



Green Woods Charter School

THE WORLD IN OUR HANDS

WEDNESDAY BULLETIN

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH LUNCH AND RECESS!!!

PICTURE DAY: Picture day is tomorrow, Thursday, October 29, 2009. Picture day will also be a dress down day. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for the guidelines on dressing down. Please complete the order form for the package you would like to order with your payment of cash or check made payable to "Tipping School Pictures". Order forms should be sent into school with your child tomorrow. Picture day will take place, rain or shine.


8th Grade News: The next 8th grade parent meeting has been scheduled for this evening, October 28, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Science Trailer. We encourage the parents and guardians of all of the 8th grade class to attend this meeting.

Board Meeting – This evening, October 28, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend.

FALL FESTIVAL and *Phillies* FRIDAY!!! This year for our annual "Fall Festival" the children will be enjoying a hayride, receiving a small pumpkin in celebration of fall and participating in special activities in their homeroom class. They will also be enjoying a juice box and a mini soft pretzel. Students will also be welcome to dress in their Phillies T-shirts, plain red t-shirts or plain red hoodies and either gray sweatpants or khaki's in celebration of our Fantastic Phillies!!!

Teachers will contact parents directly with details regarding each class's particular activity and possible volunteer opportunities on that day. For insurance purposes, siblings who are not currently enrolled in Green Woods cannot participate in the hayrides. We appreciate your understanding. Space on hayrides is limited for adults as well. Your classroom teacher will be in touch if space is available for parents.

Pizza Day: Our next pizza day will take place on Friday, November 20, 2009. Order forms for pizza day are attached and completed forms along with full payment must be returned by Wednesday, November 11, 2009. We cannot accept payments after that date. As always, we are looking for additional volunteers on pizza day. If you have some time that you can spare, please contact Kim Birkmire at 215-482-6337.

 **Support the 8th Grade:** The Green Woods 8th Graders are selling Freshly Cut and Baled Christmas Trees. Choose either 6-7 ft. or 7-8 ft. trees – both sizes at the same low price of \$40 per tree. Invite your Family, Friends and Neighbors to Participate! Orders must be received by November 20th – cash *or* checks made payable to Green Woods Charter School. Pick up will be at Green Woods on Friday, December 11th from 4 pm to 8 pm. The 8th Grade thanks you for your support!

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID BOOK: HOT NEW RELEASE!!!!!!!

Limited supply of the hot new release "Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Dog Days" (yellow cover) available for sale in the front office for the cost of \$7.00. If you would like to purchase a copy please send your payment (cash or check made payable to Green Woods Charter) in an envelope marked "Wimpy Kid". Books are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Cooler Days: Please be sure to dress your children for the cooler weather. If a student is not dressed appropriately for the weather they will not be allowed to go out for recess or on a hike. Thanks for your cooperation!!!

CHANGES: Please note that the board has changed their board meetings for the month of Nov/Dec. The community is always invited to attend.

Wednesday, November 4, 2009	7:00 p.m. (work session)
Wednesday, November 11, 2009	7:00 p.m. (board meeting)
Wednesday, December 2, 2009	7:00 p.m. (work session)
Wednesday, December 9, 2009	7:00 p.m. (board meeting)

Calendar Change: The half day Staff Professional Development Day listed on our school calendar for November 13, 2009 has been changed from a half day to a full day off for students.

Upcoming Events:

- Board Meeting – TONIGHT, October 28, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
- 8th Grade Parent Meeting – TONIGHT, October 28, 2009 – 6:30 p.m. – Science Trailer
- Fall Festival – Friday, October 30, 2009
- Cheesecake pick up – November 3, 2009 from 4 – 6:30 p.m.
- Interim Report Cards Sent Home - Wednesday, November 11, 2009 – Science Trailer
- Pizza \$\$ Due – Wednesday, November 11, 2009
- Home School Committee Meeting – November 19, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
- Christmas Tree orders due – November 20, 2009

Attachments:

- November 2009 Calendar
- Christmas Tree Flyer – 8th Grade Fundraiser
- H1N1 Letter
- Pizza Day Order Form
- Parent Training Survey
- Consent for Participation with in-classroom services/programs
- YMCA Flyer – Trunk or Treat

PLEASE COME AND CHECK OUT THE LOST AND FOUND!!!

GWCS - November 2009

Office: (215) 482-6337 Fax: (215) 482-9135 School Closing Number: 204



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2nd and 5th Grade trip to Crystal Cave	Cheesecake Pick-up 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Board Work Session 7:00 p.m.	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30					

Interim Reports go home on November 11, 2009. Friday, November 13, 2009 is a full day off for students!!



