

GRETCHKO ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 21, 2020



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH IS AN EARLY RELEASE DAY
- STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 3:07 P.M.**

IMPORTANT - YOUR CHANCE FOR INPUT ON WBSD MIDDLE SCHOOL RECOMMENDATIONS

The West Bloomfield School District hosted a parent presentation on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Bloomfield High School iCenter. The purpose of the presentation was to inform parents about the recommended middle school transition plan from the district's middle school transition plan workgroup. Last night's presentation can be found at the following link:

- [Middle School Transition Plan Parent Presentation](#)

A period of public comment from Feb. 11 through Feb. 20 will be provided for parents to give feedback on the workgroup's recommendation. Please find the feedback form at the link below:

- [Middle School Transition Plan Parent Feedback Form](#)

The Board of Education intends to make their decision at their February Board of Education Meeting on Feb. 24.

STUDENT ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

When a student becomes ill, has a fever, or an undiagnosed rash at school the student should go home quickly and not expose other individuals to the condition. Students must be fever free for 24 hours without medication to attend school. If a student throws up at school, the child must be picked up as soon as possible. If you are in a location that is far from the school, or are unable to retrieve your student quickly, please arrange with your emergency contact for the student pick-up in a timely manner.

KINDERGARTEN MUSIC CONCERT-FEBRUARY 25 AND 26 - SEE SCHEDULE BELOW

Join us for our annual Kindergarten Music Concerts. Please see schedule below for date and time of your student's concert.

Kindergarten Concerts begin at 6:30

Tues. February 25th Session I **Bairski, Ridsen, Lewis, Sizemore**

Wed. February 26th Session II **Smith, Wild, Barker**

We ask that students arrive to check in with the classroom teacher at 6:15 p.m. Concerts begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. Students will be given a special red "Class of 2032" shirt to wear at the concert. Please have students wear dark bottoms and comfortable close toed shoes.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

If you did not purchase pictures and would like to order a yearbook, please contact **Lifetouch** at 1-800-352-6234 and press option 2 and they will be able to help you. or goto:

ybpay.lifetouch.com. Yearbook order deadline is March 9th. **Access Code is : 12960120**

BAGEL DAYS

Due to an overwhelming response, Gretchko PTO will no longer be able to provide a free bagel to students that have forgotten to bring bagel money. Bagel days at Gretchko are generally every other Friday and once a month are designated Spirit Days. Please mark your calendar for the following Friday **BAGEL DAYS: February 28th(*Favorite Sports Team), March 13th, March 27th (80's Day), April 24th (Camo Day), May 8th, and May 29th(sunglasses day).**

REMINDER-UPDATE ON WBSD ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Did you know that WBSD marks students that arrive to school more than 1 hour late, absent for the morning. At the end of the day any student leaving more than 1 hour early from school is marked absent for the afternoon.

CONGRATULATIONS - STAR SLIP WINNERS

The following student were drawn for the week of February 14th. Congratulation to the following good citizens: Blaize McGinnis, Becket Hitchcock, Adam Sayes, Avery Langdon, Noelle Lulgjura, John Beard, Jackson Cauley, Kaley Wheeler, Delaney Lyons, Brooklyn Robinson, Sophia Baggett, Ajurne Westbrook, Dominic Yatoma, Nolan Shina, Liv Schimpke, Roy Brandon, Nicholas Zelda, Sidney Jarco, and Jhace Turner.

HELPERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED FOR ART ROOM

Volunteers needed for our Student Art Sale Wednesday, March 18th. Please contact mary.takata@wbsd.org if you are able to help.

We are getting excited about our upcoming **Science Fair and Student Art Sale**. On **March 18** we will have our annual **Science Fair**. We will also have on display one framed piece of artwork for each student. Parents will be able to walk through and enjoy this beautiful display of all of our children's art pieces. Parents will be able to purchase their child's framed creation that evening. ***Watch the upcoming newsletter for Science Fair presentation information.***

We will need paper grocery bags so student's artwork can be bagged. If you are able to donate any paper grocery bags in the coming weeks that would be helpful! ***Tricia Takata, Gretchko Elementary's Art teacher.***

NEW ORDER FORM FOR GRETCHKO SPIRIT WEAR

Gretchko Spirit Wear Order Form

Gretchko Star Youth Options

T-Shirt — \$15

Please choose one:

- ☐ Gray ☐ Purple
____ Youth XS (2-4)
____ Youth S (5-7)
____ Youth M (8)
____ Youth L (10-12)



Zip up hoodie — \$25

Please choose one:

- ☐ Purple ☐ Navy Blue
____ Youth M (8)
____ Youth L (10-12)

Gretchko Star Adult Options

Unisex Gretchko T-Shirt — \$18

Please choose one: ☐ Gray

- ____ Adult S
____ Adult M
____ Adult L
____ Adult XL



Heavy camo

Unisex heavy camo zip up hoodies- \$40

- ____ Adult S
____ Adult M
____ Adult L
____ Adult XL

Women's Gretchko Star zip-up hoodie — \$40

Please choose one: ☐ Black ☐ Camo (New material)

- ____ Adult S
____ Adult M
____ Adult L
____ Adult XL



Light camo

Child's Name: _____

Child's Teacher: _____

Phone #: _____

Total quantity ordered _____

Total cost \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Gretchko PTO or send in cash

Any questions please email Tiffany Dooley Simmo162@gmail.com

BOOK FAIR COMING TO GRETCHKO - JOIN THE FUN!

