

GRETCHKO NEWS

OCTOBER 22, 2021



EARLY RELEASE NEXT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Students will be released at 2:07 p.m. Afterschool classes will begin early when students are dismissed.

DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx} **TAKEBACK**



Saturday,
October
23rd
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

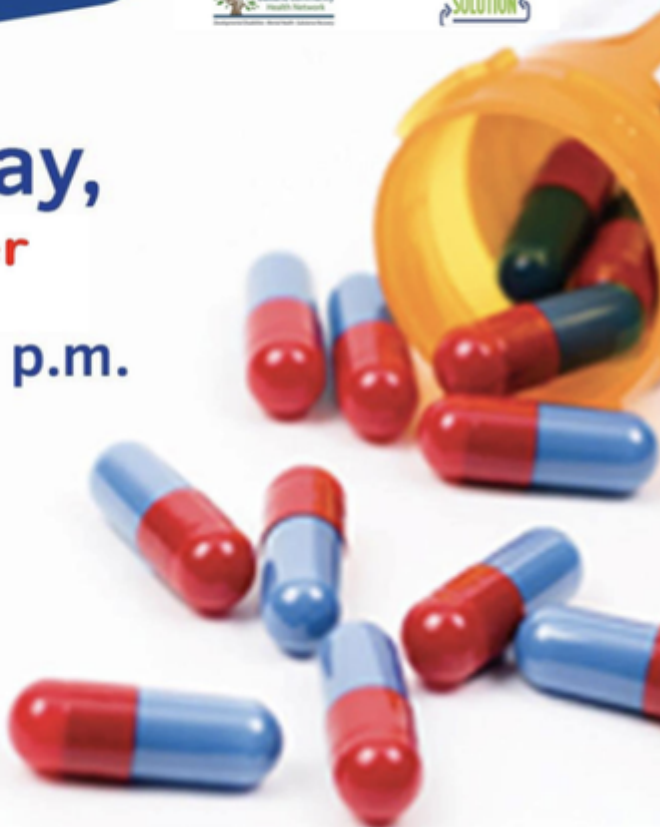
**Drop Off Expired &
Unused Prescriptions
For Safe Disposal**

**at
WEST BLOOMFIELD
POLICE DEPT.
4530 Walnut Lake Road**

*****No liquids or sharps/needles*****

**If unable to drop off on
October 23rd,
WBPD will accept them at
any time.**

DO NOT FLUSH!



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.

NEXT WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 27 IS GRETCHKO'S PIZZA NIGHT



pizza night

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th

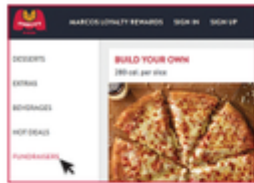
ORDER BY PHONE OR ONLINE TO EARN EXTRA FUNDS FOR
GRETCHKO ELEMENTARY.
SEE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW.

ORDER ONLINE AND RECEIVE EXTRA CREDIT

Order online at MARCOS.COM and the school will receive an additional 10% of online sales.
Remember to add your teacher(s) name(s) when ordering online.

STEP 1:

Place your order as normal then click "Fundraisers" under the menu. Look for your school's name, then click the "Add Button" to the right of your school's name.



STEP 2:

Checkmark the box with the teacher's name, then click "Apply".



STEP 3:

Check your cart. You should see your school and teacher's name.



HELP YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL WIN OVER \$5,000!

Order online at marcos.com and add your local school to your order. Every online order with your school added earns Marco's Pizza® Points. The schools with the most points will win a share of the \$50,000 in cash prizes. 1st place wins \$5,000!



WATERFORD

5570 COOLEY LAKE RD.

248-682-9700

order online at marcos.com • contact-free delivery or carryout

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

<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	

WOULD YOU LIKE TO OWN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WONDERFUL CLASSROOM PUMPKINS

Here are some of Gretchko's pumpkin creations for our Pumpkin Pageant! Make sure to join the PTO Facebook page for more info on the Spooktacular event and silent auction for these one-of-a-kind pumpkins! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/234981434580993/>



Ms. Wild



Barker



**MORE
COMING
SOON!**



DOG MAN

Mr. Gifford & Mrs. Gifford



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

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



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

Name: _____

Contact Info: _____

Item(s) I will donate: _____



FunD Run 2021

THANK YOU parents for
supporting your school!

We reached our goal!!!

