

# Straight from the Gecko

March 9, 2017

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)

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

## Mark Your Calendar!

### Friday, March 10th

Family Contradance at 6:30pm

### Sunday, March 12th

Daylight Savings Time Begins!

### Monday, March 13th

Jr. Drama Club Performance at 10am

### Tuesday, March 14th

Harvest of the Month Taste Test

All District Band Festival

Jr Drama Club Performance at 6pm

### Wednesday, March 15th

Comp Club to Keene State College

### Thursday, March 16th

"Third Thursday." Parents, have some coffee in the library at 8am, then stay for All School Sing!

### Saturday, March 18th

Destination Imagination Tournament

### Monday, March 20th

Veggie VanGo Program, BUHS  
10-11am

Grades 4-6 Kite-Making Workshop

### Tuesday, March 21st

Grade 4 to Mntshire Museum

### Wed & Thur March 22 & 23

Kindness Campaign- Grades 3-6

### Friday, March 24th

Early release at 11:30 (after an early lunch). Parent Teacher conferences begin.

### Monday, March 27th

No school for students. Parent Teacher conferences continue.

## Get to Know Our Website!

There's a calendar, right on the home page, listing upcoming events, deadlines, and reminders. There are links to PTO minutes, Tulip Trot updates, After School Programs, and more. Check it out... often!

[www.greenstreetschoolvt.com](http://www.greenstreetschoolvt.com)

## After-School Programs

The previous session of Tutoring and After-School Programs has ended.

## The Winter Session (Session 3) begins March 20th.

(Programs and Tutoring run Mondays, Wednesdays, and/or Thursdays, through May 11th)

Confirmation forms were sent home earlier this week. Please keep those at home, for your reference.



ASPs at GSS  
After  
School  
Programs  
& Tutoring

Fall Session: Oct 1 - Dec 15

Winter Session: Jan 9 - Mar 9

Spring Session: Mar 20 - May 11

Mondays, Wednesdays and/or Thursdays  
until 4:00pm

## ASPs Reference (After School Programs & Tutoring)

To minimize phone calls to and from the school office, please plan to remind your student about his or her after-school plan each morning. We're guiding all of our students to different places at the end of each day, so it's very helpful when students arrive at school already confident about their after-school plan.

| Mondays  | Wednesdays  | Thursdays  |
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| Tutoring (select students 3/20-5/8)<br>Running Club 3-6 (3/20-5/8)<br>Garden Club 2-3 (4/3-6/5)<br>GOTR (3/13-5/22)<br>Lion King (ends May 19) | Tutoring (select students 3/22-5/10)<br>Running Club K-2 (3/22-5/10)<br>Garden Cub (4/5-6/7)<br>Lion King (ends May 19) | Tutoring (select students 3/23-5/11)<br>Cooking Club (3/23-5/11)<br>MakerSpace (3/23-5/11)<br>GOTR (3/13-5/22) |



Big Brothers Big Sisters

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Ramuntos Brick Oven Pizza of Brattleboro and Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) are teaming up with YOU to support the children of our great town.

**When:** Friday, March 10th 11am - 10pm

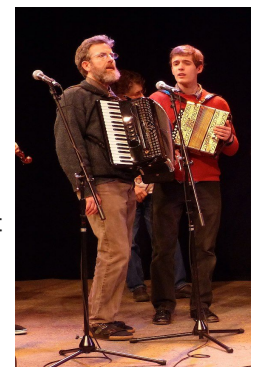
**Where:** Ramuntos Brick Oven Pizza  
1111 Putney Road  
(at the round-about by exit 3)

Bring this newsletter to order  
(dine-in or pick-up).  
15% of the proceeds will be  
donated to BBBS!

## Family Contra Dance

Friday, March 10th  
6:30-8:00pm

The Green Street School Family Contra Dance on Friday, March 10, is a chance for all ages to move together to some great live music on piano, fiddle and accordion. Mr. Davis will teach the dances that are drawn from New England history and culture - our past and present! Contra dancing is accessible to all. It is fun, it builds community and it celebrates our school and our local history. Come to hear the music and watch the dancers - but you may get drawn onto the dance floor before you know it!



