



**Newsletter**  
**September 9, 2011**

## **Photo of the Week – Volunteers Welcome!**

Whether your talents are in the classroom, the yard, the board room, or the kitchen, **we need you!** GES was founded with a strong belief that only an engaged community of parents and volunteers could create the learning environment of their vision, one where students were surrounded by caring, knowledgeable, and encouraging adults who were committed to sharing themselves with the students. Your expertise and elbow grease make GES what it is. Thank you!



## **Thank You for Your Help!**

Summer is always too short to get everything on our To-Do list completed, but we wouldn't have made nearly the progress we did without some extra work by some fabulous volunteers! We'd like to recognize Al and Jan Healy for their extraordinary efforts to paint the bathrooms, weed the playground, and restore the front planting bed. We'd also like to thank Kristine Bottorff, Jeff Kern, Denise Martin, Mark Pedersen, Jerry Starr, and Myra Theimer, for their contributions toward getting our school ready for students. A special thanks to all the staff members who put in so much extra time during the break. Thank you, all!

We are also very grateful for the donation of fresh wood chips for our playground by Hedstrom Lumber Company. Of course, the start of school brings more volunteers to GES! Our thanks to Food Committee volunteers Mike and Karina Roth as well as Roxann Berglund for jumping right in with our new lunch schedule. Join us each Friday at 11:45 for our weekly Community Lunch. All are welcome to share this meal with the students!

## **What's Happening at GES:**

**Otters to ACNW:** The Otters will be heading to the Audubon Center of the North Woods next week. Students should be dropped off with their gear by 7:45 on Wednesday, 9/14 and picked up on Friday afternoon between 4:00 and 4:30 p.m. All forms should be back at school no later than Monday morning. If you have questions or need to make specific arrangements, please contact the school (over the weekend, contact Peter at 387-2944).

**If you have not yet done so, please return forms as soon as possible:** Thank you for your cooperation!

**Beach Day Friday, 9/23:** There will be no Community Lunch on this Friday, as we will be spending the mid-day hours at the beach. This all-school annual event is an opportunity to build broader connections and a stronger learning community. Please send a lunch and water bottle for your student(s) on this day.

**Pie and Ice Cream Social:** On Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2-4 p.m., we will celebrate the beginning of the new school year with pie and ice cream. This is a great chance for the families of GES to catch up on summer events and to meet some new folks as well. Bring a pie if you are able, but please don't feel obligated. Ice cream and drinks will be provided. Siblings, grandparents, and other relations are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there!

## **What's Happening in our Community:**

**After School Lounge in session:** After School Lounge will begin Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The lounge is open for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, and takes place from right after school until 5:15pm. Pick up is anytime before 5:15pm by an adult at the log cabin. Healthy snacks, help with homework, and lots of fun activities will be provided each night. The lounge runs Monday - Thursday. A copy of the calendar of events is available at the front office. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Smith at 387-2271 ext. 614.

**Check out the Attachments!:** We've attached important announcements/information from some of our community partners, including Cub Scouts and Community Education. Watch each week for more info!

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

**Otters to ACNW Wed – Fri, 9/14 – 9/16:** Drop off at 7:45a.m. Wednesday. Pick-up by 4:30 p.m. Friday.

**Next Board Meeting, Tuesday September 20:** Community input from 3:30-4. Meeting begins at 4:00.

**Pie and Ice Cream Social, Sunday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Join us anytime from 2-4 p.m. No agenda, everyone invited!

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