



**Green Woods Charter School**

THE WORLD IN OUR HANDS

## **WEDNESDAY BULLETIN**

**Wednesday, October 26, 2011**

**SIBLING ENROLLMENT:** The deadline for handing in sibling enrollment forms is this Friday, October 28, 2011. If you have already sent in your form, please contact Kim Birkmire – [kbirkmire@greenwoodscharter.org](mailto:kbirkmire@greenwoodscharter.org), to confirm that it has been received.

**Kindness from the community:** Last week the staff and faculty of GWCS were treated to a professional photo shoot courtesy of GWCS parent Leah MacDonald (Ace, grade 7 and Rory, grade 3). Leah volunteered her time and expertise and along with the help of a make up artist, shot photos of all the staff members on school grounds. The photos will be used to update our website. For more information on Leah's work or services she provides please contact the front desk. While thanks does not seem to be enough for such a wonderful gesture, please see attached letter from our staff.

**Sick Day Guidelines:** It's that time of year again. Please review the attached sick day guidelines in order to keep our community healthy. We ALL thank you.

**Green Woods Graduate gives back:** We are always proud to support the positive efforts of our students whether past or present. Please see attached letter from GWCS graduate, Steven Birkmire.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dress Down Day:** This is just a reminder that the first 8th grade dress down day is this Friday, October 28th. Please send in \$4.00 for all four dress down days or \$1.00 for each individual dress down day. The other three dates are December 2, 2011 April 13, 2012 and May 25, 2012. Thank you!

**Fall Festival:** Our annual tradition of celebrating autumn will take place on Monday, October 31, 2011. Students will enjoy a hayride, snack and seasonal activities. Homeroom teachers will contact parents directly with a schedule of activities (if available) for your child's class. Please note that pretzel day has been switched to Monday next week so be sure to pack your child a snack on Tuesday.

**Kid Stuff Coupon Books:** We are selling the Kid Stuff Coupon Books again this year! The books were sent home on Monday, October 24th, labeled in their own yellow bag, containing all the information needed to make this a successful sale. Only one book will be sent home for every Family! Coupon Books are being sold for \$25.00 with our school earning \$12.50 per book! Please preview the coupon book. It's filled with great deals that are guaranteed to make your kid stuff events great! There are coupons to use at Acme, ShopRite, Kohl's, Applebee's, Burger King, McDonald's, Dick's, and even the Movies to name a few! Stock one in every family car- don't leave the savings at home! If you're interested, return your check payable to GWCS - PTA. If you're not interested, simply return the book immediately so others can sell it or buy it. Check your child's backpack on MONDAY afternoon, October 24th for these great Kid Stuff Coupon books! Sale ends November 7th! If there are any questions please email Amy Stallbaum at [amys1218@comcast.net](mailto:amys1218@comcast.net). Thank you! Happy Saving!

**GWCS Family Fun Night:** In an attempt to gather our community outside the school day, GWCS PTA has devised a Family Fun Committee. Our November Family Fun Night event will be an indoor pool party. Grab a towel & get ready for some fun on Friday, November 18th @ 7:30 - 9:30 PM at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School, 201 East Germantown Pike, which is located about 10 minutes North of GWCS campus. Lifeguards will be on duty yet Adult Supervision is REQUIRED for children to attend. Cost is \$5.00 per swimmer, Non-swimmers are free. SPACE IS LIMITED so pre-registration is required by completing attached form by Thursday, November 10th. Hope to see you there!

