

GREEN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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OCTOBER, 2009 FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Important Dates:

Disability Awareness Month

- October 1 Teacher-Room Parent Luncheon (Thank You PTA!)
Market Day Delivery
- October 1 – 2 Vision and Hearing Screening for K, 1, 3, 5 and new students
- Oct. 1 – Nov. 15 Radio Disney Activity Challenge –(Newsletter from Mrs. Cushing will follow)
- October 2 Progress Reports Sent Home
- Oct. 2, 9, 15, 23, and 29 Grade 1 Rainbow of Friends Disability Awareness Program – thanks PTA!
- October 5 - 9 Grades 2, 4, 6: Stanford Achievement & OLSAT Cognitive Abilities Test**
- October 6 Grade 3 Ohio Reading Achievement Test**
- October 8 Fall Festival with Scarecrows 4:30-6:30 PM
- October 9 Grade 5 Leadership for Tomorrow Field Trip to Parma City Hall
Readers to the Rescue Kick Off Assembly – **WEAR YOUR NEW T-SHIRTS**
- October 13 School Pictures**
- October 15 9:30 PTA Meeting
PTA Bonfire and Movie Night
- October 16 NEOEA Day – NO SCHOOL**
- October 22 Grade 1 Field Trip to Mapleside Apple Farm from 9:30 to 1:30
- October 23 Student Book Exchange
- October 29 Grade 3 Field Trip to Hale Farm
- October 30 Marking Period Ends**
Fall Costume Parade and Parties
(More information will be sent home at a later date.)
Costumes should avoid anything depicting violence.



GREEN VALLEY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Quarterly: Based on academic achievement:

Grades K-3: **Little Sprout Award**

Kindergarten – Outstanding effort and citizenship (Jan. and June)

Grade One – Grades of A or B (no grades of G or N)

Grade Two – Grades of A or B (no grades of N)

Grade Three – Grades of A or B (no grades of N)

Grades 4-6: **Honor Roll**

All Grades of A (no grades of N or U)

Merit Roll

All Grades of A or B (no grades of N or U)

Stickers will be placed on student report cards when the student meets the above criteria.

Two Assemblies Held Quarterly: K-3 and 4-6

During the quarterly assembly individual badges will be given for:

Homework Completed All Quarter

Academic Improvement

Two Principal’s Stars Per Class

One Artist Per Class

Two Service Awards Per Class

One Athlete Per Class



During the quarterly assembly classroom awards will be given as follows:

Music Note, Drum, Golden Paint Brush, and Golden Shoe Awards – one of each for K-3 and one of each for 4-6

SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM

The PSE Credit Union is conducting a school-banking program with us again this year. They are one of our many Community-Business-School partnerships that we, at Green Valley, are fortunate to foster. Banking is every Wednesday from 9:00 to 9:15. Afternoon kindergartners may still participate by bringing their banking business to school and giving it to Mrs. Blockinger on Tuesdays. Many of our students already participate in this program. In fact, we have about 50 students bank each week. Almost 100 students participate in this program. It is a great way to begin teaching children the value of saving money and building responsibility.

DOES YOUR CHILD KNOW HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER?

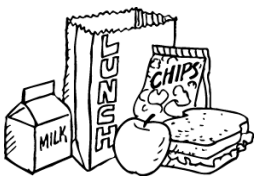
Although we try to discourage the use of the school phones by children for non-emergencies it has been noted that many Green Valley students do not know their home phone numbers with area code or how to dial his/her phone number. Knowing phone numbers is an important skill you may wish your child to have.

ABSENCES AND TARDIES

When your child is absent it is imperative that you call the school by 10:00 a.m. You may call the attendance line at 440-843-3626. Please leave the following information: Name of student, room number/teacher’s name, reason for absence, caller’s relationship to student, and probable length of absence. If your child is arriving at school tardy (after 9:15) it is necessary to either bring them to the office and sign him/her in or send in a note. The note should indicate the reason for the tardiness. Thank you for your cooperation as we follow state guidelines for attendance.

PLEASE HELP WITH LUNCHES

It is not unusual for five bags of McDonalds, six packed lunches, and two Burger King bags to arrive at school in time for children for lunch. This is not only disruptive to the school day, but it is not teaching children the responsibility of remembering their lunches. Please be sure your child has what he or she needs for the day when departing from home. Be sure your child has money in his/her “Meal Trac” account.



SECURITY AT LUNCH TIME OR ANY TIME!

If it is necessary to speak with your child during the noon hour or any other time please report to the office and the office staff will call your child to the office. We cannot have unauthorized adults visiting students in classrooms, on the playground, or in the cafeteria as this creates a security issue. Another safety issue is that cars of parents or friends should not park on the street behind the school to watch the children on the playground. Security will be called to check out the situation. We appreciate your cooperation.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF STUDENTS FORGETTING WORK

Please do not enter classrooms without permission from the office. No one should be in classrooms before 9:00 or after 3:45. It is imperative you check-in with the office upon entering the building. **Students forgetting work will not be able to retrieve it after 3:45 as the classrooms are closed.**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION SHIRTS AND SAFETY FIRST!

