



Photo of the Week: Everyone Learns, Everyone Teaches

This aspect of the GES educational approach has many different forms, from reading buddies, to science labs, to art projects, to playground games. This week, the Bear Cubs taught the rest of the school a new song, complete with lots of movements, in our all-school morning meeting. Thanks, Bear Cubs!

Thank You for Your Help!

Many thanks to regular volunteers Chris Callender, Lyle Gerard, Kevin Kager, and Lisa Walton for their support! A special thanks – and a “come back soon” – to Cheryl Johnson, who took time to visit during her rehabilitation from surgery to read to the Bear Cubs. Thanks, too, to this week’s Food Committee volunteers: Rob Wells, Megan Heikes, Kristin Blomberg, Angie Works, and Natalie Sobanja. Join the students for lunch Fridays at 11:30!

What’s Happening at GES:

Annual Meeting Spawns Sign-ups Thanks to all the folks who came out for this year’s Annual Meeting. For those who were not able to attend if you would like any information from the meeting please contact board chair Sara Hingos at saranate@boreal.org or Peter James at the school. Also, we have posted a sign-up sheet at the front entry with different areas of interest where GES needs your support to move forward. If you were not able to attend the meeting, check this out at the front desk next time you are at school. We appreciate your time!

The “Big 5” Now Appearing! Students know that with the arrival of snow comes outdoor fun, plus the need for the “Big 5”: Boots, Coat, Hat, Gloves/Mittens, and Snowpants! Children will be going outside and needing all of these to be safe and comfortable. If growing children have left you without outerwear that fits or with outerwear that no longer fits, please contact the school or drop off items so we can match up clothing and needs. Thank you!

Taking Extra Days? Please let us know. Given the distances many people have to travel for family get-togethers, it’s understandable that students will occasionally miss a day before or after a holiday weekend. In order that we can better plan for those days, please let us know ahead of time if you expect your child to be absent. While there may not be a way to make up what is missed, it will provide our teachers the best chance to meet student needs.

School Board sees Changes and Continuity The school board and officers elected at this year’s Annual Meeting may look familiar, but not quite the same. Remaining on the board, but switching roles are new chair Sara Hingos and vice-chair Jon Hedstrom. Community member Baiers Heeren is remaining Treasurer, with Susan Miller returning to the Secretary role. Members-at-large include returning board members Amanda Hand and Jeff Kern, along with new member Mary Haussner. The board is continuing to seek additional community board members.

LAST CALL FOR EQUAL EXCHANGE ORDERS! Please turn your orders in by NEXT MONDAY! Thank you!

New “Oral Health” Screening added to Vision and Hearing Checks, 11/21 & 11/22

Each year, GES provides vision and hearing screenings to all students at no cost. This year, thanks to support from the North Shore Health Care Foundation and local healthcare professionals, we will be adding an oral health screening as well. None of these screenings are full-fledged exams, but simply quick checks to determine if students should be referred for follow-up with a professional. Also, none of the information is shared outside the school, except with parents who receive a summary of their student’s results. Our plan is to provide all three screenings to students in the Fawns, Wolves, and Otters classrooms on Monday, November 21, with Bear Cub students and anyone absent on Monday screened on Tuesday, 11/22. ***Note: this is an optional activity. If you have questions or would like to have your child excluded, please contact the school. Thank you!***

Important Calendar Reminders (please call the school with any questions):

Health Screenings 11/21 & 11/22: Children will receive free vision, hearing, and oral screenings.

NO SCHOOL 11/24 & 11/25: There will be no school due to Thanksgiving. School resumes Monday, 11/28.

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