



Principal's Newsletter

From the desk of Principal Rasnik



Upcoming Events

Date	Time	
September 28	7:00pm	Middle School Amendment Taskforce Meeting
September 29	6:00pm	Parent University
September 29	7:00pm	Special Middle School Amendment Taskforce Meeting
October 5	1:10pm	School wide Celebration Assembly
October 6	5:30pm	Middle School Amendment Taskforce Meeting
October 6	6:30pm	Special Board Meeting
October 13	6:00pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
October 14	8:30am	Pastries with the Principal
October 14	9:30am	Community Event and Fundraising Meet and Greet
October 16	10:00-4:00pm	Family Portrait Day
October 18		No School, Professional Development Day
October 20	6:00pm	Parent University
October 27	1:00-4:00pm	Pumpkin Patch
October 29	7:00pm-11:30pm	Oktoberfest at Old World Village



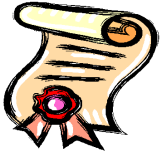
Morning Drop off - I there has been some confusion about the time frame for morning drop off. At the moment, and until such time as the construction of the side entry gate is completed, please adhere to the following guidelines:

*** 8:15 -8:25** - If your child is in Grades 2-5 and you drive up at that time, you will need to park your car (valet is over by then) and accompany your child to the classroom. We do not have anyone who can walk the kids across the driveway. If you and your child arrive in the classroom prior to 8:25 your child **will not** be marked tardy. *** 8:25 and beyond** - The Goethe entry gate will be locked at 8:25 a.m. At this time you **must** accompany your child to the office to sign in for a tardy slip for your child to be able to go to class.



Lunch - This applies mostly for the young kids. Grades K & 1 are walked to the recess area in two groups in order to allow the kids that need more time to eat the time to do so.

Furthermore, kids are allowed to take any part of their lunch that they've not eaten in the lunch arbor to the recess area to be able to finish eating. Lunch staff, including myself, is there every day making sure that kids do not hurry and are continually encouraged to make sure to eat.



Parent University- Homework Menu - The first Parent University will be held on Wednesday, September 29th at 6:00 p.m. in the MDR Library. Parents are encouraged to attend to hear about the conceptualization of the homework menu and details about how the menu works.



Celebration Assembly - Tuesday, October 5th - We will hold our first Celebration Assembly on October 5th in the Multi-Purpose Room. Since it is so early in the school year this will be a school wide celebration to honor classroom achievements, whereby the entire class will be asked to step forward and will be honored by the classroom teacher and myself.

Because our student body has increased we have two time frames for this celebration: **K & 1 from 1:15 p.m. - 1:55 p.m and 2-5 from 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**



Room Parents - Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered to become room parents this year. Room parents are greatly appreciated by the teacher, the students, and the other classroom parents. Here are our room parents by class.

KA - Avril Lipsky - Her team includes Deniz Alpada, Brenda Weiermair, Eva Decolongon, Anyela Duenas, Marisol Orozco

KB - Fiona Godschalk, Miriam Palomares

KC - Christina Owen, Nadine Rayburn

1A - Francisco Abrego

1B - Szilvia Campbell, Melissa Bechtel

1C - Helen Singleton, Michelle Johnston

2A - Toneshia Gentry, Laura Marks

2B - Becky Gonzalez, Kristin Zurek.

3A - Eve Buchman, Staci Heder

4A - Jennifer Velazquez, Greg Bercutt

5A - Tarcis Verfaillie, Maureen Sautter, Anne-Christine Witzgall

Thank you also to the parents who have offered to help out the room parents when needed Stefanie Huber, Jessica Miro, Kiki Christensen, Cordula Weisz, Wendy Trilling, Britta Berlongieri, Kiki Christensen .



Family Portraits - You should have received a flyer about our upcoming Family Portraits fundraiser. Have your family portraits taken just in time for the holidays! GICS has talented photographers who are donating their time and equipment to participate in this fundraiser.

Create wonderful memories while having fun! Photos will be taken at Goethe International Charter School from 9am-4pm. The cost is \$55 which includes a 20 minute photo session along with a cd of all your photos. Payable by cash or check, in advance, or the day of the event. There will be a sign up table on September 28th and October 5th at drop off or you may also e-mail pambrissette@yahoo.com. Sign up quickly as time slots are limited!

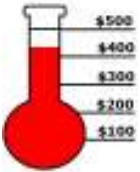


Pumpkin Patch – Wednesday, October 27th - Come join us as we transform our garden on the west side of the campus into a beautiful pumpkin wonderland. Goethe families will be invited to come from 1pm-4pm to purchase pumpkins and carve and decorate them.

In addition we will have a bake sale, 2 crafts (preferably something nature inspired!), and a farmers presentation on organic farming by Farmer Tanaka from our CSA program. For more information or to sign up to help email the Chair Jessica Miro jhopman579@yahoo.com



GICS Community Events - This year a new task force was implemented after many families asked for more events geared towards community building. Throughout the year 5 community events have been planned. The events were kicked off with the Back to School Picnic two weeks ago. In addition there will be a Lantern Fest in November, a Family Dinner in January, a Movie Night in March and an End of the Year Dance in June. Please visit the Fundraising section of the website for more information. If you want to participate in planning these events please contact the Community Event Chair Natalie Kurtz at info@kurtzworld.com.



