



GREEN PARK LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Faithfully Equipping the Next Generation

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“Rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.” Colossians 2:7

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Winter!

Were you wishing for cold weather or snow? As we get our first real taste of winter I have a few reminders for you concerning winter issues at Green Park Lutheran School.

School closing for inclement weather: If we need to close school, the announcements will occur on **T.V. Channel 4, KMOV and Channel 5, KSDK**. Both channels also have online listings which are quicker and more convenient. Mrs. Pfund will post the closing announcement on our website and email also as time permits. **In our area, the amount of snow is not always the main determiner of road conditions, the timing of the storm, the road temperature, and the road treatment are larger issues. Remember, you make the final decision on safety for you and your children, not the principal, MODOT, or IDOT. Perfect attendance is not worth a visit to the hospital.**

Cold Weather Recess: We generally will go outside for some recess time unless the wind chill index is zero degrees Fahrenheit or lower. Teachers will use their discretion when it is close to zero wind chill. Please send your child with proper clothing to go outside under these conditions. Many studies have been conducted and current research supports this policy. Enjoy God's gift of climate variety.

Blessings,

Gary Spieler, Principal

NO SCHOOL – MONDAY - JANUARY 16

Classes will not be held on Monday, January 16, as we observe the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Classes will resume Tuesday, January 17.

EAT AT SMUGALA'S PIZZA - JANUARY 17

Come out this Tuesday January 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Smugala's Pizza Pub on Watson Road. Smugala's will donate 20% of the total food sales generated by our supporters to Green Park! Join us for lunch or dinner and mention Green Park! Flyers are included with the Green Sheet this week to share with your family, friends and neighbors but are not needed! Just mention Green Park and we earn 20% all day! We hope to you there!

ACADEMIC HONORS

The following students in 5th-8th Grade will be recognized and awarded in Chapel on Wednesday, January 25, at 8:30 a.m. for their First Semester Academic Achievement. Congratulations!

Highest Honors: Josh Bohall, Sophia Cook, Cade Fournie, McKenna Glaub, Brooke Harmon, Ashley Harness, Tori Harrison, Jenna Hertlein, Emma Hopfer, Emma Lind, Allison Maschhoff, Dani Mertens, Abbie Meyer, Meredith Meyer, Korinne Roberts, Katherine Ruch, Jennifer Stroups, Andrew Torbeck

High Honors: Sarah Baese, Elizabeth Bartels, Samantha Brinkmann, Courtney Chitwood, Eli Cunningham, Maggie Federhofer, Abby Frankenreiter, Tanner Glaub, Jason Ha, Alex Hammon, Maddie Horn, Jake Hummel, Ashley Hummert, Veronica Koppang, Claudia Lappe, Lindsay Miller, Paige Miller, Mitchell Moellenhoff, John Morse, Mitchel Pagano, Noah Peterson, Anna Renner, Braden Rowe, Max Schiller, Analise Schuler, Max Steib, Ben Zaretzky

Honors: Adam Cook, Medford Darnell, Caroline Derryberry, Emily Frankenreiter, Sean Freihaut, August Hummert, Courtney Kolnik, Brandon LaBarbera, Sam Lombard, Aidan McMurry Nicole Morse, Monica Obradovic, Katie Sabo, Brendan Shawcross, Allie Steinbach, Ben Wantland, Shelly Wientge, Jessica Wuerffel, John Yaeger

EARLY ENROLLMENT NOW THROUGH JANUARY 20

Thank you for choosing Green Park for your children! Just a friendly reminder that early enrollment is due by January 20th. What does this mean? It means it's only \$100 to enroll now through the 20th but \$200 after the 20th. Forms are available online under admissions "2012 2013 forms" or are in the school office.

SPELLING BEE CHAMPION

Congratulations to Adam Cook (8H) our 2012 Spelling Bee Champion and Runner-up, Kayla Berner (7BR). Adam will now advance to a Spelling Bee held at Maryville University. Good luck Adam! Congrats to all participants!

D.A.R.E. ESSAY WINNERS

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons taught in 5th Grade at Green Park. Led by Officer Kathy Kelly, D.A.R.E. is more than just drug prevention education; it teaches students good decision making skills to help them avoid high-risk behavior to ensure they grow up healthy, safe and secure. Our 5th grade class successfully completed their studies and their graduation was held this past Thursday at school. Congratulations to our 5th Grade class for their hard work and dedication! We congratulate our Essay Winners; Sophia Cook (1st Place), August Hummert (2nd Place), Melanie Anderson (3rd Place), and Honorable Mention - Abbie Meyer and Aaron Pagano.

WHO'S AT YOUR TABLE?