Gretchko Book Fair - March 6 - March 13 in the I Center. Look for information to come home with your student about the book fair. Volunteers for the Book Fair are needed - go to - <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/content/bookfairs/en/tools/volunteer-signup.html> – **March 6 - 4:40 - 7:40 p.m.** (During the Spring Fling), **March 9 - 12 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** (afterschool hours with adults only) **March 13 - 8:00 - 12:00 p.m.**

SPRING FLING COMES TO GRETCHKO - MARCH 6TH 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. PTO SPONSORED EVENT

Gretchko Elementary Presents...



Spring Fling

Family Night Out!

Please join us for our Spring Fling Family event on Friday March 6th, 2020 from 5:30 – 7:30pm. We will be having a Magic Show for everyone's entertainment, games, activities, photo booth, DJ, dancing and airbrush tattoos! Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Please consider volunteering by returning the slip below to make this event the best yet! You may also volunteer at www.signupgenius.com and search my email address below to find the Spring Fling sign up.

We hope to see you there!

Please contact Erica Daenzer at edaenzer828@yahoo.com

Yes, I would love to volunteer for a shift (or 2!) below:

Name: _____ Email: _____

5:00-5:30pm _____ 5:30-6:00pm _____

6:00-6:30pm _____ 6:30-7:00pm _____

7:00-7:30pm _____ 7:30-8:00pm _____



Spring Fling Baked Goods Sale



We are having a Bake Sale at the **GRETCHKO Spring Fling on Friday, March 6th** and we need lots of nut-free items to make it a success!

If you would like to donate homemade (it's fun to bake with your kids!) or store-bought cookies, cupcakes, pastries, or other spring themed creations please fill out the information below and send it back in to school by **March 2nd** or go to <https://www.signupgenius.com> to sign up there!

(Search Erica Daenzer edaenzer828@yahoo.com on [signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com) as another option)

Please deliver your goodies in disposable containers.

****Please package the goodies individually for sale**

****Please include the ingredients due to food allergies**

****drop them off at Gretchko on the day of the Spring Fling prior to 4:00pm.**

If you have questions contact Erica Daenzer at edaenzer828@yahoo.com

Yes, I would like to bring in something for the Bake Sale!

Name: _____

Contact email or phone#: _____

Items I will donate: _____

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 or Lindsay O'Malley at linds.omalley@yahoo.com

T-SHIRT CONTEST- ALL STUDENTS

We are looking for a talented artist to be a part of West Bloomfield history. All students who attend West Bloomfield schools are invited to submit a design that will be featured on the 2020 Innovation Extravaganza t-shirt. You can find more information and specific requirements about the design contest in the attached flyer. **Designs must be completed and turned in by Friday, February 28th, 2020.** One winner will be selected. Please contact Danielle Capello (danielle.capello@wbsd.org) or Nicki Collins (nicole.collins@wbsd.org) with any questions!



WBSD INNOVATION EXTRAVAGANZA

This awesome event will showcase our very own innovative students! Food will be provided for all families that RSVP. There will be tons of door prizes and anyone who RSVPs early will get extra tickets for the raffle! Go to the link below for more information and to RSVP

bit.ly/wbinnovation



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 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

FEBRUARY

February - 24 Early Release

February 25 - Kindergarten Music Concert - **Session 1 - Begins at 6:30 p.m.**

Bairski, Ridsen, Lewis, Sizemore

February 26 - Kindergarten Music Concert - **Session II - Begins at 6:30 p.m.**

Smith, Wild, Barker

February 28 - Spirit Day (80's days) & Bagel sale - \$1.00 each

MARCH

March - NO PTO MEETING this month

March 2 - Early Release dismissal at 3:07 p.m.

March 2 - 6 Book Fair this week

March 6 Book Fair open - 4:30 - 7:30 for evening shoppers

March 6 - Spring Fling 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

March 9 - Early Release-dismissal at 3:07 p.m.

March 10 - NO SCHOOL-this is an addition to the original calendar (Election)

March 13 - *Spring school pictures*

March 13 - Bagel sale \$1.00 each

March 16 - Early Release

March 18 - **Art and Science Fair - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

March 23 - Early Release

March 26- **Second Grade Music Concert Begins at 6:30 p.m.**

March 26 - County-Wide Tornado Drill

March 27 - Spirit Day (80's) and Bagel sale- \$1.00 each

March 30 - April 3rd - Spring Break - **No school**

APRIL

April 6 - Early Release - dismissal at 3:07 p.m.

April 7 - PTO meeting at 7:00 p.m. - at Scotch Elementary

April 10 - NO School

April 20 - Early Release - Dismissal 3:07 p.m.

April 24 - Spirit day (Camo Day) & Bagel Sale

April 27 - Early Release dismissal 3:07 p.m.

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.

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

PTO Board for 2019-2020 School Year

Co-President: Katie Palazzolo / Ashleigh Davis

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