FRESH CUT CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

8TH GRADE GRADUATION FUNDRAISER

Freshly Cut and Baled Nova Scotia Coastal Balsam Firs and Canaan Firs
(In the same family as Frasier Firs)

Select from 6-7 ft. *or* 7-8 ft. Trees

Cost: \$40

(Regular Price is \$50+)

Orders must be received by November 20, 2009.

Pick up at Green Woods Charter School on Friday, December 11th from 4PM-8PM.

Invite your Family, Friends and Neighbors to Participate!

- RETURN THIS ORDER SLIP TO SCHOOL -

Family Name: _____

Grade: _____

<u>Size</u>	<u>Number of Trees</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>Cost per</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
6-7 ft.	_____	x \$40 each =	_____
7-8 ft.	_____	x \$40 each =	_____
		<u>Grand Total:</u>	_____

Please Make Checks Payable to **Green Woods Charter School.**



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October 28, 2009

Dear Parent/Guardians:

A new flu virus called the pandemic H1N1 influenza, or swine influenza, is causing illness in the United States. This virus typically causes mild illness like fever, cough, sore throat and tiredness for several days. The infection however can also be more serious, resulting in complications and hospitalizations for both adults and children. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that all children and young adults, ages 6 months through 24 years, be vaccinated against the pandemic H1N1 influenza virus this fall or winter.

In cooperation with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH), Green Woods Charter School will be offering pandemic H1N1 influenza vaccine to children in grades K through 8 in school this fall.

School based vaccination will be provided to children in the form of a nasal spray known as Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV). Intranasal vaccine is not recommended for students with health conditions such as asthma, sickle cell anemia, diabetes or other serious medical problems, nor can it be given to pregnant students. If your child has any of these conditions, you should consult with your child's health care provider to arrange for injectable H1N1 influenza vaccination ("flu shot"). Both injectable and intranasal vaccines will be available through most pediatric practices in the City of Philadelphia and at the City's District Health Centers.

If you wish for your child to receive the pandemic H1N1 influenza vaccine while at school, your written consent is required. Fill out the attached vaccine consent form completely, including your signature and date and return to your child's school by **November 4, 2009**. Please review the enclosed Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) for all of the facts that you need to know about the H1N1 vaccine.

If you consent to the vaccination, the school nurse or other licensed healthcare professional will give the vaccine to your child. Your child's school will let you know the specific date that this will occur. There will be no cost to you for the vaccination. Children 10 years of age and older will probably only need a single dose of the vaccine. Children less than 10 years old will need two doses of vaccine spaced about 3-4 weeks apart.

If you object to your child receiving the pandemic H1N1 influenza immunization at school, do not sign the consent form. Please note that the Philadelphia Department of Public Health is required to collect the following information on all children who receive H1N1 influenza vaccination: name, address, age and birth date, school and gender. If you object to these data being collected on your child, do not sign the consent form.

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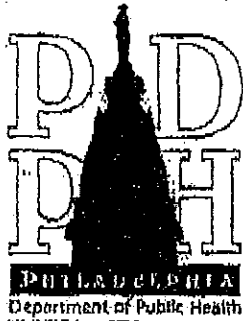
If you have any questions about the H1N1 influenza vaccine or the vaccine distribution at your child's school, please call your child's healthcare provider or pediatrician or contact the nurse at your child's school. Please visit the CDC's 2009 H1N1 influenza web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/> and also <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/parents> for more information, especially for parents.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Selig, M.D., FAAP
Dr. Robert Selig, MD
GWCS Medical Director

Sincerely,

Jean Wallace
Jean Wallace
Academic Director, CEO



2009 H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE

LIVE, ATTENUATED
(the nasal spray vaccine)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Many Vaccine Information Statements are available in Spanish and other languages. See www.immunize.org/vis.

1 What is 2009 H1N1 influenza?

2009 H1N1 influenza (sometimes called Swine Flu) is caused by a new strain of influenza virus. It has spread to many countries.

Like other flu viruses, 2009 H1N1 spreads from person to person through coughing, sneezing, and sometimes through touching objects contaminated with the virus.

Signs of 2009 H1N1 can include:

- Fatigue • Fever • Sore Throat • Muscle Aches
- Chills • Coughing • Sneezing

Some people also have diarrhea and vomiting.

Most people feel better within a week. But some people get pneumonia or other serious illnesses. Some people have to be hospitalized and some die.

2 How is 2009 H1N1 different from regular (seasonal) flu?

Seasonal flu viruses change from year to year, but they are closely related to each other.

