

GRETCHKO NEWS

NOVEMBER 19, 2021



1/2 DAY OF SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 19

School will be dismissed at 12:17 on Friday, November 19 - due to parent/teacher conferences

WOW! WHAT A FANTASTIC FOOD DRIVE

This is Gretchko's twenty-fifth year of supporting the Oakland County Lighthouse. Throughout the years we have participated in several of the Lighthouse's walks in the spring as well as the yearly Thanksgiving food drive. This year we delivered 2 vehicles full of non-perishable foods to Oakland County Lighthouse. They were very appreciative of the overwhelming amount of food that was received from Gretchko in a short 5 day food drive. We also delivered turkey money that was raised through our 1 day Pajama Day. We are very proud to announce \$386.00 was raised for turkey or other food items needed. Thank you Gretchko Stars for once again coming forward to help others.

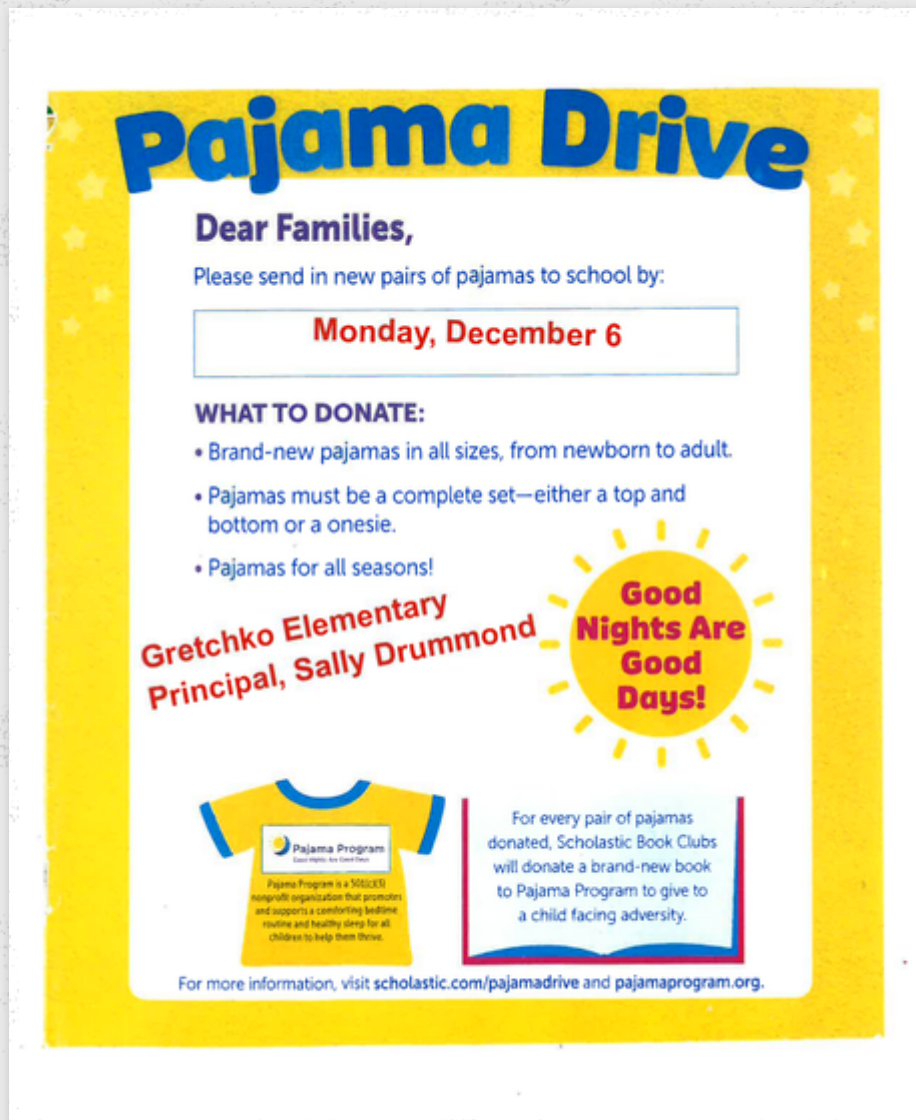


GRETCHKO CHARITABLE EFFORTS

At Gretchko we strive to teach students the importance of caring and sharing, thinking of others, being part of a team and helping those in need. To reinforce the qualities we would like to see in our students, we are continuing our charitable efforts with a Pajama Drive. We have

partnered with Scholastic Book Clubs, who will donate a book for every pair of pajamas donated. We are looking forward to helping those in need with a book and pajamas. Please see the flyer below for further information. We will be collecting any size new pajamas through - Monday, December 6th.

