech and media are everywhere. Kids love easy access to shows, games, and information. Parents and caregivers love that kids can learn on the go (and stay busy when dinner's cooking). But it's easy to overdo it when the phone never stops pinging and the next episode plays automatically. Families can keep media and tech use in check by following a few simple practices.

## Check out these 5 tips

1

### Create screen-free times and zones.

Help kids take breaks from tech by limiting screen time in bedrooms, during study time, or at the dinner table.

2

### Try parental controls.

Set content limits that make sense for your family. Alongside conversations about healthy media habits, use features such as content filtering, privacy settings, and time limits offered by the apps and platforms your family uses to help manage access and exposure to media.

3

### Establish clear family rules.

Decide together what kind of media and tech is OK -- and when it's OK to use it. A family media plan can help get everyone on the same page.

4

### Watch and play together.

Choose quality, age-appropriate media to enjoy with your kids. Visit [commonsensemedia.org](https://commonsensemedia.org) to find shows, games, and more.

5

### Help kids identify healthy behaviors.

Practice talking about feelings -- both physical and emotional -- during screen and non-screen activities.



MEDIA BALANCE & WELL-BEING  
**We find balance  
in our digital lives.**

[commonsense.org/education](https://commonsense.org/education)  
GRADES K-5 FAMILY TIPS: MEDIA BALANCE & WELL-BEING  
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## PICTURE RETAKE DAY - NOVEMBER 3RD

All student picture packages have been delivered to students. If your student was absent on picture day, they will have their picture taken on November 3rd. If you wish to have a retake you must return the complete package on November 3rd and the photographer will take a new picture package.



## It is a Movies Theme at Trivia Night this year!!

Have you reserved your tickets for yet?? This fundraiser for **Blessings in a Backpack** will be held on Friday, November 5 at St. George Church , 43816 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills.

**Blessings in a Backpack** is a program, run entirely by volunteers, that sends six non-perishable meals home with needy West Bloomfield School children for each of the 40 weekends of the school year.

Please see the attached flyer and sponsorship form for more information. It should be great fun for a great cause!!

We are limiting our participants to 250 this year, so get your tickets now!! We have SOLD OUT the last two years!!

If you do not have a team of 10, we will place you at a table with a group of really smart folk!! Our goal is to have at least one table of community members and one table of staff from each West Bloomfield School and Department!! And don't forget to have your team pick a name and come as your favorite Movie!!

We hope to see you on the 5th. If you are unable to make it, please see the Sponsorship form to make a donation.

Sincerely,

Steering Committee members,  
Kathy Sheiko, Kathy Clark, Kay Nicholas, Ellen Simmons and Tracy Falkowski





WEST BLOOMFIELD/KEEGO HARBOR  
**BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK**

PRESENTS

# Trivia Night

TEASE YOUR BRAIN!



"You make me want to be  
a better man."



Win an  
OSCAR for  
Most Creative  
Movie  
Theme  
TEAM!



## MOVIES THEME

*Form your own Team of 10  
OR JOIN US and  
we'll group you with some  
really smart people.*



Donate a 10 oz. box of Mac & Cheese or  
5 oz. can of Tuna or Chicken -

**Get 1 FREE RAFFLE TICKET!** (max 5)

**Friday, November 5, 2021  
ST. GEORGE  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

43816 Woodward Ave. N. of Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills  
We've MOVED - as sadly, Santia Hall is closed.

Buffet Dinner 6:00 - 7:15 pm

Trivia Games start at 7:30 pm

50/50 Raffle    Raffle Prizes    Cash Bar  
\$30 per person by November 3, \$35 at the door

**BUY EARLY!**  
Sells out  
every year!

Tickets online at

[blessingsinabackpackmi.org/events](https://blessingsinabackpackmi.org/events) or

Kathy Sheiko at 248-521-0074 or

[katherinesheiko@hotmail.com](mailto:katherinesheiko@hotmail.com)

All proceeds support



Blessings in a Backpack - West Bloomfield/Keego Harbor  
Donor Advised Fund of Community Foundation of Greater Rochester



## SPONSORSHIPS



### STEVEN--\$2500

- Reserved table at event for 1 team (10)
- Premium team table location
- Banner at event with name and logo
- Full page ad in Program Book
- Top honors recognition by event emcee
- Logo/Name on promotional materials
- Facebook, Website



### JULIA - \$500

- Reserved seats at event for 4 people
- Special signage on Stage area
- Listing in Program Book
- Recognition on Answer Sheet for Sponsored Round
- Recognition by event emcee
- Facebook and Website



### MARILYN--\$1500

- Reserved seats at event for 8 people
- Special Signage at Buffet Table
- Half page ad in Program Book
- Recognition by the event emcee
- Logo/Name on promotional materials
- Facebook, Website



### CLINT - \$250

- Reserved seats at event for 2 people
- Signage at team's table
- Logo/Name on Facebook and Website
- Recognition by event emcee



### JACK--\$1000

- Reserved seats at event for 6 people
- Special Signage at Bar
- Quarter page ad in Program Book
- Recognition by event emcee
- Logo/Name on promotional materials
- Facebook, Website



### ANGELINA - \$130

- Every \$130 provides a child with food every weekend during the school year. One backpack contains six (6) meals to take home each Friday.
- Your name will be displayed near the bar.