People who have had flu infections in the past usually have some immunity to seasonal flu viruses (their bodies have built up some ability to fight off the viruses).

The 2009 H1N1 flu virus is a new virus strain. It is very different from seasonal flu viruses.

Most people have little or no immunity to 2009 H1N1 flu (their bodies are not prepared to fight off the virus).

3 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine

Vaccines are available to protect against 2009 H1N1 influenza.

- These vaccines are made just like seasonal flu vaccines.
- They are expected to be as safe and effective as seasonal flu vaccines.
- They will not prevent “influenza-like” illnesses caused by other viruses.

- They will not prevent seasonal flu. *You should also get seasonal influenza vaccine, if you want protection from seasonal flu.*

Live, attenuated intranasal vaccine (or LAIV) is sprayed into the nose. **This sheet describes the live, attenuated intranasal vaccine.**

An **inactivated** vaccine is also available, which is given as a shot. It is described in a separate sheet.

The 2009 H1N1 LAIV does not contain thimerosal or other preservatives. It is licensed for people from 2 through 49 years of age.

The vaccine virus is attenuated (weakened) so it will not cause illness.

4 Who should get 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine and when?

WHO

LAIV is approved for people from 2 through 49 years of age who are not pregnant and do not have certain health conditions (see number 5 below). Groups recommended to receive 2009 H1N1 LAIV first are healthy people who:

- are from 2 through 24 years of age,
- are from 25 through 49 years of age and
 - live with or care for infants younger than 6 months of age, or
 - are health care or emergency medical personnel.

As more vaccine becomes available, other healthy 25 through 49 year olds should also be vaccinated.

Note: While certain groups should not get LAIV – for example pregnant women, people with long-term health problems, and children from 6 months to 2 years of age – it is important that they be vaccinated. They should get the flu shot.

The Federal government is providing this vaccine for receipt on a voluntary basis. However, state law or employers may require vaccination for certain persons.

WHEN

Get vaccinated as soon as the vaccine is available.

Children through 9 years of age should get two doses of vaccine, about a month apart. Older children and adults need only one dose.

5 Some people should not get the vaccine or should wait

You should not get 2009 H1N1 LAIV if you have a severe (life-threatening) allergy to eggs, or to any other substance in the vaccine. Tell the person giving you the vaccine if you have any severe allergies.

2009 H1N1 LAIV should not be given to the following groups.

- children younger than 2 and adults 50 years and older
- pregnant women,
- anyone with a weakened immune system,
- anyone with a long-term health problem such as
 - heart disease - kidney or liver disease
 - lung disease - metabolic disease such as diabetes
 - asthma - anemia and other blood disorders
- children younger than 5 years with asthma or one or more episodes of wheezing during the past year,
- anyone with certain muscle or nerve disorders (such as cerebral palsy) that can lead to breathing or swallowing problems,
- anyone in close contact with a person with a severely weakened immune system (requiring care in a protected environment, such as a bone marrow transplant unit),
- children or adolescents on long-term aspirin treatment.

If you are moderately or severely ill, you might be advised to wait until you recover before getting the vaccine. If you have a mild cold or other illness, there is usually no need to wait.

Tell your doctor if you ever had:

- a life-threatening allergic reaction after a dose of seasonal flu vaccine,
- Guillain-Barré syndrome (a severe paralytic illness also called GBS).

These may not be reasons to avoid the vaccine, but the medical staff can help you decide.

2009 H1N1 LAIV may be given at the same time as most other vaccines. Tell your doctor if you got any other vaccines within the past month or plan to get any within the next month. H1N1 LAIV and seasonal LAIV should not be given together.

6 What are the risks from 2009 H1N1 LAIV?

A vaccine, like any medicine, could cause a serious problem, such as a severe allergic reaction. But the risk of any vaccine causing serious harm, or death, is extremely small.

The risks from 2009 H1N1 LAIV are expected to be similar to those from seasonal LAIV:

Mild problems:

Some children and adolescents 2-17 years of age have reported mild reactions, including:

- runny nose, nasal congestion or cough
- fever
- headache and muscle aches
- wheezing
- abdominal pain or occasional vomiting or diarrhea

Some adults 18-49 years of age have reported:

- runny nose or nasal congestion
- sore throat
- cough, chills, tiredness/weakness
- headache

Severe problems:

- Life-threatening allergic reactions to vaccines are very rare. If they do occur, it is usually within a few minutes to a few hours after the vaccination.
- In 1976, an earlier type of inactivated swine flu vaccine was associated with cases of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS). LAIV has not been linked to GBS.

