



Newsletter
February 18, 2011

Photos of the Week:

Once again we are celebrating the many ways that students, staff, and volunteers are *growing hearts and minds*. Check out some of these recent photos to see how GES's mission lives in our daily activities.



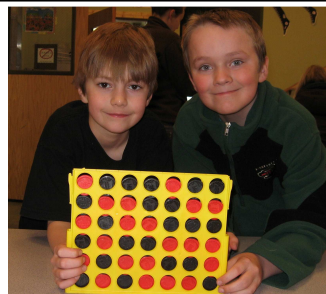
Finally! The Bear Cubs celebrated 100 days of school with a pajama day and 100 balloons. 100 days to study the calendar, count days, learn about place value, and practice patience!



Survivor, GES! Following their unit on winter survival, Moose students became the teachers, leading the Otters through key strategies and important skills (e.g. building a fire).



Working together, independently! Accelerated Reader is a system designed to support student independence in reading "just right" books. The Fawns are combining their efforts, represented as links of a paper chain, to reach a classroom goal.



It's a draw! We provide a variety of challenging games for students to play before classes start each day. One of the most beloved is "Connect 4". This week, for the first time anyone can remember, two players filled the entire grid without a winner: a tribute to the skills and strategies these students have developed.



Seeking knowledge & inspiration in the woods! Connecting students to their environment, making learning directly relevant, integrating different curricular disciplines, engaging a variety of learning styles, and sparking curiosity were all part of a hike the Wolves took to examine the woods in winter.

GES Mission Statement:

The mission of the school is to develop in each child:
a love of learning;
critical and creative thinking skills;
mastery of the academic building blocks;
the ability to nurture family, friends and self;
a strong commitment to being a contributing member of a community;
open-heartedness toward others;
and a passion for life-long learning.

Thank You for Your Help!

Thank you to this week's volunteers Hartley Acero, Karina Roth, Chris Callender, Amy James, Walt McCarthy, and Phyllis Olson for their on-going efforts in our classrooms and around the school. We appreciate the varied ways they work to support our students. Thanks, also, to this week's Food Committee volunteers: Fawn Smith, Karina Roth, Hartley Acero, Megan Peterson, Rob Wells, Alyssa Hedstrom, and Kate Fitzgerald. You all contribute so much!

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

NO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK - Mid-Winter Break 2/21 - 2/25 Enjoy your family! School resumes Monday, 2/28.
Forms Due March 4th! Open enrollment begins soon! Please return the form with your intentions for next fall!
Kindergarten Open House March 8th Families interested in kindergarten for next fall should join us 5:30 - 6:30.
Board Meeting March 15th: Community input is welcome at 3:30 (or via email anytime). Meeting begins at 4:00.

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