### GENERAL DONATION (SPECIFY AMOUNT)

- Knowledge that your donation provides school children with food every weekend of the school year.

### TRIVIA NIGHT SPONSORSHIPS

- ☐ STEVEN - \$2500
- ☐ MARILYN - \$1500
- ☐ JACK - \$1000
- ☐ JULIA - \$500
- ☐ CLINT - \$250
- ☐ ANGELINA - \$130
- ☐ GENERAL DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### ORDER TICKETS

- ☐ RESERVE tickets for a Team of 10 - \$300  
You will be contacted for Team Members' names
- ☐ RESERVE \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$30 each

### PAYMENT (FORM AND PAYMENT DUE BY OCTOBER 30, 2021)

- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Check made payable to:  
Blessings in a Backpack - WB/KH
- ☐ DISCOVERCARD ☐ VISA ☐ M/C ☐ AMEX
- Charge will appear on your statement as cfound.org*

CC# \_\_\_\_\_  
EXP. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVC Code \_\_\_\_\_  
AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form with payment to:  
BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK—WEST BLOOMFIELD/KEEGO HARBOR  
West Bloomfield School District  
Attn: Community Enrichment/Andrea Frank  
5810 Commerce Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48324  
OR email to katherinesheiko@hotmail.com  
**NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON THE SIGNAGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Email camera ready artwork and questions to:  
katherinesheiko@hotmail.com

[www.blessingsinabackpackmi.org/west-bloomfield/](http://www.blessingsinabackpackmi.org/west-bloomfield/)



Blessings in a Backpack - West Bloomfield/Keego Harbor



# PTO Fundraiser

Mention Gretchko Elementary

On your visit to

ASPIRE NUTRITION

6612 Cooley Lk Rd

All Day OCTOBER 16

Open 9-3



**20% of proceeds  
from your visit  
donated back**

**ASPIRE**  
NUTRITION

Find us on:  
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@Aspire.Waterford  
Instagram

## BUS EVACUATION PRACTICE

WBSD is required to participate in bus evacuation and safety training yearly. Our school district will be holding a practice for Gretchko students next Thursday on the way to school. The bus driver will stop and explain procedures with the students. Then they will continue on to school. Thank you!

## DAILY MASK USE

Students are required to mask up inside during school hours. When students go to lunch they will be removing their masks to eat. Right after lunch our students will enjoy an outside recess without a mask. Right after the lunchtime recess is a perfect time for students to refresh masks for the afternoon. **We are requesting that parents send their child with 2 masks daily to help keep their child safe and comfortable.** Students will be able to put the morning washable masks in their backpack. They will be able to dispose used paper masks in a special bin. Thank you for helping keep all of us safe!

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS




## WHAT'S NEW

WBSD Community Education ***After the Bell*** Offerings are BACK this FALL!

Mondays - **Soccer** Skills with Coach Emily Hubbard, More Info & To Register, [Click Here](#)

Tuesdays - **Drawing** Classes with Young Rembrandts, More Info & To Register, [Click Here](#)

Fridays - **Chess** with Chess Wizards, More Info & To Register, [Click Here](#)



**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](mailto:Jennifer.Graham@wbsd.org)  
**BE AS CREATIVE AS YOU CAN BE!**

For more information, email [Jennifer.Graham@wbsd.org](mailto:Jennifer.Graham@wbsd.org)

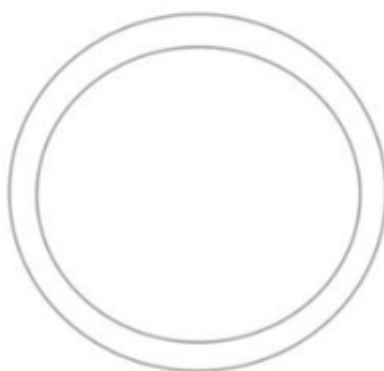
**2021 Button Inspiration**



# 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](mailto:Jennifer.Graham@wbsd.org)

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## TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

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.

## 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.

# TOYOLOGY + SCHOOL KICKBACK PROGRAM

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Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 268-1412

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

Cannot be combined with any other offers. Effective \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:katherinesheiko@hotmail.com) or at



[blessingsinabackpackmi.org](http://blessingsinabackpackmi.org).

Sincerely,

Katherine Sheiko

Chairperson

Blessings in a Backpack—West Bloomfield/Keego Harbor

## CALENDAR THIS MONTH

### DATES TO REMEMBER -

October 27 - Early Release - Students dismissed at 2:07 p.m.

October 27 - Marcos Pizza Fundraiser Day

October 29 - Fall Classroom Parties, Spirit Day (Orange and black)

October 29 - October OUTDOOR Spooktacular 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (Costumes OK evening)

November 3 - Picture Retake Day

November 12 - Vision screening begins

November 15,16,17,18 - Vision screening continues

November 16 - Evening Parent Teacher Conferences- 4:45 - 8:45 p.m.

November 19 - Afternoon Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

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## GRETCHKO STARS

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

 (248)865-6570

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