The auction is fast approaching. Who's at your table? Invitations will be sent next week for the February event. Start thinking about your table of 10 for a fun night out! For advance information or a glimpse, visit www.greenparklutherschool.org/auction.

EVERYONE CAN HELP

Did you know? When you pay tuition your money goes to teacher's salaries, heat, lights, etc. When you're part of the auction, your money goes to curriculum updates and technology for our children. You don't have to be a huge donor or high roller to help out. Here are a few ideas - how can you be involved?

1. Donate a small gift card, game or household item for our silent auction.
2. Attend an auction meeting - next up: Monday, January 23 - 7 p.m.
3. Plan to attend the auction. Get a group together and make it a fun night!
4. Invite grandparents. Email their address , we'll send them an invite: kelly.pfund@greenparklutherschool.org.
5. Volunteer that night. Don't want to sit? Help out! We'll need help in several areas and would love any extra hands.
6. Sell the raffle tickets. More are available in the school office. Our next raffle drawing will be at the end of January. For every 20 tickets sold, your student's name will be entered for a chance to win (1) of (3) \$20 Target cards.
7. Items! Items! Items! We need items! Our newest contest is to bring in 100 Auction Items by **Tuesday, January 17**. If our school can achieve this awesome goal, everyone will receive a treat from Ted Drewes.
8. Look for Volunteer Opportunities for the Auction coming home next week!

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Let's not keep Green Park one of south county's best kept secrets. Share the great news! Know of someone who might consider Christian education? Invite them to a meet & greet to tour our campus and learn more.

Wednesday, January 18, 8:30 chapel, 9:00-10:30 am tours/coffee
To RSVP or for a private tour contact: Katy Schmitt
katy.schmitt@greenparklutherschool.org

BOX TOP CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to Miss Torbeck's Kindergarten Class! They are our Winter Box Top Winners, collecting 1,928 Box Tops! Their class will receive a Papa John's Pizza Party! Final classroom totals: Huster 50, Rusert 108, Hesse 144, Rueckert 175, Schiller 206, Prange 359, Gieseke 443, Stenbeck 769 and Meyer 999. Total Box Tops collected for this contest: 5,329 = \$532.90. Total money earned from Box Tops this school year \$1,196.40! Great job everyone! Schnucks is offering the following Box Top Bonus: Get 50 Bonus Box Tops when you purchase any 10 Box Top for Education Products in a single visit between January 15-24. Look for our next contest to begin in the next few weeks!

GROW Program - WINTER SESSIONS UPDATE

There are still spots open for all Winter GROW sessions. Current enrollment is: Theater Arts (5), Engineering (0), Video Game Animation (3), Robotics (5) and Watercolors (8). Encourage your friends to sign up- we need at least 6 students in each session for it to be held. Registration deadline is Tuesday, January 17 (forms can be found on the GPLS webpage). Please note the following changes: Wonders of Watercolor: will not meet on Feb 10 (early release) - meet instead on Feb 24. Video Game Animation: Day of week change - now being held on Wednesdays- session starts January 25. If you have any questions, please contact Ashlyn Cunningham at acunningham@maryville.edu or 314-849-0068.

SCRIP NEWS

A scrip order form is included with the Green Sheet this week. Please use this order form for your Great Lakes Scrip order. The order deadline is next Friday, January 20, with a delivery date of January 27. This will be the last chance to order gift cards for Dinner Auction on February 10. We would appreciate if you would consider the auction when placing your order! Future order dates will be posted on the Green Park website soon. A reminder that once the remaining inventory of Wal-mart cards in the school office is sold, they will only be available to order through Great Lakes Scrip. We welcome our new Scrip Coordinator, Sara Hopfer. Profit balance sheets through 12/31/11 for each family will be coming home soon with the oldest child. If you would like your balance sooner, please e-mail Sara at sara.hopfer@att.net. If you have any other general scrip questions, please contact Sara. At this time, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to Beth Berner who did a great job as the previous Scrip Coordinator. Thanks, Beth, for your wonderful service to Green Park!

MARKET DAY

February Market Day flyers are available in the school office! Order sheets are due to the office by Friday, January 20 with Internet orders due by 11:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 25. Market Day pick-up is Tuesday, January 31, from 3:00-4:00 pm in Room #201 in the Elementary Wing. If you have any questions regarding our Market Day program, please contact Debbie Wolf at 772-1640 or Cynthia Truemper at 845-1888.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS FOR GREEN PARK

Are you a Thrivent Financial for Lutheran policy holder? Eligible benefit members of Thrivent can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable outreach funds through Choice DollarsSM. Choice Dollars allows you to allocate funds to any non-profit program sponsored by Thrivent. Green Park is one of those non-profit organizations.

