

# GRETCHKO ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 13, 2019



## DECEMBER EARLY RELEASE DAYS

Please remember Monday- December 16 is an Early Release day. Students will be dismissed at 3:07 p.m. Please arrange to be available for your student.

## REMINDER!

Bagel & Spirit Day!

Friday, December 20th

Bagels \$1 each: chocolate chip, cinnamon/sugar, plain & salt



Spirit Day Theme: Holiday Wear

(wear those Holiday themed shirts, hats & hair bows!)

## MORNING DROP OFF REMINDER

Our car loop supervision stops at 9:12 a.m. to allow our staff to be in position for school to start. The SIDE 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.

## LAKER EXPRESS VISITS

We are very excited to be able to welcome West Bloomfield High School's own Laker Express singers for a concert. Our students will enjoy the concert on Friday, December 20 at 1:45 p.m. A big thank you goes to Sheryl Hauk, HS Vocal Music Director, for arranging this concert for our school.

## CAPTURING KIDS' HEARTS PROGRAM AT GRETCHKO

Capturing Kids' Hearts is a positive reinforcement program that is used by West Bloomfield Schools to help create a culture that supports the success of our students. We would like to share expectations of Capturing Kids' Hearts with parents. The following initiatives are being followed through our daily routines at Gretchko.

- \* Teachers greet students at the door as they enter the classroom each morning.
- \* Classroom Social Contracts are used regularly.
- \* Students reference the Social Contract to help create an environment that places ownership and responsibility on the students in the class.
- \* Staff and students use the thumbs up to reinforce acceptable behaviors.
- \* Thumb sideways is used to remind students to "check" their behavior to see if it is acceptable under the classroom Social Contract.

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?

## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT UNVEILS BUS TRACKER APP

Durham Transportation is rolling out a new bus tracking app for West Bloomfield families. The Bus Tracker app is available for iOS, Android and web and allows families to track their student(s) bus along its route, to and from school. Families will need to have their student(s) ID numbers which are available in PowerSchool in order to log into the app and create an account.

## 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.

## UNITED WE WALK- MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Please join us on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020, 2:30 p.m. at WBHS for our [United We Walk Event](#)

Our district's United We Walk Committee will be celebrating 26 years of service in the community. The 2020 initiative is continuing our focus to **put the power of change in the hands of ordinary people so they can do extraordinary things**. Our vision in West Bloomfield is to collect specific items until Wednesday, January 15 to donate to the Grace Centers of Hope. This facility has identified their current needs which are listed below. A donation box is available at Gretchko. We are asking for the following items to help support this cause:





#### OUR SHARED MISSION

To celebrate annually the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by embracing the continuing influence and impact of Dr. King's dream of creating a beloved community that values diversity, promotes unity, and underscores the worth of every person.

## UNITED WE WALK / MLK 365 ON THE RUN:

*"The Time Is NOW To Do What Is Right"*

### DONATIONS NEEDED:

- Canned goods - all types
- Toilet paper
- Men's disposable razors
- Underwear for children, women and men

Please join us on Sunday, January 19, 2020,  
2:30 p.m. at WBHS for our United We Walk Event  
as we prepare all donated items for the  
Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac.  
Visit [unitedwewalk.org](http://unitedwewalk.org) for more info.

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!**

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

Adults only please  
21 & older

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



**WBEF**

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

Math Pentathlon season has already begun for Grades 2-7, but we're gearing up for Kindergarten and 1st Grade.

If you have a Kindergarten or 1st Grader interested in playing some fun math games, please sign up by December 13th. Practices will be after school on Wednesdays at Gretchko, starting on January 8th. The tournament will be held in April.

If you have any questions, please email Rene Kubiak at [bacholzky21@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bacholzky21@sbcglobal.net).

And, if you have a 2nd Grader who is now interested, he/she can still join us. Practices have already begun at Gretchko on Wednesdays after school.



### 2020 Tournaments

You must register for one of these tournaments before practice begins at [www.mathpentath.org](http://www.mathpentath.org). Plan on being there all day. 7:45am-8:15am Check-In Time. Tournament Fee is \$42 and is non-refundable. No substitutions will be allowed.

