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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 Notes:



Non-essential travel to and from Vermont requires quarantine.

The VT state travel map has been updated and shows an increasing spread of red counties surrounding Vermont, including the counties of Greenfield, MA and Keene, NH. 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 of note is the daily rise in numbers of Covid cases in Vermont--continue your diligence in wearing masks, staying socially distant, especially when socializing in groups, and hand washing. [cross state travel map and guidance](#)

Be in touch with any questions,

~Nurse Julia

Straight from the Gecko ~ November 19, 2020

PRINCIPAL'S POST

Once again, Green Street School will be participating in our local food drive **Project Feed The Thousands**. In years past our student council has taken on this important initiative however this year it will be led by our 6th graders.

Over the years Project Feed The Thousands has made a significant difference in our community supporting many people in need, and along the way the students of Green Street School and many other schools in our community have become a prominent figure in this food drive. This drive has become another opportunity for our students to see that no matter what age they are they can make a difference in our community.

Please join our 6th graders in helping make a difference in our community!

With next week being just a two-day week, there won't be a newsletter. So I will take this opportunity to express my heartfelt wishes that our school community will take all recommended safety measures during the Thanksgiving holiday. This year, Thanksgiving may be smaller, and will surely include a 2020 twist on family traditions. I hope you will make arrangements for fresh air, walks in the woods, and quality time with your immediate household.

Mark V. Speno



**Family Forum
Thursday,
November
19th at
6:00-7:00pm**

We will be offering another Family Forum to talk about managing student work during remote learning time. This will be an opportunity for parents to share successes around remote learning and scheduling. We will have our remote teaching staff available to facilitate and share ideas. Come if you have some great ideas to share or if you need some inspiration. Please join us!! [Family Forum Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 872 0511 4944 Passcode: 9HDdNY

PLEASE NOTE: THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR HAS BEEN UPDATED, AS OF OCTOBER 8, 2020. [Click here for the real school calendar!](#)

Please note that the Thanksgiving Holiday vacation days are

**Wednesday - Friday,
Nov. 25-27.**

There IS school on Monday &

**Tuesday,
Nov. 23-24.**

(This is different from recent years.)



OPT In for TEXTING! We have a new family communication tool. When we have brief, important messages, such as "School Cancelled" or "Early Release reminder" we can now TEXT YOU, using our robo-call system. BUT... you must **opt-in** before this will work for you. You may opt-in from your mobile phone now.

Just send "Y" or "Yes" to 67587. Note, you can "opt out" at any time.



GREEN STREET SCHOOL STORE IS OPEN NOW ... BUT FOR A SHORT TIME ONLY!

(We hope to have all orders placed by November 22nd, and have items delivered to us before our December vacation days begin)

[Click here to view GSS Swag items in a variety of colors, and place your order online.](#)

This link is also available directly from the homepage of our website: www.greenstreetschoolvt.com



Staff Updates

Each school within The Windham Southeast School District has an Equity and Diversity Teacher Leader, to support continued learning and growth opportunities for our staff. We intend to make our schools ever more inclusive, through communication, education, and action.



At GSS, our staff meets monthly to discuss challenging topics in a safe environment. This month, we plan to deconstruct common myths about "The First Thanksgiving". Using literature resources from Abenaki educator Judy Dow, we are applying critical thinking to reconsider the stories we teach children about history of our nation's Thanksgiving Holiday.

CHARACTER MATTERS
INTEGRITY MATTERS
HUMILITY MATTERS
DECENCY MATTERS
KINDNESS MATTERS
MORALITY MATTERS
HUMANITY MATTERS

Our children
are watching...



School staff throughout Vermont have been selected for Covid-19 surveillance testing as part of a larger public health strategy. School staff represent a large group of individuals in an organized setting who are proportionally distributed throughout Vermont and reflect the makeup of our communities. This makes school staff an ideal population to provide a clear, statewide picture of COVID-19 activity. By choosing to participate in this testing, our staff intend to be a part of helping all Vermonters in the fight against COVID-19.

Psst.... Please check the Green Street School Website for calendar items, zoom links, Covid 19 updates, links to useful information.
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From the Health Department:

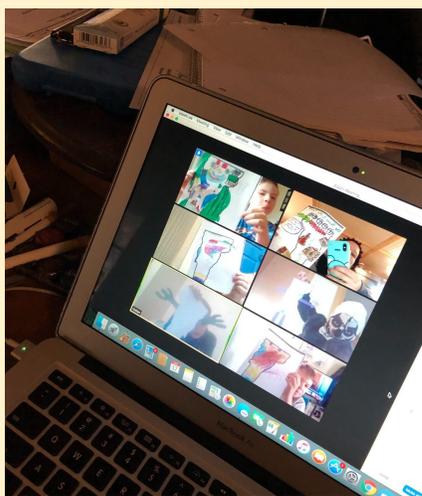
UPDATE Vermont is seeing a significant surge of new COVID-19 cases across the state. Starting November 14, 2020, [Governor Scott's Executive Order](#) prohibits gatherings with people from other households. This includes both inside and outside gatherings, and in public and private spaces. People who live alone may gather with members of their immediate family living in a different household. Additionally, the Health Department strongly advises against non-essential travel, even within Vermont. Any non-essential travel to and from Vermont requires quarantine.

Let's do our best to take care of each other.

- Nurse Julia



Mrs. Millerick's first graders potted lemon balm from the garden to bring home today. This is part of the "Growing together" project, a Building a Positive Community partnership, which we started this summer for families to grow herbs at home on their windowsills.



Paraeducator Ms. Edna zoomed with students while they presented their "Vermontster" creations to each other.



Lilly in the garden. Everyday, our students have outdoor time to explore and learn.