**KIDS CARE Art Exhibition to open at the Woodmere Museum in Chestnut Hill:** During their weekly art classes, Green Woods 7th graders have just completed a collection of **Soft Sculpture Aliens**. Each student designed and stitched their own soft and cuddly alien using polar fleece fabric, felt, buttons, and trims. All of these aliens will be on exhibit at the Woodmere Museum in their annual exhibition entitled **Kids Care**, whose opening reception is on Saturday, November 12th from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. The entire Green Woods community is welcome to attend. Each year the exhibition has a theme and this year's theme was **Into the Atmosphere**. Schools from throughout the region were invited to participate, and all work will be gift wrapped and donated to patients at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in mid-December, when the exhibition closes. As the creatures were being created, they generated so much excitement from students in other grades, and a number of 6th and 8th graders decided they wanted to complete aliens to donate, as well, coming in during their lunch recess, and also working at home in some cases, in order to complete their contribution on time. If students finished their creation early, they were invited to make a second alien to keep for themselves. In addition to each of the 7th graders, contributions came from middle school students: Lily Palmer, Maeve Buchanan, Sarah Dougherty, Thomas Kelly, and Joseph Rybakowski. A heartfelt thank you goes to Jennifer Smith, mother of Jake, who inspired our **Soft Sculpture Aliens** with alien cuddly toys she made for her children, and who came in to assist with this worthwhile project.

**Quaker City Raffle Fundraiser:** The PTA in partnership with the Philadelphia Mummers will continue selling chances to win the grand prize of a V.I.P. trip for (2) to the 2012 Super Bowl in Indianapolis. The cost of the chance is \$10.00.

**Community News:**

- Drop off unused or expired medications for safe disposal at Whitemarsh Police Department, 616 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA on Saturday, 10/29/11 between 10am and 2pm.
- American Red Cross Blood Drive – Flyer Attached.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

BOARD MEETING – Wednesday - October 26, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dress Down Day – Friday, October 28, 2011  
Fall Festival – Monday, October 31, 2011 – PRETZEL DAY  
Joe Corbi's pick up – Thursday, November 3, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
End of First Quarter – Monday, November 7, 2011  
Beginning of Second Quarter – Tuesday, November 8, 2011  
Noon Dismissal – Parent Conferences – Thursday, November 10, 2011  
PTA Meeting – Thursday, November 10, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. – Science Trailer  
No School – Friday, November 11, 2011 – Staff Professional Development  
PIZZA DAY – Friday, November 18, 2011

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Updated School Calendar (3 pages)
- November 2011 calendar
- Sick Day Guidelines
- Thank you from our staff
- Letter from GWCS graduate, Steven Birkmire
- “Family Fun Night” order form
- American Red Cross Blood Drive
- Invitation to neighborhood meeting regarding Kendrick Recreation Center
- Philadelphia Electrical and Technology Charter High School Open House

## **PTA MEETING DATES**

November 10, 2011 - December 15, 2011 - January 12, 2012 - February 16, 2012 - March 15, 2012 -  
April 12, 2012 - May 10, 2012

## **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DRESS DOWN DATES**

October 28, 2011 - December 2, 2011 - April 13, 2012 - May 25, 2012

## **PIZZA DAY DATES**

November 18, 2011 – December 16, 2011

## **2011-2012 GREEN WOODS CHARTER SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Sept. 6 - First day of School 1-8

Sept. 8 - 1/2 day Kindergarten for students with last names beginning with A-K (no lunch)

Sept. 9 - 1/2 day Kindergarten for students with last names beginning with M-Z (no lunch)

