



Green Woods Charter School

THE WORLD IN OUR HANDS

WEDNESDAY BULLETIN

Wednesday, September 28, 2011

PICTURE DAY HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED! Picture day will now take place on Thursday, October 20, 2011. This will also be a dress down day for students (please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for guidelines on dressing down). Hold on to your picture order forms until that day. PLEASE NOTE: That since picture day has been rescheduled that Friday, September 30, 2011, will **NOT** be a dress down day.

Reminder: Joe Corbi's fundraiser forms are due by October 6th. Greenwoods will receive 40% of the proceeds for the "Winter's Wonders" catalog as well as up to 40% for the pizza and dessert orders.

WIN A TRIP TO THE SUPER BOWL: 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Book Fair is coming on Tuesday, October 11th and Wednesday, October 12th. As always, the PTA will be looking for some strong volunteers to come out and help set up on Sunday, October 9th at 1:00 p.m. Please contact the PTA at pta@greenwoodscharter.org with your availability. More information about the book fair will be coming soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Joe Corbi orders due – Thursday, October 6, 2011

NO SCHOOL – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011

Book Fair set up – Sunday, October 9, 2011 – 1:00 p.m.

NO SCHOOL – MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2011

Book Fair – Tuesday, October 11th and Wednesday, October 12th –

Family Night Hours(both days) 5:30-8:30 p.m.

PICTURE DAY AND DRESS DOWN DAY – Thursday, October 20, 2011 – NEW DATE

ATTACHMENTS

- October Calendar
- High School Expo Advertisement
- 6th, 7th and 8th grade Essay Contest
- Academic Report

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School Closing Number: 204

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2	3	4	5	6	School Closed Staff Professional Development 7	8
Book Fair Set Up 9	School Closed Columbus Day 10	BOOK FAIR 11	BOOK FAIR 12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	PICTURE DAY & DRESS DOWN DAY! 20	PIZZA DAY 21	22
23	24	25	BOARD MEETING 7:00 P.M. 26	27	28	29
30	FALL FESTIVAL 31					

HIGH SCHOOL EXPO 2011

**Where: The School District of Philadelphia
Education Center
440 N. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130
*Corner of Broad St. and Spring Garden Ave.***

**When: Saturday, October 22, 2011
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

**Sunday, October 23, 2011
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.**

Applications for Philadelphia's public high schools
may be submitted as early as
Monday, September 19, 2011,
but no later than
Friday, October 28, 2011.

**PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT
& ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY
2010-2011 CITY WIDE ESSAY CONTEST**

1. The Essay Contest is open to all sixth, seventh and eighth grade pupils attending any of Philadelphia's public, private, parochial and charter schools. The theme of this year's essay contest is "Freedom From Fire: We Can't Do It Alone, Take the Fire Safety Pledge at Home", **or any other fire prevention topic.**
2. Essays are required to be **250 words or less** and composed around a residential fire prevention theme. Entries will be judged for fire safety thought and content, as well as neatness and originality. **ESSAYS SHOULD DEMONSTRATE SOME IMAGINATION AND NOT READ LIKE A FIRE SAFETY BROCHURE.**
3. Teachers of the sixth, seventh and eighth grade classes are requested to select the best essay written by their class and place it in an envelope with the name of the school, the grade and room number. **IN ADDITION, EACH ENTRY SHALL INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE PUPIL, AGE, GENDER, GRADE, SCHOOL, HOME ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER.**
4. The contest will begin on Monday, September 26, 2011 and conclude on Friday, October 28, 2011.
5. Essays selected by the teachers will be retrieved by the local fire companies on Friday, October 28, 2011.
6. First place will receive a trophy and a \$200.00 award. The first place winner's school will receive the perpetual trophy, to be held for one year. Second and third place winners receive a trophy and \$150.00 and \$100.00 awards respectively.

**IF ESSAYS ARE NOT RETRIEVED BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2011
SCHOOLS SHOULD PLEASE CALL THE LOCAL FIRE STATION. IF
THEY CANNOT BE REACHED CALL FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION.**

**ENGINE 66 215-685-2556
FIRE PREVENTION 215-686-1383**

ACADEMIC REPORT

"93% of statistics found on the internet are incorrect."

- Abraham Lincoln

Exploravision Technology Competition—Our 8th grade students will be entering an "Exploravision" technology competition sponsored by Toshiba that encourages them to combine their imaginations with the tools of science to create a vision of a future technology. Students will work in teams and each team will select a technology, or an aspect of technology, which is present in the home, school, or community, or any other technology relevant to their lives. They will explore what the technology does, how it works, and how, when and why it was invented. The students must then project into the future what that technology could be like 20 years from now and determine what scientific breakthroughs need to occur to make it a reality. Lessons lead by coaches Kathleen Geist and Nicole Starke will incorporate history, language arts, science and, of course, technology! The top prize is....does it really matter? Just imagine the learning that will take place!

NSTA Conference—Hartford, CT—Kristina Skladaitis, K-4 Environmental Science teacher, and Addison Lilholt, the newest member of our middle school team, will be attending the National Science Teachers Association conference in Hartford, Connecticut next month. The theme of this year's conference is "***Science Inspiring Growth***" with strands such as "***From the Roots to the Fruits of STEM,***" "***Sustainability: Green is Growing!***" and "***Integrating Literacy: Cross-pollinating the Curriculum.***" These strands are a perfect match to the work we are doing now as we look to expand our enrollment, integrate new staff, and enhance our academic program.



Student Leadership Team (SLT) —Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation Training

Empathy, Neutrality, Confidentiality are all key terms learned and practiced by our SLT this month. Each year our Student Leadership Team is trained in the art and skill of conflict resolution and peer mediation. Four members of the SLT, (Abby, Zoe, Teagan, and Ace) shown here with peer mediation trainer and coach, Curry Bailey, will work with the rest of the SLT members and not only model conflict resolution in the way they resolve their own conflicts, but, as mediators, will also help other students resolve conflicts in positive way.

Philadelphia Magazine Names Green Woods Charter School a "Top City School."

It is certainly an honor to be in the company of schools such as Central, Masterman, SLA, Independence Charter School and MaST. The October edition of Philly Magazine highlights the top 12 schools in the city and Green Woods couldn't be more proud to have made this honor roll. Congratulations everyone!

A Reflection of Our Work from a Future Teacher

Hello Mrs. Wallace,

I would like to just say thank you for allowing our class to come observe the school last Tuesday. The experience of observing Green Woods' classes really brought to life the class room management, content literacy, and other skills I have been learning about in my various education classes; particularly in the 2nd and 3rd grade classes I was able to observe. To see the 2nd grade teacher's amazing control to create a smooth transition from math, to snack, to recess, to reading was a real eye-opener to some new techniques! And the 3rd graders were so alert and focused despite our presence in the class! I definitely took some pointers from the teacher's ability to remain the focus of the room! Thank you for the truly educational opportunity! All the best, Bethany (Bryn Athyn College)