



WEDNESDAY BULLETIN

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Enrollment Information: If your child will **NOT** be returning to GWCS for the 2010-2011 school year, please notify Kim Birkmire by phone @ 215-482-6337 or email kbirkmire@greenwoodscharter.org. Thanks so much!!!

7th Grade Parent Meeting: On May 18, 2010 there will be a meeting of all 7th grade parents to discuss the plans for the Outward Bound expedition for the 2010-2011, 8th grade class. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:00p.m in the science trailer. All parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Students are welcome to attend the meeting with their parents. No student should attend this meeting without a parent or guardian present. We will also be touching on graduation fees and plans.

Pizza Day: Our last pizza day for the 2009-2010 school year will take place on Friday, May 21, 2010. Order forms are due by Thursday, May 13, 2010. We cannot accept orders after that date. Thank you so much understanding and cooperation.

Museum Night: It's time again for our annual "Museum Night" here at GWCS. On Thursday, May 27th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. students and teachers will present exhibits to the community that will demonstrate some of the things they have been working on throughout the year. Invite your family and friends to see what your child has been learning! Museum entrance tickets are \$1.00 each -- cash or check made payable to Green Woods Charter School. Complete the attached Museum Night ticket form and return to school along with payment in an envelope marked "Museum Night". Don't forget to bring your appetites - **Dinner is Available** - hot dogs, tomato pie, and other various snacks and drinks will be sold - **\$1 each**. All proceeds from "Museum Night" benefit the 8th grade graduating class.

Take a Chance on one of our Raffle Baskets

- 2 Different Game Baskets
- Assorted Coffee Basket
 - Massage Basket
 - Pasta Basket
- Car Detailing Basket
- Staples Office Supply Basket

Yearbooks for Sale: Get your copy of the 2009-2010 GWCS Yearbook, **in full color for only \$17**. Our 8th grade students have been hard at work creating this wonderful glimpse of our school year. We hope you'll enjoy it *forever* by ordering one **today!** Deadline for ordering yearbooks is May 28, 2010.

Keeping kids informed: Do your children have questions about the recent oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Log onto <http://www.nwf.org/Kids/Ranger-Rick/People-and-Places/Ranger-Rick-on-The-Big-Oil-Spill.aspx>. This article explains these recent events in plain language that kids will understand and appreciate.

SCEE: Help support the Schuylkill Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic by saving up and sending in your Shoprite receipts. You can also register your Genuardi's card to help the Clinic – consult this weblink for more information: <http://www.schuylkillcenter.org/joinorgive/otherways.html>.

Upcoming Events:

- May 13, 2010 – Pizza Orders Due
- May 14, 2010 – Reading Olympics – Philadelphia University
- May 18, 2010 – 7th Grade Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – science trailer
- May 20, 2010 – Home and School Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Science Trailer
- May 21, 2010 – Pizza Day
- May 26, 2010 – Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- May 27, 2010 – Museum Night – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- May 28, 2010 – Dress Down Day
- May 31, 2010 – School Closed – Memorial Day

ATTACHMENTS:

- Letter from Jean Wallace, CFO
- Museum Night 'Ticket Order Form



Green Woods Charter School

THE WORLD IN OUR HANDS

May 12, 2010

Dear Green Woods Families and Friends,

I am excited to announce the hiring of Steven Masterson as our new Dean of Faculty and Students. Steven will begin work with us on July 1st. As many of you know, for the past six years my role at Green Woods has been a diverse one that included many responsibilities and ones that I have truly enjoyed. But as our school quickly grew to become the success story that it is today, those responsibilities have grown as well. It is time for my work to take on still another focus so that I can help support our current needs as well as work with Steven to plan for our future growth.

Steven comes to us with 9 years of experience in the public school system. As a teacher in the elementary grades, he has a great deal of practical knowledge in regards to everyday teaching and learning. While his work will more directly support teachers and students in the classroom, he also has a true commitment to our overall environmental mission and our outdoor learning. In his biography, soon to be posted on our website, Steven writes the following:

During my interview, I immediately realized that the administration and the teachers at Green Woods are dedicated professionals who deeply care about their students. My first day at Green Woods was Earth Day 2010. After spending the day at Green Woods, I realized how much each of you cared about the school, learning, the environment, and each other.

As a student, I always enjoyed science, spending time outdoors, and using my hands to learn. On Earth Day, I was able to help a few students hammer nails into their bluebird boxes. Even though the task appears simple, it is truly educational in itself. Throughout my own education, I was not always provided this type of hands-on opportunity. I now know that Green Woods provides this experience for all its students.

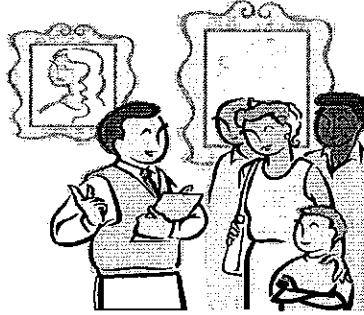
I have come to realize that the administration and the staff have clearly defined their own vision that promotes student achievement. I am overly excited to join the Green Woods team. I am looking forward to getting to know each of you. I know there may be a few challenges along the way, but the future of Green Woods is bright, and I am happy to be along for the ride!

Steven is a graduate of Penn State University, Chestnut Hill College, and Drexel University. He holds dual PA certifications: Principal K-12 and Elementary Education. His hobbies include running and golf. In college, he interned with the Environmental Protection Agency's Criminal Investigation Division where he investigated white-collar crimes committed against the environment.

In closing, I am very grateful to the Board of Trustees for agreeing to the need to finally hire someone with whom I can share the school leadership responsibilities. Although my job duties will change somewhat, my goal will remain the same: to see Green Woods grow to become an even greater success story for public education and the charter school initiative.

Best regards,
Jean M. Wallace/CEO

Museum Night Tickets



Museum Night
Thursday, May 27th from 6 – 8 pm
at
Green Woods Charter School

We invite you to come out and see what your child has been learning this year - bring your family and friends too!

Students and Teachers will present exhibits that will demonstrate some of things our students have been learning throughout the year.

ALSO:

Bring your appetite and money for a chance on lovely raffle baskets!

The 8th graders will be selling food at Museum Night – All items \$1.00

Menu to include:

Hot Dogs
Tomato Pie
Pretzels
Apples
Desserts
Water

Museum Night Entrance Tickets Purchase

Student's Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Number of Tickets: _____

x Cost of Ticket: **\$1 each**

Total: \$ _____

Please send cash or check - made payable to Green Woods Charter School. Send in payment with ticket order form in an envelope marked "Museum Night". Thank you.

All entrance tickets proceeds benefit the 8th grade graduating class. Thank you for your support.