



Greenwich/Stow Creek Schools

Newsletter



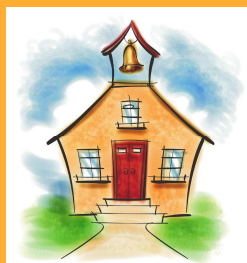
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DATES

- February 3 - Staff In-service/No School for Students
- February 14th - Valentine's Day
- February 17th and 20th - President's Day Weekend - No School
- February 29th thru March 2nd - MGS Book Fair/Read Across America *information to follow*
- March 21st - MGS Spring Concert
- March 31st - Historic Greenwich Education Foundation Auction and "Ye Greate Street Live"



Happy New Year!

As we embark on yet another calendar year, we find ourselves stepping into an exciting future for the Greenwich/Stow Creek Partnership. Looking back to this time last year we were beginning to make use of technology more and more with the implementation of computers into the classroom. Jump ahead to now, we have a large array of technological advances that enhance education and help transform each classroom into a 21st century learning environment. These advancements include a fully integrated all in one computer tracking system that streamlines grade reporting, teacher websites, student discipline,

and curriculum. Smart boards and projectors in each classroom that not only make learning fun and more interactive but enhance lessons by bringing worldwide lesson examples directly into the classroom.

All of these advancements would not have been possible without the tremendous support and understanding from the Boards of Education, staff, students, and most importantly you; the community and parents of our wonderful students.

In conclusion, we are looking forward to 2012 to be just as productive as 2011 with advancements in areas of curriculum and instruction. Thank you for your continued support and have a happy and safe New

Data Driven Decision Making

The name of the game is student achievement! Student achievement is tracked by data. Teachers, principals, and administrators collect and analyze various types of data to guide a range of decisions to help improve the success of students and schools. One of the most prevalent types of data is NJASK scores.

Each May every student in the state of New Jersey in grades 3-8 takes the NJASK test. These scores are reported back to districts in the summer. Normally districts take this information and share it with the staff beginning each

year and that data is continually referenced throughout the year.

This year we have acquired a helpful program through on-course that gives the ability to build reports from various data. Oncourse's Students Stats system allows teachers to focus on specific skills and areas of instruction that need improvement for individuals and groups of students. This data can also point out new avenues for development of curriculum and instruction. ♦



NEW CRAFTS CLUB

Mrs. Carll-Simon is excited to offer a monthly after school crafts club to Greenwich-Stow Creek Students. There is no fee; the only thing that you have to bring is your creativity. Most of the workshops will be Holiday-themed with our first workshop titled "Lovely Crafts from the Heart".

The workshops will be held after school from 2:30 – 4:00 in the respective art rooms. If you are interested please contact your child's school for a sign-up form. Parents will be responsible for arranging transportation. Any questions? Feel free to call Mrs. Carll-Simon at 455-1717.

Basketball Schedule

The girls and boys basketball teams will be participating in the Hopewell Hawk Tournament at Hopewell. The dates are as follows:

Tues. Jan 31 vs. Hopewell Boys 6:00 p.m., Girls 7:15

Wed. Feb 1 vs. Myron Powell Girls 6:00 p.m., Boys 7:15

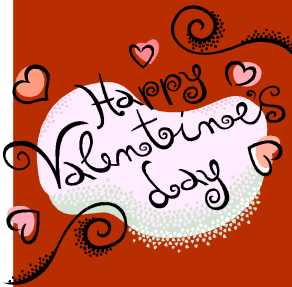
Thurs. Feb 2 - Championship Game - Teams TBA

South Jersey Youth Band Selection

Congratulations to **Chase Rook** on being chosen for the South Jersey Band and Orchestra. Chase was selected out of hundreds of students from all over south jersey for First Chair in his section. We wish him good luck in his upcoming performances.

School News

January is National Hobby Month! It is not too late to start enjoying a new hobby or restart an old one that you haven't done in a while.



In addition to Black History Month, February is also Children's Dental Health Month. For healthy teeth and gums, and fewer cavities, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children only drink milk or water between meals, instead of other beverages.

Holiday Workshop

This year's annual holiday workshop was held at the Morris Goodwin School. During the third week in December students were able to choose from a wide variety of gifts for their entire families. Students from the Stow Creek School and The Morris Goodwin School were turned loose on a room full of merchandise ranging from Christmas Ornaments to tools and other household products. It was a great time enjoyed by all who participated. We are looking forward to an even bigger selection for next year's workshop. Please contact a PTO member if you would like to help out.



Kindergarten Round - Up!

Parents it's that time to start getting your little ones ready for kindergarten! It is never too early to start preparing for one of the most important events in your child's life. So if you have a child or know someone that has a child that is turning 5 on or before October 1, 2012 contact the Morris Goodwin School at (856) 451-5513 or check www.morrisgoodwinschool.org for more information.

Holiday Concerts



This December the families and communities of Greenwich and Stow Creek were treated to four wonderful performances by the vocal and instrumental groups from The Morris Goodwin School and The Stow Creek School. Each group was able to perform one afternoon performance and one evening performance for their families, classmates, and communities.