Sept. 12 - First of School for Kindergarten

Sept. 13/14 - Outward Bound 4th Grade

Sept. 15/16 - Math Baseline Benchmark Grades 1-8

Sept. 20 - Project Peace; SLT training grades 7-8

Sept. 21 - Back to School Night

Sept. 30 - Picture Day

Oct. 7 - No School Professional Development

Oct. 10 - No School

Oct. 24/28 - Benchmark 1 Grades 1-4; SRI Benchmark 1 Grades 5-8

Oct. 31 - Fall Festival

Nov. 7 - End of Quarter 1

Nov. 8 - Beginning of Quarter 2

Nov. 10 - 1/2 day; Parent Conferences

Nov. 11 - No School Professional Development

Nov. 23 - Half day Hikes

Nov. 24/25 - No School

Dec. 20 - Yule Log Celebration

Dec. 23/30 - Winter Break No School

Jan. 2 - Back to School

Jan. 9/12. - Benchmark 2 Grades 1-4; SRI Benchmark 2 Grades 5-8

Jan. 13 - No School Professional Development

Jan. 16 - No School

Jan. 23 - End of Quarter 2

Jan. 24 - Beginning of Quarter 3

Jan. 26/27 - 1/2 days; Parent Conferences

Feb. 17 - No School Professional Development

Feb. 20 - No School

March 5/10 - Benchmark 3 Grades K-4; SRI Benchmark 3 Grades 5-8

March 12/23 - PSSA Reading and Math window (3-8)

March 16 - No School Professional Development

March 27 - End of Quarter 3

March 28 - Beginning of Quarter 4

March 29/30 - 1/2 days; Parent Conferences

April 2/6 - Spring Break No School

April 12 - GWCS Earth Day: Rain Date April 13

April 16/20 - PSSA Writing window (5 & 8)

April 20 - No School Professional Development

April 23/27 - PSSA Science window (4 & 8)

April 27 - Temple Earth Fest

May 17 - Museum Night

May 18 - No School Professional Development

May 28 - No School

May 29/ - Benchmark 4 Grades K-4; SRI Benchmark 4 Grades 5-8  
June 4

June 6 - End of Quarter 4

June 7 - 8th Grade Reports Cards delivered (last day)

June 8 - Last Day of School Report Cards Delivered K-7

June 8 - 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony

# GWCS - November 2011

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

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		8th Field Trip Belmont Water Treatment Plant 1	2nd and 5th Grade Field Trip Crystal Cave 2	Joe Corbi's Pick Up 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. 3	4	5
6	End of 1st Quarter 7	Beginning of 2nd Quarter 3rd Grade Field Trip Milky Way Farm 8	9	Noon Dismissal Parent Conferences PTA Meeting 7:00p.m. 10	School Closed Staff Professional Development 11	12
13	6th,7th and 8th Grade Field Trip Academy of Natural Sciences 14	15	16	17	PIZZA DAY 18	19
20	21	22	Thanksgiving Hikes Noon Dismissal 23	School Closed Thanksgiving 24	School Closed Thanksgiving 25	26
27	28	29	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. 30			

## Sick Day Guidelines



The following guidelines are used to determine dismissals and may be helpful for parents to determine appropriate attendance. **Keep your child home and contact their physician for a diagnosis.** A note from the doctor indicating the diagnosis and permission for the student to return to school is advised.

- ✓ has been vomiting during the night
- ✓ has a cold with sneezing or persistent coughing or runny nose
- ✓ has diarrhea
- ✓ has an oral temperature of 100.6 or higher
- ✓ has a red ulcerated sore throat
- ✓ does not eat breakfast because of a stomach ache
- ✓ has red encrusted eyes
- ✓ has an undiagnosed rash
- ✓ has just begun antibiotics.
- ✓ any child with a contagious condition, such as strep throat, must be taking the medication for 24 hours before returning to school
- ✓ has lice or nits. A child must be checked by the school nurse before returning to the classroom to be sure that he/she is nit free following lice treatment.

Please report all communicable diseases (chickenpox, strep throat, scarlet fever, pink eye, impetigo, fifth's disease, head lice, scabies, ring worm, whooping cough, measles, mumps, etc.) to the School Health office. Keep your child home for a period of 24 hours of medication treatment if indicated, or until after the contagious period for the illness is over. This time frame may be longer for more serious communicable diseases.

Student's may return to school after they are fever free (without the use of fever reducing medications) for 24 hours, vomiting and/or diarrhea free for 24 hours. Student's absent 3 days require a note from the physician indicating diagnosis and ability of the student to return to school.

Should it be necessary for an ill child to leave school at any time during the school day, the student will be released only to their parent, guardian, or adult authorized by the parent.