7 What if there is a severe reaction?

What should I look for?

Any unusual condition, such as a high fever or behavior changes. Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include difficulty breathing, hoarseness or wheezing, hives, paleness, weakness, a fast heart beat or dizziness.

What should I do?

- Call a doctor, or get the person to a doctor right away.
- Tell the doctor what happened, the date and time it happened, and when the vaccination was given.
- Ask your provider to report the reaction by filing a Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) form. Or you can file this report through the VAERS website at www.vaers.hhs.gov, or by calling 1-800-822-7967.

VAERS does not provide medical advice.

8 Vaccine injury compensation

If you or your child has a reaction to the vaccine, your ability to sue is limited by law.

However, a federal program has been created to help pay for the medical care and other specific expenses of certain persons who have a serious reaction to this vaccine. For more information about this program, call 1-888-275-4772 or visit the program's website at:

www.hrsa.gov/countermeasurescomp/default.htm.

9 How can I learn more?

- Ask your provider. They can give you the vaccine package insert or suggest other sources of information.
- Call your local or state health department.
- Contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
 - Call 1-800-232-4636 (1-800-CDC-INFO) or
 - Visit CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu or www.cdc.gov/flu
 - Visit the web at www.flu.gov



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION



Vaccine Information Statement
2009 H1N1 LAIV

10/2/09

**Green Woods Charter School
PIZZA DAY**



November 20, 2009

Please make your selections below and return the order form by Wednesday, November 11, 2009. We will not accept orders for pizza day after this date. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Slice of Pizza	\$2.00	_____	_____
Motts Applesauce (plain)	\$0.50	_____	_____
Motts Applesauce (cinnamon)	\$0.50	_____	_____
Capri Sun 100%		_____	_____
Juice Box	\$0.50	_____	_____

Total Amount
Enclosed: _____

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Please be sure to print the students name clearly, so that he or she can easily identify their slip on Pizza Day!

PARENT TRAINING SURVEY

Dear Parents:

This year we will be offering parent training seminars to help you gain information and understanding about topics relevant to your child's educational experience. Your feedback is valuable, so please take the time to let us know how to best support our GWCS community. **Return this form to school by November 6th.** We appreciate your response.

Special Education Parent Training Ad-Hoc Committee

Please check the suggested topics you would be interested in attending:

_____ Behavior Management

_____ Study Skills, Organization and Homework

_____ What kind of learner is my child?

_____ What can I do at home to help my child in reading, writing, math and PSSA prep

_____ Child Development- When to be concerned about speech, language and perceptual skills

_____ The Evaluation Process: Does my child need special education services?

_____ How does the GWCS teaching philosophy address the various learning needs of children?

_____ How do I use technology with my child?

Please list any other suggested topics you have for parent training:

Please indicate the time of day you would be most likely to attend:

_____ Before School

_____ After Lunch

_____ Before Lunch

_____ After School

_____ Lunchtime

_____ Evening (6 p.m. or later)



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CONSENT FOR PARTICIPATION WITH IN-CLASSROOM SERVICES/PROGRAMS

October 27, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Guidance counseling is an integral part of a student's social and emotional development and well-being. This year, in addition to individual and small group counseling, I am offering various in-classroom services which will serve the entire class through activities designed to meet the learning, social and/or emotional needs of students.

At the request of the classroom teacher or administration, I am leading an activity in your student's class on the topic of Social Skills, Problem Solving, Feelings Identification. I will meet with the class for 30 minutes on a bi-weekly basis for the 2009-2010 school year. This program began October 5, 2009 and will last the duration of the school year.

Green Woods Charter School encourages all parents/guardians to remain active team players in their child's success; therefore, please feel free to contact the counselor and administration at any time to discuss your child's progress.

If you do **NOT** wish your child to participate in this in-classroom service, please complete and return the form below and return to your student's classroom teacher by 11/1/09. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

Rebekah Kanefsky
Guidance Counselor
(215) 482-2679

CONSENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN IN-CLASSROOM SERVICES

I do **NOT** give my permission for my child _____ to
(Student Name) (Grade)

continue to participate in the above named in-classroom counseling activity.

Name of Parent/Guardian (Please Print) _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



Trunk or Treat

at the Rox-YMCA

Thursday October 29, 2009

6:30-8:30pm

Come out for an evening of
tricks & treats!

*Trick or Treating in the Back Parking Lot

*Crafts & Activities for kids

*Costumes are WELCOME!

*FREE & OPEN to the Community!