



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

Thank You! Danke! Gracias!

How ever you say it, next week we set aside a day where we give thanks to God for all he has provided for us. While we set aside this one day, we need to be reminded that every day should be a day of thanksgiving. God blesses us with everything, every day. With those thoughts in mind I want to encourage you to spend some time next week thanking God. At home, at church, as a U.S. citizen, as a slightly overweight American with lots of food, as a Christian saved by Jesus, you and I have so much to be thankful for.

We at Green Park also have a lot to be thankful for. There are some great things happening to promote our school and also to improve our school. I urge you to thank God for our school, teachers, and students. I also urge you to get involved and be a positive part of our improvements and changes.

Many of you completed our recent survey (s) and we thank you for that. We will use that information to help plan our future steps. We need your help and involvement to make our school an even better place for your children, the next generation. I'm reminded of an old saying, “In a ham and egg breakfast, the chicken is involved; the pig is committed.”

I'm thankful for your continued committment to Green Park Lutheran School.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving! Gary Spieler

GREAT NEWS!

The board has approved a brand new SMART table for the kindergarten classroom! It was ordered this week but may take WEEKS to receive. Created by the SMART company (maker of SMART Boards), the table is designed to be the best for early childhood learning.

BOX TOP CONTEST BEGINS TODAY

Our new Box Top Contest begins today and will run through Friday, December 16. Collection sheets are included with the Green Sheet this week. The class that collects the most Box Tops will receive a Pizza Party. The winning class will be announced when we return from Christmas Break! A few reminders when attaching your Box Tops; please glue or tape (no staples please.) If you have “Bonus Box Tops”, please send those in a baggie marked with the student name. Good luck to everyone!

NO SCHOOL- HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Green Park will not hold classes November 23-24, as we celebrate and give thanks with our families. Because of the shortened week, we will not be publishing a Green Sheet. Classes will resume on Monday, November 28. On behalf of the faculty and staff of Green Park Lutheran School, we wish everyone a blessed and relaxing Thanksgiving!

HE IS COMING - CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Are you ready? Tucked beneath the bows and wrapping paper is a special Christmas gift... the gift of Jesus! This year our Christmas story is “rooted” in the words of Isaiah and Luke as they take us to the “root” of Christmas, God’s Word. Our “getting ready” includes narratives, tableaus, violins and lots of singing by both choir AND people! We invite you to wrap yourself in colorful Christmas apparel, and join us for carols and pageant as we welcome the Savior! **“HE IS COMING”** will be presented by grades 3-5 on Friday, December 9, at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Come, get ready for Christmas!

2012-2013 EARLY ENROLLMENT COMING SOON

Thank you for your trust in us to guide and educate your children. We are already looking forward to faithfully equipping the next generation for 2012-2013. Enrollment information will be mailed home the week of November 29 to our current school families. Please be sure to note - Early Enrollment applications are \$100 till January 20. Those applications postmarked or received on or after January 21 are \$200.

PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES OPEN HOUSE

Know of a family considering Christian education? Invite them for a tour! Friday, January 6, 1:30 p.m., Green Park will host a prospective family meet & greet. We'll have parent-led tours, learn about our kindergarten curriculum and all about why Green Park is so special. When you pass along the great news of our ministry, families listen. For more information, GPLS admissions packets, register or to schedule private tours, contact Katy Schmitt, Admissions Counselor katy.schmitt@greenparklutheralschool.org.

YOU MIGHT WANT TO TAKE NOTICE

While it's easy to pass by auction updates and requests, you might want to take another glance. This year's auction goal is to raise \$75,000. When we reach this goal, we plan some exciting updates in curriculum, technology and overall school appearance. It's every 3 years - so let's roll up our sleeves and plan to help out!

AUCTION UPDATE

Save the Date! Friday, February 10, 2012 at Royale Orleans Banquet Center. As a reminder, if you submit an auction donation valued at \$25 or more that's turned in by November 30, your name will go into a drawing for a \$25 grocery certificate. Please send your item in by the end of this month to be included in the drawing! Raffle tickets were sent home with your child this week. Each child is encouraged to sell just 20 tickets, valued at \$1 each. Three tickets will be drawn the night of the auction. The 1st, 2nd & 3rd tickets will receive \$250, \$150 & \$100 respectively. Also, the student selling the most tickets will receive \$50 and the student selling the winning ticket will receive \$50. Finally, we are still looking for some 'big-ticket' items. Please consider how you can help in this regard.

DID YOU KNOW?

Green Park Lutheran School is one of the very few private schools in the area offering Balanced Literacy. While working on her Master's Degree at Webster University, our very own Mrs. Debbie Prange received additional certification as a Reading Specialist. Webster professors came to our school, and guided by Mrs. Prange and our reading teachers, helped build the reading library (off the admin hallway) and brought us up to speed. This program allows our teachers to meet each child at their own level. While it's hardly new news (it's been going on more than 5 years), it's a big deal when you consider what an added benefit it is to our children.