At the end of the Pajama Drive we will determine along with Scholastic Book Clubs, what local charity will receive the pajamas and books collected.



WBSD TRAVEL INFORMATION

COVID-19 Travel Guidelines

The holiday travel season is quickly approaching, and we want to make you aware of recently updated CDC guidance on travel and keep you informed about the West Bloomfield School District's practices for students and employees that travel.

Domestic travel: The CDC recommends that you not travel until you are fully vaccinated (two weeks after your dose of an accepted single dose vaccine or two weeks after your second dose of an accepted two-dose series). If you are not fully vaccinated and must travel, you should follow CDC's recommendations for people who are not fully vaccinated, which include getting tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel and staying home to self-quarantine for a

full seven days after travel. If you don't get tested, the recommendation is to stay home and self-quarantine for ten days after travel. In addition, unvaccinated travelers should avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days, whether tested or not. All travelers should self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms, and isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms. **The West Bloomfield School District does not require a quarantine period after travel within the United States.**

International travel: The CDC recommends that you not travel internationally until you are fully vaccinated (two weeks after your dose of an accepted single dose vaccine or two weeks after your second dose of an accepted two-dose series). When you travel to the United States by air, you are required to show a negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before you board your flight. The CDC recommends that all international travelers get tested 3-5 days after returning to the United States, and that unvaccinated individuals stay home and self-quarantine for a full seven days after travel, even if you test negative at 3-5 days.

If you do not get tested, the recommendation is to stay home and self-quarantine for ten days after travel. All travelers should monitor themselves for symptoms, and isolate and get tested if symptoms develop. **The West Bloomfield School District does not require a quarantine period after international travel.**

Even though quarantine is not required after travel at this time, it is imperative that we all do our part to keep our schools and community safe. Please use good judgment, monitor yourself for symptoms after travel, and stay home if you are not feeling well.

I CENTER THANK YOU

Thank you for another successful and amazing BOOK FAIR! Because of all your support, we are able to add more and more titles to our iCenter library shelves! Thank you again!

If you are looking to give some awesome books as gifts this holiday season, or you missed shopping at school, you can still shop our online store through November 18th. Please use this link in order to be directed to our Gretchko fair. We appreciate all you do for our iCenter!

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=gretchkoelementaryschool>



SPECIAL ART PROJECTS CREATED IN ART CLASS

Our school is participating in a creative art project with **Art to Remember**. Students will come home with a sample flyer with their personal artwork for you to see. Art to Remember creates unique items from your student's artwork. There are over 60 products and many are less than \$15. These make great gifts and a percentage of every purchase goes right back to our school. Click on the link below and enter the online **order code shown on your child's order form** or to search for your child's artwork. Then, have fun shopping!

<https://arttoremember.com/school/7SAL4R>

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Tricia Takata (Gretchko Art Teacher) at mary.takata@wbsd.org

ORDER BY 11/19
FOR FREE SHIPPING
TO YOUR SCHOOL

SOPHIA

is an artist!





Metal Ornament
\$16.95



Note Cards
\$11.95



15oz. Mug
\$17.95



Metal Key Chain
\$10.95

GET

OVER 50

SOPHIA'S ART ON **PRODUCTS**



a fundraiser for

GRETCHKO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Shop **ArtToRemember.com** use Online Order Code **P5P787UV**

No internet access? Call 888-411-8054 M-F 8a-5p EST

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WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS TO BE A VACCINE CLINIC SIGHT (NOVEMBER 23)

With the recent Emergency Use Authorization of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for youth aged 5-11, all school-aged youth (aged 5-18) can now receive the COVID-19 vaccine. **West Bloomfield School District has partnered with Oakland County Health Division to allow a vaccine clinic at West Bloomfield High School on November 23 from 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Please make an appointment at OaklandCountyVaccine.com or by calling 1-800-848-5533. Anyone under 18 must have a parent/guardian present. The County is also investing in additional advertising for pediatric COVID-19 vaccines so please keep an eye out for that if our clinic location does not work for your schedule. The Health Division has additional community vaccine clinics available on their website, OaklandCountyVaccine.com. Visit Oakland County Health Division's 'Frequently Asked Questions' webpage to learn more about vaccine safety, eligibility, and what to expect at your appointment. Oakland County's Nurse on Call is also available Monday, Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. to answer any health-related questions at 1-800-848-5544.



