

# GRETCHKO ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 21, 2020



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23 AND FRIDAY JANUARY 24 -  
WE HAVE 1/2 DAY OF SCHOOL ONLY**

Dismissal is at 12:17 p.m.

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR SURVEY -  
YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED LAST TUESDAY.**

**Important**

**Gretchko Elementary Planning Survey  
for 2020-2021**

We are in the process of planning for our student needs for their 2020-2021 school year.

Please answer the following and **return to school by Wednesday, January 22.**

Will your child be returning to Gretchko or Scotch School next school year?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If your child will not be attending Gretchko or Scotch School, where will he/she be attending?

This form will not serve as an in-district transfer request. Please go to the West Bloomfield School District website to submit an online request for an in-district transfer January 13 - February 7.

**Student's Name Teacher's Name**

Grade Level for the 2020-2021 School Year \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you for your prompt response to this survey!***

## **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

## **NO WINTERFEST YET**

Just to give everyone a heads up. We are still planning on holding a building-wide **Winterfest Day**. Due to the short week, our testing schedule and half days we will not have Winterfest next week. We will be watching the weather closely and pass along any further information.

## **YEARBOOK PHOTOS**

We are in the process of working on this year's Gretchko Yearbook. We need your assistance with photos. We are looking for **group photos** of Gretchko stars involved in fun activities at school. If possible, please identify who is in the picture when submitting photos. (Student, Grade, & Teacher).

The **deadline** to submit photos to the yearbook staff is **February 25th**. Please email Brooke Kelso the images, with the name of the child, grade and teacher name. Please email [brookejkelso@gmail.com](mailto:brookejkelso@gmail.com) or Lindsay O'Malley at [linds.omalley@yahoo.com](mailto:linds.omalley@yahoo.com)

## **GRETCHKO DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PATTERN**

**Please use the drop-off and-pick up pattern pictured below.** 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 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.

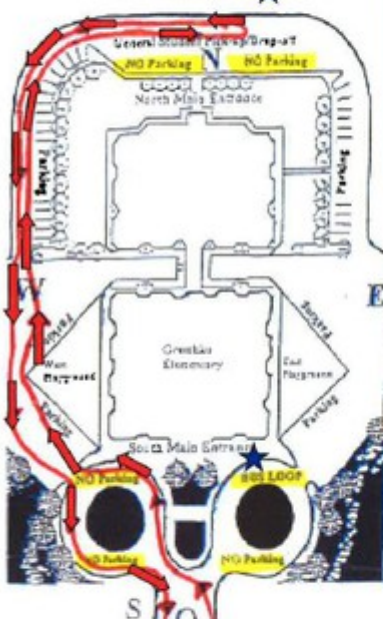
Please remember, school begins in the classroom at 9:15 a.m. At that time students should be in the classroom with their coats off, lunches put away, and ready to learn.

**Gretchko Elementary K, 1,2 Traffic Map 2019-20**



Do not drop your student off when staff are not present! No staff available after 9:12 a.m. (Please park in a lined parking space and bring your child to the office).

Students riding **busses** will be dropped off and picked up at the **front** (South) entrance. Before and after school—Kids Klub students must be dropped off and picked up at the **(FRONT)** Kids Klub door (Room 1). ★



Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade  
**Car Drop Off 8:55–9:12 a.m.**  
**REAR** (North) entrance (back of building)

Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade  
**Car Pick Up begins 4:05 p.m.**  
**REAR** (North) entrance (back of building)

Please follow designated **red arrows** for Kindergarten, First and Second Grade **car drop off and pick up**.

**PRESCHOOL** — Preschool parents will be using the front (bus) loop to drop off and pick up their students. (see the star on map). ★

**IMPORTANT**—To avoid a “waiting to turn left” line-up along Greer road—pass the school on Greer, turn left in the subdivision just past the school and return to the school for a right hand turn.

Parents, please drop off students between 8:55 a.m. and 9:12 a.m. so they may arrive in class on time. Elementary students begin their day in the classroom promptly at 9:15 a.m. ready to start their instructional day. Late arrivals interrupt our classroom instruction.

## YOGA AT GRETCHKO

**THANK YOU!** Through the fundraising efforts of our PTO and the Alexander and Gabrielle Mansour Foundation we were able to offer a yoga class to all Gretchko students last week. Mr. and Mrs. Mansour set up the fund in memory of two of their children. The funds go to enhance Gretchko and Scotch activities to enrich our student's lives through physical initiatives, and the arts. We thank everyone for their support.

## CONGRATULATIONS GRETCHKO STAR SLIP WINNERS

We are excited to continue having so many student names in our good citizen "Star Bins". This week we would like to congratulate the following students that were chosen: Adelyn Farms, Dylan Daenzer, D'Angelo Ferguson, Vivian Saxe, Leah Alghazaly, Sachika Cobb, Ea'sence Stroman, Gavin Diep, Logan Degrand, Jude Kaslly, Nahia Calvar, Elad Markukhaev, Athena

Brown, Rashaad Jackson Jr., Serenity Maki, Penny Parr, Zoe Adhson, Knoelle Brown, Oliver Smith, Constantin Sullivan, Jase Kellenberger, Ava Frimpong, Savanna Jones, Kai Creighton, Leo James, Olyvia Morgan, Paige Winkler, Timothy Gomez, Hailey Kincaid, Zaiyah Gonzales, Rowman Taylor, Brandon Steverson, Alek Tisher, Kristina Matthews, Amear Grandberry, and Lucas Sitto.

## 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 beginning 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](mailto: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

WBSE'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](http://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:**  
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**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 <a href="http://www.wbef.org">www.wbef.org</a>	12/2 - 1/13	1/14 - 2/6	Door
<b>Card Shark:</b> Entry, Appetizers, 1 Raffle Entry, 100 Chips	\$ 30	\$ 35	\$ 45
<b>Diamond:</b> Entry, Appetizers, 5 Raffle Entries, 250 Chips, 1 Beverage	\$ 70	\$ 75	\$ 85
<b>High Roller:</b> Entry, Appetizers, 10 Raffle Entries, 500 Chips, 2 Beverages	\$120	\$125	\$135

Purchase tickets at [www.wbef.org](http://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](http://www.wbef.org)  
 248-865-6463

## US CENSUS BUREAU HAS IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOU.

Do you know how and what the U.S. Census Bureau factors in with the count for State of Michigan Schools. Census information is used in determining where to distribute federal assistance for:

- 1) School Lunch Programs
- 2) Special Education Grants
- 3) Title 1 (Paraeducator needs)

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASS AVAILABLE





**Special Student Appreciation Discount:**  
**SAVE UP TO \$10**  
**Discount Code: SPRING**  
 Discount valid for Spring 2020 Registration

**Register NOW**



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[www.i9sports.com](http://www.i9sports.com)  
 or Call: 248-632-6166

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- Age appropriate instruction.
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- All skill levels welcome. No tryouts!
- One day per week!
- FUN for the whole Family!
- All Coaches are background checked

**HURRY TO SECURE YOUR SPOT!**  
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<https://www.instagram.com/i9sports187/>

 [www.facebook.com/i9Sports187/](https://www.facebook.com/i9Sports187/)

Each location independently owned and operated

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## CAPTURING KIDS' HEARTS PROGRAM AT GRETCHKO

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?

## 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.

## 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/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) 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](mailto: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 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 30 - Kindergarten - Showcase and Round UP - 6:30 p.m.



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

## SAFELINE PARENT REMINDER

Don't forgot 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.

## 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](#)

## PTO BOARD MEMBERS -2019-2020

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