**Important Note:** We request that you pick up your child within 1 hour of the initial phone call from the School Nurse, not only for the consideration of other students who may become ill but for your child's comfort. Thank you in advance for your cooperation to this matter.

# THANK YOU

Thank you  
so much!  
- Nikki Penn

Thank you  
I am grateful.  
Anne  
Marie  
McKidd

THE STAFF WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR SPENDING THE DAY WITH US TAKING OUR PHOTOS FOR THE WEBSITE.

Thanks,  
Daw [unclear]

Thanks for  
and making it so easy  
best. making us look  
What a day!  
Barbara

WE ARE ALL CERTAIN THAT WE WILL LOOK TERRIFIC. YOUR TIME WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY ALL OF US.

Thank  
you so much!  
Nicole  
Stanke

Thank you so  
much!  
Katie  
Jays

YOUR GESTURE TO DO THIS WAS VERY THOUGHTFUL. AGAIN THANK YOU!

Thanks  
for your  
love  
Christy

Green Reed

Thanks so much  
for the pictures!

Liz McKenzi

That was  
a real treat.  
Thanks a million  
One. V. [unclear]

Thank you,  
Renee Jayles

Thank you,  
[unclear]

Thank you for  
making me look  
fabulous for a day!  
My hubby loved it!!  
Nancy Taylor

Thanks - that  
was so much  
fun!!  
Martha

THANKS!  
The setting was  
wonderful - thanks for  
beautifying us! Elizabeth

Thanks  
so much!  
Mrs. [unclear]

You are awesome!  
GW is lucky to have you!  
Many thanks!  
Lisa

Thank  
you,  
Korn  
Birkmore

Thank  
you,  
Mimi

Thank  
you!  
[unclear]

October 19, 2011

Dear Green Woods Charter School Community,

My name is Steven Birkmire and I am an **alumni** of Green Woods Charter School and now a senior at Science Leadership Academy. As a senior at Science Leadership Academy, one of my tasks is to complete a year-long project called a Capstone. This project can be anything I want it to be as long as it meets the expectations that are required.

For my Capstone, I wanted to somehow give back to my community in some way, and upon deciding that, I chose to work with Green Woods and the Schuylkill Center to plan a few restoration projects throughout the year.

On Saturday, November 19th (with a rain date of Sunday, November 20th), I will be holding my first restoration project with the Green Woods community and the Schuylkill Center. I would like to encourage students from the Green Woods community to come out and help, and even parents as well! Also, this would be a great opportunity for the **7th and 8th graders** to acquire some community service hours that they could include in their resumes when applying to high schools. A letter will be provided and sent home within a week to show that your child volunteered their time.

The details are listed below...

**When:** November 19th, 9am - 1pm (with a rain date of Sunday, November 20th)

**Where:** Penn Acres in the Schuylkill Center (we will meet on the **black top**)

**What:** Pulling invasive wineberry

It would be greatly appreciated if you could attend! Volunteers should **wear long pants and sleeves** and **dress warmly!** I will be providing drinks and snacks.

Below is a sign-up sheet for anyone that would like to participate. Please fill out the below form and return it to the front office at Green Woods by Friday, November 11th. Please feel free to come out and join me for the best time that meets your schedule.

Thank you for your time! I hope to see you there!

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### Restoration Project Sign-Up Sheet

Family name/student: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

How many attending: \_\_\_\_\_

9am – 1pm: \_\_\_\_\_

9am – 11am: \_\_\_\_\_

11am – 1pm: \_\_\_\_\_

# GWCS PTA ANNOUNCES FAMILY FUN NIGHT

JOIN US **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**  
FOR AN INDOOR POOL PARTY

AT

**PLYMOUTH WHITEMARSH HIGH SCHOOL**  
201 East Germantown Pike, Plymouth Meeting, Pa 19426

**7:30 - 9:30 PM**



COST: \$ 5.00 per SWIMMER,  
NON-SWIMMERS FREE

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**SPACE IS LIMITED!**

\*Register early by completing the below form by **Thursday, November 10th\***  
Send Cash or Check payable to: **GWCS PTA** in an envelope labeled **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Price per swimmer includes: 2 hours of fun, small beverage & snack from PTA.

