



Photo of the Week: C.A.R.E.S. in the B.W.C.A.W.

One of the most important manifestations of the GES mission is our focus on social and emotional development evidenced by the CARES qualities: Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy, and Self-Control. We teach these throughout the year and throughout the classrooms as skills essential to individual, relationship, and community health. This week, the three 8th grade Moose students practiced all of these during a three-day trip into the Boundary Waters. The trip was a culminating experience for the students, who reflected on their time at GES and prepared to share their thoughts at graduation. In addition to considering how the mission and people of GES affected them, they examined the CARES qualities and the role each played in the students' experience. The maturity they demonstrated during the cold, wet, and often cramped three days proved they have learned these well!

Thank You for Your Help!

WOW! Seeing so many of our volunteers in one spot at one time really put into perspective just how fortunate we are! Thanks to everyone who showed up and to those who couldn't make it to our Volunteer Celebration Potluck. Thanks, too, to the GES staff members who set-up, served-up, and cleaned-up so our volunteers could relax and enjoy the evening. A special thanks to Susan Miller for her coordination and communication efforts!

And how about all the volunteers who showed up to make the Greenhouse Sale and Pancake Breakfast a success? We'd like to highlight Howard and Joan Abrahamson for their generous donation of tomato, pepper, and other plants to supplement our own production. Thanks to Bob LaMetry who once again donated use of his large griddle for our Pancake Breakfast – it's been a part of all 5 events! We appreciate the efforts of Karina Roth, who led the Greenhouse work, and Jon Hedstrom, who headed up the Pancake team. Of course, they had lots of help, including Sue Butter, Sara Hingos, Karen Blackburn, Erica Marxen, Mike Schelmeske, Myra Theimer, Beckley Rumph, Noah Roth, Mike Roth, Robyn Ekroot, Rachel Murrin, Bump Blomberg, Lynn Abrahamson, Todd Miller, Susan Miller, Mike McMillan, Michael Garry, and Amanda Hand. Our apologies – and thanks - to anyone we missed! The event netted over \$5,000 this year! That's more than expected and helped us surpass this year's fundraising goal! Many of our regular volunteers continued to support our activities this week. Thanks to Hartley Acero, Gina Macy, Phyllis Olson, Chris Callender, and Lyle Gerard. And there's always a great effort from our Great Lunch volunteers. Helping out this week were Rob Wells, Megan Peterson, Angie Works, Alyssa Hedstrom, and Anna Sorensen. Thank you all for your time, energy, and commitment to GES! We couldn't do it without you!

Important Calendar Reminders (Please call the school with any questions.)

NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day Monday, 5/30 No school, in honor of our fallen veterans. School resumes Tue.

Bear Cubs & Otters to Grand Portage Wed, 6/1 Students will need a sack lunch and sturdy hiking shoes!

Fawns & Wolves to Chik-Wauk Museum Thu, 6/2 Again, a sack lunch and hiking shoes will be essential.

All-School Beach Day Friday, 6/3 Yes, the third sack lunch in a row! In this case, hiking shoes are optional.

Portfolio Night Tuesday, 6/7 This is a great event for the whole family, with students presenting an overview of their work during the year. Call the office to sign up for ½ hour sessions between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. We will have our Lost and Found out during this time. Please try to identify anything belonging to your student.

Graduation Thursday, 6/9 Join us at 11:00 to honor our graduates and stay for community lunch afterward.

Last (1/2) Day of School Friday, 6/10 There will be a noon dismissal on this day, with buses running about three hours earlier than normal. Lunch will not be served. All personal property needs to be taken home.

Next Board Meeting Tuesday, 6/21 Community input welcome at 3:30 or via email anytime; meeting at 4:00

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