ACT NOW! Take these quick, easy steps to help direct your Choice Dollars:

1. Visit "Thrivent.com/thriventchoice" (If you prefer, you may also call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice".) If you are not already registered, you will need to do so before allocating your Choice Dollars.
2. Click on "Get Started" under the "How Do I Direct My Designated Choice Dollars?" Search for the organization (Green Park Lutheran School) to direct your designated amount of Choice Dollars for 2011. If you wish, you may also set up a recurring donation. 2011 Choice Dollars expire on March 31. Only you can help direct these designated Choice Dollars!! If you have any questions, contact Ann Anderson or Mark Torbeck.

EAST AFRICA DROUGHT - CAN YOU HELP?

East Africa is suffering the worst drought in 60 years. More than 11 million people are suffering with widespread food shortages. January and February chapel offerings will be going to Lutheran World Relief to help. Checks may be made to LCMS World Relief and Human Care.

STRETCH PROGRAM

If you live in the Mehlville School District and you are interested in your student participating in their STRETCH program for gifted learners please contact Mr. Spieler at gary.spierer@greenparklutherschool.org by January 13, for more information.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

1/16	NO SCHOOL - MLK, JR. Birthday
1/17	Twin Tacos or Burrito w/Cheese, Peas, Strawberry Applesauce
1/18	Lasagna w/Roll or BBQ Rib Sandwich, Green Beans, Jell-O
1/19	Chicken Nuggets w/Roll or Deli Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Cinnamon Apples
1/20	Chicken Quesadilla or Corn Dog, Corn, Mixed Fruit

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1/16	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
1/17	10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Eat & Earn @ Smugala's Pizza Pub
1/18	Logo/Dark Green Polo Shirt Day 8:30 a.m. Chapel 9:00-10:30 a.m. - Open House
1/20	Auction Dress Day
1/23	7:30 p.m. Jr. Winds Concert @ LHSS
1/24	1:15 p.m. Jr. Winds Perform @ Green Park
1/25	8:30 a.m. Chapel - First Semester Academic Recognition & Character Traits
1/26	12:30 p.m. Basketball Team Pictures
1/27	Spirit Day

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Viking Boys (A1) Basketball 7-8th

1/13-14	Tournament	@ Jeff City	TBA
1/17	Game	@ Zion	5:00
1/19	Game	vs. Westminster	5:30
1/21	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
1/23	Game	vs. Good Shepherd	5:30
1/24	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
1/26	Game	@ Salem, Affton	5:00

Viking Girls Basketball 5-6th

1/17	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30
1/20	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30
1/24	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30
1/26	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30
1/27	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30

Viking (B1) Boys Basketball 5-6th

1/13	Practice	Green Park	5:00-7:00
1/16	Practice	Green Park	5:00-6:30
1/19	Practice	Peace	5:00-6:30
1/20	Practice	Peace	5:00-7:00
1/23	Practice	Peace	5:00-7:00
1/26	Practice	Peace	5:00-6:30
1/27	Practice	Peace	5:00-7:00

Viking (B2) Boys Basketball 5-6th

1/13	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
1/17	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00
1/19	Practice	Gethsemane	3:30-5:00
1/20	Practice	Gethsemane	3:30-5:00
1/23	Practice	Peace	3:30-5:00
1/24	Practice	Peace	3:30-5:00
1/26	Practice	Green Park	3:30-5:00

CAMP WARTBURG TRIVIA NIGHT

Camp Wartburg's 2nd Annual Trivia Night is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, in the Dining Hall at Camp Wartburg with games beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tables of 8-10 @ \$10 per person. To reserve your table or for more information please contact theresa_thorburg@lcfcs.org or call 618-939-7715 ext. 11.

LHSS MOTHER'S CLUB - MOUSE RACES

Join us for the 4th Annual Lancer Mouse Races, Saturday, January 21, 7:30-10:30 at LHSS. Ticket prices are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple - R.S.V.P. by January 19. Ticket price includes entry fee, soda, water and light snacks. All proceeds benefit LHSS students and faculty! To register or for more information, contact Kati Meyer at 636-349-7798 or adjkmeyer@charter.net

GETHSEMANE PORK SAUSAGE DINNER

Come join us for our 58th Annual Pork Sausage Supper Sunday, February 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. All you can eat Pork Sausage or Roast Beef meal! Ticket prices are \$8.50 in advance or \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 5-12 (children 4 and under free). To purchase advance tickets, please contact Beth Berner at beth.berner@lhm.org or bernerbk@sbcglobal.net. We hope you will join us!