**\*Pre-Registration & Adult Supervision is REQUIRED TO ATTEND!**

Feel free to contact Jill McManus @ [jillmcmanus27@gmail.com](mailto:jillmcmanus27@gmail.com) or  
Amy Stallbaum @ [amys1218@comcast.net](mailto:amys1218@comcast.net)  
for any questions regarding this event.

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NAME OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

List name & ages of all swimmers: (any adult swimming may write "ADULT " instead of actual age)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

**Total # OF SWIMMERS:** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**# OF NON-SWIMMERS:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Free)

\*By returning this form, parents acknowledge that GWCS PTA is **NOT** responsible for any child during this event. Adult Supervision is **REQUIRED** at ALL times! The child(ren) are to conduct themselves in accordance with the school's published rules and regulations.

**The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
Give blood.**



**American  
Red Cross**



## **Pilgrim Church**

**3815 Terrace Street, Philadelphia, PA**

**Saturday, October 29, 2011 - 9am– 3pm**

Sign up at: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

**Use Sponsor Code: 12453**

October 6, 2011

Dear

You are hereby invited to attend a neighborhood meeting of the citizens and participants concerned about the current deplorable state of Kendrick Recreation Center and it's surrounding fields, pool, and play areas. Our main goal is to have a new, state of the art facility replace the current dangerous eyesore but in the meantime we must have certain needs immediately addressed, including but not limited to the following:

- The lack of capital funding for Kendrick over the past 20 years.
- The inadequate and antiquated facility and sub-standard play areas and equipment.
- The lack of response by elected officials.
- The continued deterioration of the facility and existence of dangerous conditions.
- The lack of a plan for the center including Department attention.
- The need for a new regulation size gymnasium, auditorium restoration, field renovation, and outdoor basketball and tennis court renovation.
- Personal safety issues. (employee and participant)
- The lack of a visible Police presence at the facility.
- The lack of proper staffing levels.
- The need to repair the roof, restrooms, basement, floors, ceilings, and mold.

As explained, our main objective is to have a new recreation center built to replace Kendrick and your help is truly appreciated, desperately needed, and hereby requested.

We hope that you will join us on Thursday, October 27 at 7pm at the Kendrick Recreation Center, 5822 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128 to help us solve our immediate problems, answer questions from the community, and provide your advice on how we can move forward on having a new center built.

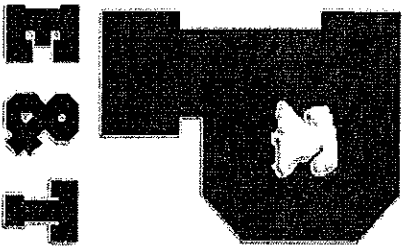
This meeting is of great importance to the entire 21<sup>st</sup> Ward and will be attended by numerous concerned community groups.

Sincerely,

The Kendrick Recreation Center Advisory Council

PO Box 11888  
5822 Ridge Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19128

[kendrickrecreationcenter@gmail.com](mailto:kendrickrecreationcenter@gmail.com)



# Philadelphia Electrical and Technology

## Charter High School

1420-22 Chestnut Street

Philadelphia, PA 19102

267-514-1823

[www.petchs.org](http://www.petchs.org)



The faculty and staff of the PE&T Charter High School cordially invite you to attend our Open House on Thursday, November 3rd, 2011 from 5 P.M. - 7 P.M.

We are searching for students who are interested in the following:

- Co-op program with the best business and labor organizations
- Over 30 after school activities and sports to choose from each and every day
- Two time School District of Philadelphia Best Practices Award Winner
- Partner of the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program

We are currently accepting applications for the 2012 School Year. Space is limited so please call Bob DiBenedetto in our Development Office at 267-514-1823 x248 or visit our Open House for more information.

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