#### *Michigan-Ohio Center*

Div 1 (K/1) - April 25, 2020

Walled Lake Northern High School  
6000 Bogie Lake Rd.  
Commerce Township, MI 48382

Div 2 (2/3) - March 21, 2020

Bloomfield Hills High School  
4200 Andover Rd.  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Div 3 (4/5) & Div 4 (6/7) -  
May 16, 2020

Stoney Creek High School  
575 E. Tienken Rd.  
Rochester Hills, MI 48306

#### *Indiana-Ohio Center*

Div 3 (4/5) & Div 4 (6/7) -  
April 18, 2020

Ben Davis High School  
1200 North Girl School Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN 46214

## National Math Pentathlon Team

### Registration

**Student Responsibilities:** Learn each of the five games in your division by practicing math concepts, learning strategies and sharpening skills. Respect the coaches, parents and fellow students by working as a team and exhibiting good behavior. Attend the National Math Pentathlon Tournament as a **Pentathlete**.

**Parent Responsibilities:** Attend the practices and learn each of the five games in your child's division. Assist in the growth of this team by helping the coaches during practice and your child at home. Attend the National Math Pentathlon Tournament as a Game Monitor.

In order for your child to be considered for this team, the following requirements must be met **before** the first practice:

1. Completed Registration Form, signed by student and parent, along with club fee of \$40 cash.
2. Receipt (Ticket) for the Math Pentathlon Tournament must be emailed to Coach Rene Kubiak at [bacholzky21@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bacholzky21@sbcglobal.net).
3. Volunteer Form must be completed by each parent and/or family member that will be helping with practices.
4. Behavior Contract must be signed by student and parent.

### Practices, Coaches and Teachers

- Division 1: Every Wednesday starting 1/8 at Gretchko, after school  
Coaches - Lucy Barber, Mrs. Wild, Mrs. Sizemore & Mrs. Lewis
- Division 2: Every Wednesday starting 10/23 at Gretchko, after school  
Coaches - Michelle Sokoli, Mrs. Ayar & Mr. Jamison
- Division 3: Every Wednesday starting on 11/6 at Scotch after school  
Coach - Rene Kubiak & Mrs. Ladd
- Division 4: Every Monday starting on 11/4 at Abbott after school  
Coaches - Lucy Barber, Michelle Sokoli, Rene Kubiak & Ms. Walton



## Registration Form

**\*\*Please print legibly\*\***

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Student Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Student Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ Name on back of shirt (\$5.00 additional) \_\_\_\_\_

Method of going home: \_\_\_\_\_ will be picked up at 5:15pm

\_\_\_\_\_ will be going to Kids Klub/Tween Time

Who is authorized to pick up your child? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Club Fee (Mandatory) - \$40.00 cash or pay online at [www.wbsd.org](http://www.wbsd.org) (click on Departments, then Community Education and use search code 6375)

\_\_\_\_\_ Turn in Registration Form & Contract to your child's school office.

\_\_\_\_\_ Register for the National Math Pentathlon Tournament at [www.mathpentath.org](http://www.mathpentath.org)  
This must be completed before coming to practice. The ticket should be emailed to Rene Kubiak at [rahndzky21@sbcdglobal.net](mailto:rahndzky21@sbcdglobal.net).

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to volunteer to organize the end of the season party.

**\*\*\*Deadlines for Registration: October 18, 2019 for Division II**

**October 31, 2019 for Division III & IV**

**December 13, 2019 for Division I**

**Student Essay (For 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders and older):** Please tell us why you would like to be on the Math Pentathlon Team and what you would be able to contribute to the team.

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## Math Pentathlon Student & Parent Contract

Math Pentathlon is a voluntary club, run by parent volunteers and filled with students who want to be in the club. The goal of Math Pentathlon is to increase students' math confidence and math problem-solving skills. In order to ensure that students and parents understand the responsibility and commitment needed by each club member, please take time to read over and sign this contract with your child.

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Please initial by each statement:

### **Student**

\_\_\_\_ I know that every practice is valuable and will attend every practice that I can. If I cannot attend a practice, I will send a message to the coach.

\_\_\_\_ I will work cooperatively as a group, to share ideas with confidence to accept other ideas with an open mind and positive attitude. I will not be disruptive in game play, group discussion or activities.

\_\_\_\_ I will stay focused during practice and respect the coaches, parents and other students. I will show good sportsmanship and fairness in any games that I play.

\_\_\_\_ I will adhere to the rules of the Behavior Contract of the team. If not, I know I may be asked to leave the team.

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parent**

\_\_\_\_ I will attend at least 2 practices per month with my child so that I can learn the games and to assist with the flow of practice.

\_\_\_\_ I understand that younger children are not allowed to attend the practices when I volunteer, unless cleared first with the coach, and will make arrangements for their care.

\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my child at the end of practice on time and will check out with the coach. If I cannot pick up my child on time, I know that my child will be sent to Kids ~~Club~~ Tween Time and I will be charged \$15 if registered with them or \$25 if not registered.