SCHOOL-AGED COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS

Open to anyone age 5-18 who is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Appointments strongly recommended at OaklandCountyVaccine.com or 1-800-848-5533. Anyone under 18 must have a parent/guardian present.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Monday November 8	Hazel Park High School 23400 Hughes Ave • Hazel Park, MI 48030	4:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday November 9	Pontiac High School 1051 Arlene Ave • Pontiac, MI 48340	4:00 PM - 7:30 PM
	Southfield High School 24675 Lahser Rd • Southfield, MI 48033	4:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Wednesday November 10	Karl Richter 300 East St • Holly, MI 48442	4:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Friday November 12	Walled Lake Central 1600 Oakley Park Rd • Commerce Charter Twp, MI 48390	4:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Saturday November 13	Troy High School 4777 Northfield Pkwy • Troy, MI 48068	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday November 14	Rochester High School 1361 Walton Blvd • Rochester Hills, MI 48309	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Monday November 15	Madison Heights Lamphere High School 610 W. 13 Mile Rd • Madison Heights, MI 48071	4:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday November 16	North Farmington High School 32900 W. 13 Mile Rd • Farmington Hills, MI 48334	4:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Wednesday November 17	West Hills Middle School 2601 Lone Pine Rd • West Bloomfield, MI 48323	4:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Thursday November 18	Oak Park High School 13701 Oak Park Blvd • Oak Park, MI 48237	4:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Friday November 19	Oxford Middle School 1420 Lakeville Rd • Oxford, MI 48371	4:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Saturday November 20	Clarkston High School 6093 Flemings Lake Rd • Village of Clarkston, MI 48346	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday November 21	Novi Woods Elementary 25195 Taft Rd • Novi, MI 48374	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Monday November 22	Lakeland High School 1630 Bogie Lake Rd • White Lake, MI 48383	4:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday November 23	West Bloomfield High School 4925 Orchard Lake Rd • West Bloomfield, MI 48323	4:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Additional community clinics available at OaklandCountyVaccine.com

WE NEED YOUR PROMPTNESS

Each morning and evening our staff works very hard keep the car loop running smoothly. Our staff help students in and out of cars through wind, rain, snow and heat. Each person out in the elements has other responsibilities at 9:15 a.m. We ask that you please show respect for everyone by arriving in enough time for students to be in class and ready to start learning at 9:15 a.m. Late arrivals as well as early pick ups are very disruptive and interfere with the entire classroom's learning experience. We appreciate your promptness.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES AVAILABLE

After the Bell Classes NEW CLASSES STARTING NEXT WEEK at GRETCHKO

Mondays: Basketball Skills for Kindergarten in Gym, [More Info and Register Here](#), Starts November 8th with Coach Emily Hubbard

Tuesdays: Basketball for 1st & 2nd Grade in Gym, [More Info and Register Here](#), Starts November 9th with Coach Emily Hubbard

Tuesdays: Math Pentathlon for K-1st Grade in Cafeteria, [More Info and Register Here](#), Starts November 9th, Teacher & Volunteer Coaches

Enrolled students will be ushered to their enrolled class after the final bell. Please register this week to eliminate last-minute attendee roster changes.

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.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES NEXT WEEK

If you are unable to sign up for a conference by November 12th your student's classroom teacher will assist by assigning and notifying you of the conference time.

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.**

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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.



**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

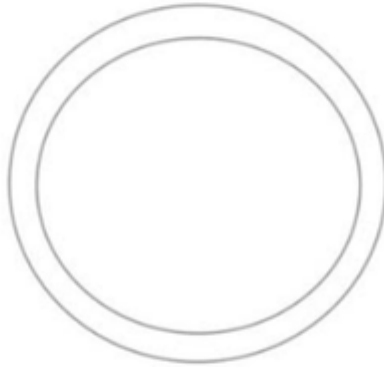


For more information, email Jennifer.Graham@wbsd.org

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

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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.

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

November 19 - NO School in the afternoon - Students dismissed at 12:17 p.m.

November 19 - Spirit Day - Gretchko Crazy Hair Day

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

November 24 - 26 Thanksgiving Break - No School

November 29 - Second chance Picture Retake this afternoon

GRETCHKO STARS

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

 (248)865-6570

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