MARKET DAY

Don't forget! Market Day pick-up is next Tuesday, November 22, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. 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.

DECEMBER HOT LUNCH MENU

December Hot Lunch Menu is included with the Green Sheet attachments this week. The menu is located on our website and a few hard copies are available in the information center near the office.

MEHLVILLE OPTIMIST STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Brooke Harmon! Brooke has been awarded the *Mehlville Optimist Student of the Month Award* for November. This honor is awarded to students who show strong moral and civic character, and excel academically. Brooke will receive her award at a special recognition breakfast held at Gingham's Restaurant, along with her parents and Mr. Hesse, Wednesday, November 30.

PTO "EAT AND EARN NIGHT"

Our next Eat & Earn Night is Wednesday, December 21, from 4:00 p.m. to close at T.G.I. Friday's in South County. T.G. I. Friday's will donate 10% of the total food sales generated by our supporters to Green Park! **Flyers will be sent home in early December.** Don't forget to order your T.F.I. Friday's gift cards through Scrip, and earn money for your family and Green Park. Invite your family, friends and neighbors, and enjoy an evening without cooking! Thank you for your support!

SCRIP CORNER

Here are new Scrip bonuses and updates for this week.

Outback is offering a 2% bonus from Nov. 19 - Dec. 2.

You will receive 10%.

Land's End is offering a 2% bonus from Nov. 19 - Dec. 9. You will receive 18%.

CVS Pharmacy is offering 1% bonus from Nov. 19 - Dec. 9. You will receive 7%.

Honey Baked Ham is changing their denomination to \$25. The \$10 denomination is no longer available. The contribution remains at 12%.

Cheesecake Factory and Groupon are the newest retailers to join **ScripNow!** Contributions are the same as the gift cards. Check out the ShopWithScrip.com website for how easy this feature is to use. Remember that PrestoPay™ is the most convenient and secure way to pay for your ShopWithScrip orders. The convenience fee has been reduced to only \$.15 per order. The next Scrip order is due Friday, 12/2 with delivery scheduled for 12/9. You can download the [Current Order Form](#) and the [Faculty/Staff Wish List](#) on the website (click on Working Together/Scrip). If you have any questions, please contact Beth Berner, Scrip Coordinator, by email at scrip@greenparklutherschool.org.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

11/18	Spirit Day
11/22	Mid-Quarter 2
11/23-25	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
11/28	Classes Resume
12/2	PTO Hosts Teacher Break Day
12/5	7:00 p.m. PTO Auction Meeting
12/7	Faith Families
12/9	1:30 & 7:00 p.m. Grades 3-5 Christmas Musical
12/13	8:30 a.m. Geography Bee - Grades 4-8 7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting
12/16	Green Park Spirit Day
12/21	9:00 a.m. Christmas Assembly 11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal - Christmas Break Begins 4:00 p.m. to Close - Eat & Earn - T.G.I. Friday's End of 2nd Quarter Logo Shirt Day
12/22-1/3	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break
1/4	Classes Resume

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Viking Boys (A1) Basketball 7-8th

11/17-20	Tournament @ GS, Collinsville	TBA
11/18	Practice	Green Park 3:30-5:00
11/21	Practice	Green Park 3:30-5:00
11/22	Practice	Green Park 3:30-5:00
11/25	Practice	Green Park 10:00-12:00
11/28	Practice	Green Park 3:30-5:00
11/29	Game vs. St. John, Ellisville	5:00
12/1	Practice	Green Park 3:30-5:00
12/2-3	Green Park Invitational	TBA
12/5	Practice	Green Park 3:30-5:00
12/6	Game	@ IMSC 5:45
12/8	Practice	Green Park 3:30-5:00
12/9	Practice	Green Park 3:30-5:00
12/12	Practice	Green Park 3:30-5:00

OASIS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring pairs older adults with young children who have underdeveloped reading and language skills. These caring adults work one-on-one with students for about an hour each week as their tutors, mentors and friends. OASIS provides specialized training for volunteers through Lutheran Family & Children Services and is a weekly commitment. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Gary Spieler in the school office at 544-4248 as soon as possible! The next training session begins in January.

BOAR'S HEAD CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Please join us for the 17th season of the Boar's Head Christmas Festival, a 1300's medieval Christmas pageant celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ at Peace Lutheran Church, beginning Thursday, December 1, through Sunday, December 4. **Free tickets (limit 6 per person) are available on a first come, first serve basis by calling the church office at 892-5610.** Doors open one hour before each pageant. Additional information is on our website at www.peacelutheranstl.org.

LUTHERAN SOUTH HOSTS MUSIC CONCERTS

The Music Department at Lutheran High School South announces two Christmas events: Advent Band Concert, Saturday, December 10, 7:00 p.m. at Concordia Lutheran Church in Kirkwood and Christmas Choir Concert, Sunday, December 18, 7:00 p.m. in the Kuhlmann Center at LHSS. The community is invited to both performances.