On December 15th, The Morris Goodwin Students under the direction of Mrs. Lynn Harris gave enjoyable performances at each grade level as well as some terrific individual performances on the piano between the class performances. The concert culminated with an ensemble performance that included the MGS Chorus and the entire student body.

The following week on the 21st of December the Stow Creek Students took the stage. Under the direction of Mrs. Charlotte Chroniger the students showed their talents by singing and playing an array of different instruments. The program was highlighted by the senior and junior bands, guitar group, hand chimes choir, individual and group vocal performances reciting holiday classics for the crowd to enjoy. There were even some opportunities for crowd participation.

Overall the communities of Stow Creek and Greenwich enjoyed the performances thanks to two of the greatest music teachers, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Chroniger. We are looking forward to next year!



Classroom News

The Greenwich/ Stow Creek Partnership



Mrs. Wible's Third Grade
Swimmers

Kindergarten News: The Kindergarten class is working extra hard at improving their behavior. Along with their "Caught Doing Something Good" students are earning behavior cards. When a student reaches the white card level they receive a special call home. We can't give away the secret but we can say, parents, stay close to your phones!

1st Grade News: The first graders are working hard on addition facts, reading, and learning about different forms of transportation. They are also trying to fill their marble jar by following directions and being kind....when the jar is full....they will have a celebration!!

2nd Grade News: The second grade is taking steps in the right direction by learning about resolutions and making their own. However, they are finding out that the hardest part is keeping them! They also celebrated National Hobby Month by sharing their hobbies and learning about new ones from their "Grandfriends".

3rd Grade News: Third grade has had eight wonderful weeks of swimming lessons at Wave Maker Pool. They have become great swimmers! They swam, dove, floated, and splashed away. It was a fun time! Now it's time to continue learning times tables and cursive handwriting as well as becoming fantastic writers.

4th Grade News: Fourth Graders have been learning about the Lenape Indians. Through their studies they have learned some interesting facts. For example the Lenape traveled to the Jersey Shore in the summer months to collect clams and oysters just like

today. In Science they are learning about invertebrates and invertebrates. Finally in Math they are learning about elapsed time through studying the number of daylight hours.

5th Grade News: The fifth grade did a great job with spirit week by being the leading classes in participation. They received a Pizza Party for the spectacular effort.

Science News: 6th grade students are understanding cell reproduction which includes Mitosis (my-toe-sis) and meiosis (my-oh-sis). DNA is next on the list of topics to study. 7th grade - Students are understanding plate tectonics and the theories behind how our enormous land masses are moving. They will also be able to describe what causes earthquakes and volcanoes.

8th grade - 8th graders have been busy studying the wondrous Periodic Table of Elements. Currently, they are understanding the differences between motion, speed, acceleration, inertia, velocity, & momentum. Next they will understand all that pertains to Isaac Newton and his 3 Laws of Motion.

Math News: The 7th grade students did a "Stretching and Shrinking Unit" where they explored what it means for two shapes to be mathematically similar. After exploring these concepts, students picked a cartoon character and stretched it by applying a coordinate rule to their original points. The results were great. The 8th

grade students explored iterations and fractals in nature. One of the fractals they explored was a Koch snowflake. Through their studies the students were able to create Koch snowflakes of their own and color them. They along with the 7th grade projects are displayed in the hallway. Feel free to stop by and take a look!

5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Special Areas: In music the students are preparing for the Spring musicals for MGS and SCS. Additionally band students are honing their skills for the spring talent show. In gym the Morris Goodwin School students have been having fun using games to improve their large muscle skills and endurance in gym classes. Some of the activities are bean bag games, gator ball games, basketball lead up activities, and throwing and catching scooter games. Children have been having fun while improving useful skills. At Stow Creek most students are on track to the Walk/Run to Ocean City. Each student needs 180 laps to be eligible for the trip. Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. Wangstrom would like to remind students to dress warm for the winter months especially for gym and recess.

CLASS NEWS

After months of selling Joe Corbi's Pizza we are happy to report that the 8th grade has raised enough money for their Washington, D.C. Trip in May. Great job 8th grade!

FEBRUARY 2012

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| 5 | 6 Report Cards | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
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| 19 | 20 No School | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 MGS Bookfair | | | |

Schedule of Events

- } Feb. 3 Teacher In-Service - School Closed
- } Feb. 6 2nd MP Report Cards Sent Home
- } Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
- } Feb. 17 & 20 President's Day Weekend - School Closed
- } Feb. 29 - Mar. 2 MGS Book Fair

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ March 2nd Read Across America Day
- ⇒ March 21st MGS Spring Musical
- ⇒ March 31st "Ye Greate Street Live"
- ⇒ April 3rd SCS Spring Musical/Talent Show
- ⇒ April 30th-May 11th NJASK Testing Grades 3 through 8.



Morris Goodwin School Recycles

We are proud to announce that the Morris Goodwin School is the first school in Cumberland to recycle milk cartons! In addition to milk cartons we have started collecting juice pouches! Thanks to the help of one of our kindergarten parents Mrs. Rachael Orr, we have collected 172 juice pouches in just over a month. By recycling juice pouches we are able to raise money for the school.

So keep sending in those pouches!