**The New Little Red Hen**



The Junior Drama Club will present this short play to our entire school on Monday, March 13th at 10am. They will hold an evening performance for family and friends on Tuesday, March 14th at 6pm. Directed by Dianne Clouett and Pattie McNamara, this new twist on the familiar children's story is the culmination of the 1st - 3rd grade Junior Drama Club's training during session 2 of After School Programs. All GSS families and friends are welcome to attend!

**K-3 Assembly**

Crabgrass Theatre presented "The Pirate, the Princess and the Pea" for our kindergarten through 3rd grade students on Monday. It was a big hit! Thanks to our industrious PTO, funds were made available for this Assembly! Also, later this month, the PTO is sponsoring a kite-making workshop for our 4th-6th graders. All of this year's PTO enrichment programs are based on the theme of "Flight," and there is more to come...!



**Youth Art for Change!**

**An interactive workshop for K-12 youth  
Saturday, Mar. 18th 11 am - 3 pm  
Free and open to the public**

Join us on Saturday, March 18th from 11:00 to 3:00 at the River Gallery Art School to share your voice through art! We will be making pictograph stamps, creating a mural, screen printing, and reading stories to work together to envision the world we want.

Facilitated by WSESU office of Diversity & Equity and hosted by the River Gallery School of Art



The Vermont Food Bank continues to deliver fresh vegetables at BUHS on the first and third Mondays of each month. If your child attends a school in the WSESU school district, you are welcome to come pick up vegetables on delivery dates between 10am and 11am.

**FOUR WINDS**

The Four Winds Environmental Education Program is taught by Green Street parent educators! Each month, parent volunteers attend a brief workshop to learn how to teach a lesson about an environmental topic. Then the parents are prepared to bring that lesson into our K-3 classrooms! Green Street parents Sharon Carlton Newton, Lauren Dumont, and Ian Kiehle have been volunteering this year.

If you are curious, and would like to join them, please contact Sharon at 802-380-2942. Perhaps you'd like to help teach next month's lesson about Maple Sugaring!

**Brattleboro Food Co-Op Kid-Friendly Events:**

Free, Registration Required. [802-246-2821](tel:802-246-2821), [msbfc@sover.net](mailto:msbfc@sover.net)

**Just for Fun: Fermented Foods ~ Saturday, March 11th, 10-11:30am**

Kids make and taste fermented foods: sauerkraut, kimchi, kombucha, kefir and more. Come and have a little taste of these traditional foods that have so many health benefits for kids and adults alike. We will be making sauerkraut, just for fun!

**Fun Foods From Around the World ~ Wednesday, March 15th, 3:30-5:00pm**

Join Carol Flores, a Honduras graduate student living in Brattleboro, as she and her son Gabriel share their love for tamales, a sweet bean and rice mixture formed into packages and wrapped in banana leaves for cooking. We will sweeten the tamales with maple syrup, the featured Vermont Harvest of the Month.

**Kid's Pet Bites Treat-Making Class ~ Thursday, March 16th, 3:30-5:00pm**

Bring your children to a fun, free, and informative class where we turn the bean of the month — Black Beans, into delicious treats for furry friends! An animal advocate will educate children about caring for their pets. Take home a sample of Black Bean treats for your canine friends along with the recipe to make them at home.

**Fun with Food & Art: Imaginary Creatures ~Thursday, March 23rd, 3:30-5:30pm**

Meet at the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center for an up-close look at the current art exhibit followed by a hands-on creative activity there. Then we will walk up to the BFC Kitchen to make magical, amazing creatures that are edible and delicious.

**Cardboard Explosion! ~ Sunday, March 26th, 11am-1pm**

Get ready for a one-of-a-kind puppetry experience! "Cardboard Explosion!" brings original stories to life using nothing but cardboard and the power of your imagination. Get ready to outsmart dragons, choose-your-own superpower, and train adorable animal sidekicks in this fun, energetic, participatory show.



**Reminder:  
Daylight Savings Time  
begins  
Sunday, March 12th!**

*Spring Forward!*