Annual Giving Pledge Drive

Thank you to all of you who came to the Pledge Drive Kickoff and either donated or made a pledge to donate to our GICS Parent Community Annual Giving Program. We have raised over **\$56,000** so far which is more than halfway to our goal to raise **\$90,000**.

Participation in the Pledge Drive is extremely important whether you give \$5 or \$5000 (or anything in between). Not only does it fund programs like Art, PE, Field trips etc but it can also help us to receive outside funding such as grants.

Our goal is to achieve again an 80% GICS family participation in the Pledge Drive so that we can show potential funders and grantmakers that we have already received significant funding from our parent community. Our deadline to achieve the 80% participation is October 31st and all classes that reach this goal will receive a Pizza Party.

You can use your credit card in the office or on the website (however we kindly request that you add the 2% fee to cover our costs) or you can write a check. *Please write Pledge Drive on your check so we know what it is for and place in an envelope (also labeled Pledge Drive) in the Fundraising mailbox.

If you make a **donation of \$500 or more by September 30th** you'll receive a free limited edition Zippered Padfolio with the GICS logo embossed on the front. If you plan to donate on a monthly basis and your total will be \$500 or more you are eligible for the Padfolio now. If you have already donated \$500 or more and you have not yet received your Padfolio please email Biggi Schilcher bs@ontera.com



Introducing the Westside Pavilion School Cents Program: - It's easy to help GICS earn money. Just shop and log receipts from any of Westside Pavilion's stores and restaurants between September 15, 2010 and May 15, 2011. GICS will earn five points per dollar with lots of additional bonus point

opportunities. Receipts can be logged at Guest Services anytime during the program. Remember to tell your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to log their receipts. Anyone can support GICS in the School Cents program. If you log your receipts between now and the end of September we will receive double points! For more information please email our School Cents Coordinator Marisol Orozco: orozcomarisol@yahoo.com

Fundraising/Community Events Meet & Greet – Thursday, October 14th - We will have another Meet & Greet with the Fundraising and Community Events team after the next Pastries with the Principal. Enjoy coffee and pastries and learn more about how you can get involved. We will also be discussing the upcoming Fundraising and Community Events. For more information contact Fundraising Co-Chairs Christine Thompson Thompson.christined@gmail.com or Biggi Schilcher bs@ontera.com or Community Events Chair Natalie Kurtz natalie@kurtzworld.com



Oktoberfest Fundraiser at Old World Village – Friday October

29th, 7:00-11:30pm Join other GICS families for this ‘adults-only’ event in

Huntington Beach at the Old World Village Oktoberfest. The cost is \$45 per person and includes a coach transfer to and from GICS, admission to Oktoberfest, dinner and live entertainment. Tickets will be on sale from September 29th –October 1st and October 4th –October 6th at both drop off and pick up. For more information or to help with ticket sales please contact the Chair Katja Jahn makausa@makausa.com *Nothing to wear? Purchase an authentic dirndl or lederhosen from www.lederhosen4u.com and 30% of the proceeds go back to GICS.



International Dinner Club – Chalet Edelweiss in October:

We are gearing up for our first Dinner Club month in October at Chalet Edelweiss, owned by one of our very own GICS families. Visit Chalet Edelweiss any time in October and GICS will receive a percentage of the proceeds. Just let them know that you are a GICS family so you can fill out the GICS Dinner Club ticket. Guten Appetit! If you have questions contact Carol Earle the Chair of International Dinner Club prosystemson@yahoo.com



Community Supported Agriculture CSA – Tanaka Farms:

If you would like to receive fresh and locally grown fruit and veggies once a week and raise money for GICS then look no further. Order a box for \$30(or share one) and a portion goes directly to our school. Delivery is once a week on Thursday mornings at 10:00am (location to be determined). Please contact the Chair of our CSA program Kendall Severson to find out the details kendallsev@gmail.com.



Earthquake Kits - You should have recently received a letter outlining how to put together an earthquake kit for your child. Please note:

- 1) IF you made and turned in a kit last year THERE IS NO NEED TO MAKE ANOTHER--Some classrooms gave them back to parents over the summer so these kits just need to be returned to the new classroom teacher. Kits that remained at school have already been moved to the correct classroom.
- 2) IF you have a kit from a previous school, you can update supplies and turn into current teacher.
- 3) IF you need to put a kit together you can do so on your own with provided list (this list should be going up on website as well)--or--buy a pre-made one from emergency cafe--The Earthquake committee is working on getting a discounted price for these and will have cost and an order form by the end of September. Please note that if you choose this option it is still important to provide a family photo/comfort note. * If COST is a concern please know that these kits can be made inexpensively with a black garbage bag, a few granola bars, 2 water bottles, a family photo...it is a bonus to have a light stick and small change of underwear/long sleeve top but not necessary. Everything should fit in a gallon size Ziploc bag.

We would like to thank all of you in advance for helping us get the emergency preparation taken care of by the end of OCTOBER. After this there will be no need to do anything else. Each classroom will be equipped with a 5 gallon potty bucket and basic first aids supplies, food and water that can be used in an emergency, such as an earthquake or a lock-down situation (where students are not allowed to leave the building/classroom for safety reasons-this can include police activity in the larger neighborhood). If you still have questions please contact maureensautter@yahoo.com or annechristine.witzgall@gmail.com .