Many of our students are wearing their shirts with their names clearly displayed to and from school. Some are even playing outside with them on after school. Having a child's name displayed in a neighborhood setting may create a safety concern. We, at Green Valley, are extremely cognizant of our students' safety. Therefore, we recommend that all students leave their shirts in school or bring them to school each physical education day. The intent is that the shirts are large enough to easily fit over the top of the students' clothing for the physical education period. Please help remind your student that the shirts should not be worn to and from school. Thank you for your cooperation.

HOLCOMBS – PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

When shopping at Holcombs please be sure to tell them to credit Green Valley with your purchase. All you need is a Partners in Education card which is free. A registration form is all that needs to be completed. There are forms at all Holcomb stores.



TARGET DOLLARS FOR EDUCATION

Are you registered so that a percentage of your purchases made on your Target Credit Card will be donated to Green Valley's Reading Program? It is free and easy to register either on line at Target.com/tcoe or by calling 1-800-316-6142. Our September check from Target was in the amount of \$191.01.

RUMOR CONTROL

If you have a question about Green Valley please contact the school! It is always best to receive first hand information! Rumors often lead to ill feelings when a phone call will help to clarify the information! We need to all work together to continue strengthening communication between home and school!

BOOSTER SEATS

As of October 7, 2009, Ohio law requires children who have outgrown car seats but are under 8 years of age or less than 4'9" tall to use booster seats. Booster seats raise kids up so seat belts fit properly. Go to boostyourbooty.com to learn more.

BOOK EXCHANGE IN THE MEDIA CENTER

The first Book Exchange of the new school year will be held in the Media Center on the **Friday October 23, 2009**. We encourage all students to participate. Each child may bring in one or two children's books that he/she no longer wants to the Media Center. He or she will receive a ticket indicating one or two books. Mrs. Redman and Mrs. Elbrecht will then arrange the collected books by reading levels. During that morning teachers will send the students who have tickets to the Media Center so they can pick from all the books collected.

This is a great way to recycle and reuse books you may have at home that you no longer use and to find books that are new to your child. We will start collecting the books on Monday October 19, 2009.

This year the Book Exchanges will be held in **October, November, March and May**. We are hoping for a large turnout so please don't forget to send in one or two books you no longer want with your child for the Book Exchange.

END OF THE DAY DISMISSAL

Please do not have your child released at 3:00 PM. Please allow them to be dismissed at 3:10. Thank you.

SAFETY FIRST!

Be sure your child gets on the school bus at the assigned stop. It is not safe for vehicles to chase the bus and then have students run along side the bus to get on. Students are to be at their own bus stop in an orderly manner waiting for the bus as it arrives.

THANK YOU TO:

- Mrs. Filippelli for serving as our PTA President this year!
- Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Price for serving as our Safety Patrol advisors and bus room supervisors!
- PTA for the great staff breakfast in August.
- Huntington Learning Center for our Ice Cream Sundae Bar!
- The Kensicki Family for donating games and prizes.
- Kindergarten Orientation Helpers: Mrs. Kukral, Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. Septaric, Mrs. Dentzer, Mrs. Laheta, Mrs. Pell, and Mrs. Filippelli
- Kindergarten Bus Monitors: Mrs. Stefan, Mrs. McIntire, Mrs. Septaric, Mrs. Loewenthal, and Mrs. Mussig
- Cafeteria Helpers for First Graders: Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. Vales, Mrs. Septaric, and Mrs. Filippelli
- Parents and Teachers who helped with the Summer Reading Celebration!
- The Adopt-a-Bed families for making our land lab look healthy!
- Mrs. Bretz, her family and Mrs. Jensen for running our entertainment book fundraiser.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Mrs. O'Malley who was named to the Ohio Educator Standards Board for the State of Ohio.
- The Apuzzo Family who won the 50/50 raffle during Open House.
- Teacher, Mrs. Bell and her husband on the birth of their son, Andrew, September 9, 2009.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Parent – Teacher Conferences are November 5 from 5:00 to 7:45 PM.
- The October Asset that Green Valley will be working on is self-esteem.
- October 30 is a school day. There is no school on November 3 for students.
- Check out web sites of staff at www.parmacityschoools.org and then click staff.
- Check out the Green Valley web site at the same address but, click on buildings.
- Our Family Newsletters are on line on our web site which can be reached through www.parmacityschoools.org. In a money saving attempt we will only be sending home the newsletter with the youngest child at Green Valley. Eventually our goal is to only have it on line/mailed to our families. If you do not have web access at home, the public libraries have computers for general use. To be included in our email distribution, please email Mrs. O'Malley at omalleyd@parmacityschoools.org. Please include your child's name and room number in your email. Any questions, please call the office.
- Grand Friends' Days: November 23 for grades K,1,2,3
November 24 for grades 4,5,6
- "Need help with food? Need help with child care costs? Need help with insurance for your kids? The Benefit Bank may be able to help! What is the Benefit Bank? It is an internet tool for JFS benefit screening. Would you like to find out if you may qualify for one or all of these benefits? Call 440-887-4873 today for an appointment! There is no cost for this service.
- Wanted: Volunteers to help make buttons for the Awards Program. Call the office if you can help—440-885-2433.

