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# Green Street School News



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*We support each student's intellectual, physical, social and emotional development through meaningful, challenging experiences. We foster healthy relationships which create a safe and caring environment that will sustain lifelong learners, creative thinkers and responsible citizens.*

Nurse Julia getting a Covid-19 vaccination

Please refrain from cross-state travel, unless you are traveling for an essential need such as employment, child care, custodial parent visits, medical care, or purchase of essential items. Also--continue your diligence in wearing masks, staying socially distant, and hand washing. [cross state travel map and guidance](#)

## Straight from the Gecko ~ January 7, 2021

### Second Semester Changes

The Windham Southeast School District (WSESD) begins Semester 2 on January 27th. That's a Wednesday, and of course it's a remote day for all students. The following day, Thursday, January 28th, will bring schedule changes. That's when our hybrid students start coming to school four days a week.

At Green Street School, our smallest classroom size is 7 students, and our largest classroom size is 14 students. That means we have plenty of room in each classroom to keep students appropriately distanced throughout the day.

Teachers will continue to emphasize opportunities for outdoor learning, as well as providing technological training to students in case we have to go back to remote learning. As always, they will also focus on social emotional skill building, as well as grade-level expectation achievement in literacy, math, science, and more.

This year, many students have flourished, while others have struggled mightily. The staff of Green Street School is committed to providing individualized, thoughtful teaching to meet each student where they are at. We will continue this journey as a community. Parents, your commitment to your children's education has perhaps never been more valued.

Events in Washington D.C. may have children feeling worried. Our teachers are thoughtfully acquiring materials to address current events with respect for various viewpoints and age appropriate communication. Among many resources, here are a couple that you may wish to access at home.

[Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#)

**Also, PBS.org provides this discussion activity prompt:**

1. **What** events took place on Wednesday at the nation's Capitol building?
2. **Who** was involved in the insurrection? Who was affected as a result of the safety breach?
3. **Why** did Trump supporters forcefully disrupt the counting of the electoral votes?
4. **When** and **where** did the insurrection take place?
5. **How** will the insurrection affect how the public views President Trump? How about Republicans who objected to the counting of the Electoral College, certifying Biden as the next president? How do you view Trump as a result of his actions yesterday and throughout his presidency?



GSS Staff members are exploring race, equity, and diversity. We invite you to join us in exploration. There is a lot of excellent material out there, to help start difficult conversations. Here is a very short piece, for example, that can lead to further discussion.

Candid Talk On Race, Privilege And Being White | NBC News

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NPGXpoR5VV0&list=PLs1tg83RTOY7aNPkrHxng5YLRAiCo4dlU>

**Invitation from Miss Shannon: I wanted to share information about a couple of trainings currently being**

offered by the Diversity and Resiliency Institute of El Paso. These trainings are completely asynchronous, self-paced, and FREE (though you can get CEUs at a very low cost). I did the Anti-Racism training during the summer, and it consisted largely of videos, with a few reflection questions in each of the 3 modules. I recommend checking these out if you are interested in building your knowledge base around Anti-Racism or LGBTQ+ Allyship:

<https://www.driep.org/anti-racism-training>

<https://www.driep.org/lgbtq-training>

Starting the Second Semester, Explained

**JANUARY 2021**

Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	Vacation	Vacation	Vacation	Vacation	1 New Year's Day -no school-	2
3	4 EVERYONE FULLY REMOTE	5 EVERYONE FULLY REMOTE	6 EVERYONE FULLY REMOTE	7 EVERYONE FULLY REMOTE	8 EVERYONE FULLY REMOTE	9
10	11 M/T Hybrid	12 M/T Hybrid	13 Remote Day for all	14 Th/F Hybrid	15 Th/F Hybrid	16
17	18 MLK Jr.Day -no school-	19 M/T Hybrid	20 Remote Day for all	21 Th/F Hybrid	22 Th/F Hybrid	23
24	25 In-Serv. -no school-	26 In-Serv. -no school-	27 Remote Day for all	28 Semester 2 4-Day Hybrid or Fully Remote Begins	29 Semester 2 4-Day Hybrid or Fully Remote	30
31	FEB 1 4-Day Hybrid or Fully Remote	2 4-Day Hybrid or Fully Remote	3 Remote Day for all	4 4-Day Hybrid or Fully Remote	5 4-Day Hybrid or Fully Remote	6

**SECOND SEMESTER BUSSING**

While we don't encourage school bussing this year, if your family requires it, you MUST REGISTER (or re-register, even if your child already takes the bus). [Register here](#). Or call 802-490-2817

**LEADERSHIP COUNCIL / PTO**

This group meets monthly on the 1st Monday of the month at 6:00pm, and YOU are invited to join any or all meetings!

Can't make it? The minutes of the meeting are available to view on our website. Here's the link!

[GSS Leadership Council/PTO](#)



Please check the [Green Street School Website](#) for calendar items, zoom links, Covid 19 updates, and links to lots of useful information.

[Greenstreetschoolvt.com](https://www.greenstreetschoolvt.com)

**School Board Meetings**

Our families and community members are always invited to attend School Board Meetings.

Meeting agendas and minutes can always be found at <https://www.wsesu.org/school-boards.html>

**WSESD** = Windham Southeast Supervisory District (includes all public schools in Brattleboro, Dummerston, Guilford and Putney.

**WSESU** = Windham Southeast Supervisory Union (includes all of the above schools plus Vernon)

The Vermont Health Department's website offers a lot of clearly outlined community resources, from housing and food resources to suggestions for how to help our neighbors.

In particular, there are helpful links to Hunger-Free Vermont, Vermont Foodbank and WIC.

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/your-community>