

Straight from the Gecko

September 8, 2016

It is the mission of Green Street School to be a learning community that helps each child develop academically, socially, and creatively. Our vision is to create a safe, healthy and respectful environment where students become confident, independent learners.

Breakfast Bell: 8:00am Tardy Bell: 8:15am
Dismissal: 2:40 (bussers) 2:45 (walkers)

Please call the school by 8:30am if your child will be tardy or absent.



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www.

greenstreetschoolvt.com

Mark Your Calendar!

Monday, Sept. 12th

- Kindergarten begins full days.
- **PTO meeting** - GSS Library - 6:00pm - Childcare provided

(The PTO meeting date is a CHANGE from previous information you received. We hope you can be there!)

Wednesday, Sept. 14th

School Picture Day!

Thursday, Sept. 15th

"Third Thursday" at 8:00am.

Parents, come join us for coffee and donuts in the library.

Thur. & Fri., Sept. 22nd & 23rd

Tag Sale Sorting and Labeling!

Saturday, Sept. 24th

GSS Annual Tag Sale, 8am-noon

Wednesday, Sept. 28th.

Open House~Cook-out dinner provided for all GSS kids and families. 5:30-7:00pm

EXXON Mobil
ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Grant

Our local Mobil stations, Exit 3 Mobil and Canal Street Mobil, selected Green Street School as a recipient of a \$500 ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Grant. This grant is intended to fund science and math initiatives in schools.

Please be sure to be a customer at our local Mobil stations as a way to thank them for their support of Green Street School!



Please be sure to check your child's backpack every day! Your children may not independently remember to give you all of the information we send home.



PTO NEWS:

Calling all GSS Parents!

We welcome and encourage you to join a committee this year! Come and get involved with fun events such as:

- The Annual GSS Tag Sale
- Winter Sports
- The 5th Annual Tulip Trot, and more!



First meeting: **Monday, September 12th at 6:00pm.**

We'll make plans for our annual Mega Tag Sale!

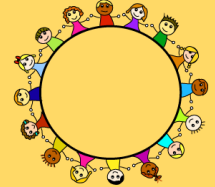
Childcare provided at Monday's meeting.

Please be sure to check this weekly newsletter for regular PTO news.

Meetings are usually held on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Counselor's Corner

Beginning this week, I will be visiting Kindergarten classes to begin our lessons using Social Thinking developed by Michelle Garcia Winner. We will start by talking about whole body listening. We will move onto being a Social Detective and talking about expected and unexpected behaviors. If you have any questions, or want to learn more, please call me at 802-254-3737, ext. 305 or email me



tbperrin@wesu.org.



United Way
of Windham County

The United Way is offering a Kids in Coats program for families in need of warm clothing. There are criteria that need to be met to receive a voucher for a coat. The criteria are:

- Children must be between the ages of 0 through 6th grade
- Children must reside in Windham County
- Families must be at or below 130% of Federal Poverty level

Families will receive a voucher for a coat that is valid 11/1/16-1/31/17. All eligible families may not receive assistance due to limited resources. There will be a lottery system for eligible families. Please call Tracy at 254-3737, ext 305 or email tbperrin@wesu.org for an application.

-Tracy



Have you seen the new gymnasium floor?

We're spreading Green Street School pride!



School Picture Day!

Wednesday, September 14th
Tips for Great School Pic's:

- Help your child pick out clothes and colors that look good on them.
- Help your child select a bright-colored shirt without stripes or images that will detract from his or her great smile.
- Send your child to school feeling fresh, clean, and happy!
- Remind kids to relax and just be themselves.

WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND TOWN FOR KIDS?

NEYT: Get started at **New England Youth Theatre** with **PAGE TO STAGE** taught by Amy Majer for AGES 6-9. Meets Tuesdays & Thursdays from September 20 – November 9 from 4-5:30pm. Tuition is \$200. **CREATE** a character, write a script, find your costume. **BUILD** a **PLAY!** **REGISTER ONLINE** at **NEYT.ORG**

BSD- Brattleboro School of Dance: Saturday Night Dance Parties \$25 per evening. Drop off your kids for a dance party while you enjoy a night out in town.

Sept 24th, Oct. 22nd, Nov. 19th 5:30-9:30pm

Visit BrattleboroSchoolofDance.com for more information and to register

CO-OP CLASSES:

The **Brattleboro Food Coop** offers **free kids cooking classes** every month for all to enjoy. In September, join them for the "Fun Foods from Around the World" series and learn about the food and culture of Egypt. Make stuffed zucchini, the Vermont Harvest of the Month vegetable, and learn some words in arabic.

Adult cooking classes also available including the "Quick and Healthy Eating for 1 or 2" on Wednesdays evenings (9/14, 9/21, 10/5 and 10/12) from 6:30-7:45pm or "The Day Kitchen" Thursday, September 29th from 10:30-1pm.

Call (802) 246-2842 for more information or www.brattleborofoodcoop.coop for calendar of events.

We continue to offer HEALTHY SNACKS for students every day!
Please contribute \$5 each month to support the cost of our popular Healthy Snack program.



Free Breakfast and Lunch for All Students, Every Day

By now, everyone knows that **breakfast and lunch** are provided to **all students** at **no charge**. We hope all of our families will take advantage of it! Here's how our morning schedule has changed, to accommodate breakfast:

- 7:30am- Morning recess, on the playground
- 7:57am- Bell rings, students enter building
- 8:00am- Breakfast for all students, in classrooms
- 8:15am- Morning meetings and classes begin



Lunchtime schedules are similar to last year: students *select their lunch choices each morning*, pick up *free lunch* during designated time, eat in classrooms, and have a recess period afterward (kindergarteners enjoy a recess break before lunch).

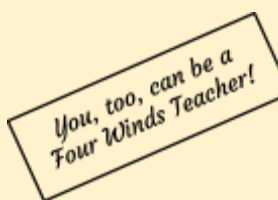
Four Winds Nature Program Workshops At Green Street School:

(Powers House Classroom) 9-11am. Dates: 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 1/4, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10



Four Winds Nature Program is a great way to get involved in the school's classrooms. Meet other parents, learn natural science, build relationships within the school community.

Each year Green Street School buys into the Four Winds Nature Program. We are looking for volunteers who would like to become involved in the school and bring natural science to the classrooms.



As a program volunteer, you will bring fun and engaging natural science lessons to the kids at Green Street School. Volunteers will meet once a month for two hours for a workshop taught by one of Four Winds Naturalists. The volunteers will then bring these lessons to a classroom for approximately one hour a month, doing a puppet show and leading activities outdoors and indoors.

Anyone can be a volunteer; parents, grandparents, community members. If interested, please contact Sharon Carlton Newton at carltonnewtonsharon@yahoo.com or (802) 380-2942. Please come to any workshop (dates listed above) to see if this is something you would like to do.



ANNUAL PTO MEGA TAG SALE!
Saturday, September 24th 8am-noon

Please start saving items you would like to donate to the sale!

Can you sign up to volunteer for the sale?

It's a great fundraiser for GSS and...

Yes indeed, we are still collecting...

Please support our 6th graders' end-of-the-year class trip, and send in your boxtops!

It's actually a really fun way to get to know other GSS parents.