\_\_\_\_ I accept that membership in the club is a privilege that can be revoked if a student does not fulfill their obligations in this student contract. I understand that no refund will be issued if my child is removed from the program.

\_\_\_\_ I give permission for any pictures of my child taken during club or tournament to be used in publication online or in print.

\_\_\_\_ I agree to discuss all items listed above with my child.

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR A SPECIAL SPIRIT DAY IN JANUARY**

Name your own Spirit Day - Winner - Roy Brandon's Spirit Day is Friday, Jan. 10th.  
The theme is "College Sports Team Day".



## FLL Jr. Registration

Gretchko: Grade K-2

Wednesdays, March 4—April 29

4:07-5:10 pm (8 wks)



**Program Cost: \$100**

Includes: Team registration, t-shirt and certificate

**Return registration to Gretchko school office no later than December 20, 2019**

**\*\*Space is limited based on number of coaches so register early!!!!**

**We are in need of coaches...guarantee your child's spot and become a coach!**

**Checks made payable to West Bloomfield School District**

**Visa/Mastercard/Discover/American Express cards accepted for payment**

CLASS # 4070	FLL JR.	School: _____
Student's Name: _____ M _____ F _____ Birthdate: _____		
Teacher's Name: _____ Grade: _____		
Parent's Name: _____		
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____		
Phone (H): _____ Phone (Cell): _____		
Parent email: _____		
____ Check Made Payable to West Bloomfield School District		
Visa/MasterCard/Discover/AMEX # _____ Exp. _____ CVV _____		
Signature _____ I would like to be a coach or an assistant _____		
Teammate preference if any: _____		
Coach preference if any: _____ Permission to photograph YES _____ NO _____		



All kids from any school regardless if they are currently in Chess Wizards are welcome as long as they are in grades k-5th

3 Divisions:  
K-1  
2nd-3rd  
4th-5th



### FORM A TEAM!

3 or more players from the same school in the same division automatically forms a team.

### PRIZES!

Top 5 individuals,  
Top 3 teams in each division.

DEC 14th  
SATURDAY  
8:15AM-2:15PM

In conjunction with  
West Bloomfield  
Community  
Education

Each Child  
Will Play  
Four Rounds  
Each Game = 30 min  
No Elimination!



**CHESS WIZARDS**  
Strategies for Life



**SATURDAY**  
**DEC/14th/2019**  
**West Bloomfield High School**

4925 Orchard Lake Rd,  
West Bloomfield, MI 48323


DOORS OPEN: 8:15AM

1ST ROUND: 9:15AM

AWARDS: 2:00PM


REGISTER ONLINE BY 12/12  
[www.CHESSWIZARDS.com](http://www.CHESSWIZARDS.com)

**\$30**




**WINTER 2020**

# **YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE**




**Coaches:**  
Jeremy Denha and Ryan Watson

**LOCATION:**  
West Bloomfield High School



**SATURDAYS 1/25-2/29**  
**GRADE: 1-3 9-10 A.M.**  
**GRADE: 4-6 10-11 A.M.**



**Sign up with your friends!**  
**Boys and girls will enjoy this league**  
**play format for 6 weeks.**  
**\$139 includes t-shirt**

**West Bloomfield School District Community Education**  
 Register online at [www.wbsd.org](http://www.wbsd.org)  
 Click on Departments, click Community Education use  
 search code 6560 or call (248) 865-6462

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M ☐ F ☐

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_


Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks made payable to West Bloomfield School District

Permission to photograph Yes ☐ No ☐ Tween Time Yes ☐ No ☐



## 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

December 16 - Early Release - dismissal at 3:07 p.m.  
December 20 - Bagel & Spirit Day - Holiday Spirit  
December 20 - Laker Express sings for Gretchko students  
December 23 - January 3-WINTER BREAK  
January 6 - Return to School  
January 8 - PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
January 10 - Spirit Day - "College Team" and Bagel Sale  
January 13 - Early Release  
January 15 and 16 Winterfest - Weather permitting

**January 19, 2020, 2:30 p.m. at WBHS Join us!**  
for our [United We Walk Event](#)

January 20 - MLK Day - No School  
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  
January 29 - First Grade Concert - session 2  
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

## 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

PTO Board for 2019-2020 School Year

Co-President: Katie Palazzolo / Ashleigh Davis

Co-Vice President: Amy Risius/Stephanie Reynolds

Co-Treasurer: Ufuoma Kaplan/Vanity Koop

Recording Secretary: Heather Aldrich

Co-Corresponding Secretary: Juliet Jozwick /Erica Daenzer

Board Advisor: Kelly Robrahn