The whole school ran 3,226 laps
combined! That is 323 Miles!

Congratulations to our top
fundraisers on your special prizes...

- 1st Place - Laney Sproat earned a Nintendo Switch Lite!
- 2nd Place - Cooper Smith earned an Oakland Yard Gift Card!
- 3rd Place - Harlow Tinker earned a Defy Gift Card!
- 4th Place - Raechel Chapman earned a science kit and book!

All students received a Gretchko Lanyard, Ice Cream
Cone coupon and T-Shirt! Those students that raised
\$75 or more also received a special Gretchko Star
Keychain Popper from Body Language and were in a
raffle for larger prizes!

Lastly, a HUGE Thank You to all the volunteers,
staff, and family members who came out on FunD
Run day to support the kids!

THANK YOU!!!!

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.

Do you have a student in WBSD with an IEP?

Connect with other parents and caregivers for support and resources specific to your family's school experience!



10-27-21
7:00-8:00 WBHS
ICenter

Meet each other!

You're invited to spend some time in a casual environment connecting with other parents/caregivers in our district. We'll talk about local resources both social and educational.

RSVP: lakerposse@gmail.com OR



facebook.com/LakerPosse



lakerposse.weebly.com



COMMUNITY ED. OFFERINGS

Math Pentathlon

Strengthen Math Skills, Encourage Creative Thinking and Develop Problem Solving Techniques WBSD Parents! Join us for a **Parent Info Meeting** via Zoom on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7 p.m.

We will cover: What is Math Pentathlon? Is this a good fit for my child? When will we practice?

Division 1: **K-1st** Division 2: **2-3rd** Division 3: **4-5th** Division 4: **6-7th**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83990932974?pwd=NmZiWnJXSEc5TUZWTTFVbC9LTXYjUT09>

Meeting ID: 839 9093 2974

Passcode: 25wtH3

Youth Basketball Train & Play

Boys and girls will learn the fundamentals of basketball through drill work, shooting, dribbling, passing, individual defensive technique, and modified gameplay with WBSD Teacher and Coach Jeremy Denha.

Saturdays at West Bloomfield High School Gym, More info and [register here](#)

9-10 a.m. **Grades 1-3**

10-11 a.m. **Grades 4-6**

Youth Wrestling

This program will focus on developing the fundamentals of folk-style wrestling, while also focusing on the discipline needed to be successful in the sport. Leading the program are West Bloomfield's own middle school wrestling coaches, Coach Acosta and Coach DeGrand.

Grades K-8th, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at West Bloomfield Middle School

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

Questions? Contact West Bloomfield School District Community Education
andrea.frank@wbsd.org

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 "Halloween Spooktacular Event" in the early evening. It is an event that allows students to 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

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

**Come to Our
BOOK
FAIR!**

 SCHOLASTIC



iCenter NEWS

October

WE'RE READING













Check out our 5 Little Pumpkins sitting on our gates!

CONTACT ME

monica.hammerick@wbsd.org

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

There are many sections in our iCenter and they all have a special code we find on the spine label...this is called the CALL NUMBER. Readers learned where to find various collections of books...

- E - Everybody (picture books)
- ER - Easy Reader
- B - Biography
- F - Chapter Books

Some other sections we learned about are Traditional Literature, Holidays, 100 Books to Read in K, Chapter Books, Series Chapter Books, and Favorite Characters!

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 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
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 or

Kathy Sheiko at 248-521-0074 or

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/



Blessings in a Backpack - West Bloomfield/Keego Harbor



**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

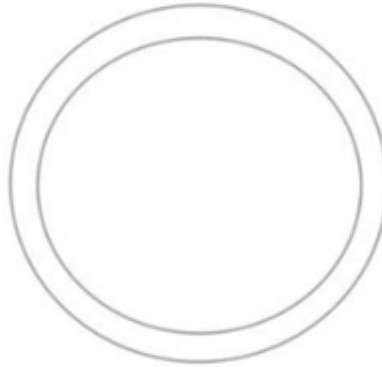


For more information, email Jennifer.Graham@wbsd.org

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

United

We

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.

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.



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 -

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 5 - End of the marking period

November 13 - Report cards are available on line

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 - NO School in the afternoon - Students dismissed at 12:17 p.m.

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

GRETCHKO STARS

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

 (248)865-6570

 wbsd.org/Domain/12