



WEDNESDAY BULLETIN

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

8th Grade Dress Down Day, this Friday, December 2, 2011. Help support the 8th grade. Send in your dollar if you haven't already.

From December 5 through December 15, our Student Leadership Team (SLT) will be collecting nonperishable food donations for the Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry.

Please bring only one food item per student. Then, on December 19, the SLT will volunteer at the GACM, and help them to put together holiday food baskets. The GACM is a collaboration of congregations, schools, and private sector organizations, whose mission is to, "to connect Northwest Philadelphia residents to resources within themselves and the community that resolve their crisis, stabilize their lives, and equip them to take the next step(s) toward self sufficiency." We welcome the opportunity to help people in need within our own Northwest Philadelphia community. Please see attached flyer for details about the food drive and suggestions of what types of food are needed.

Holiday Gift Giving: Please see attached letter from CEO, Jean Wallace. Thank you.

Pizza Day: Attached please find the flyer for the remaining pizza days for this school year. Contact the PTA with any questions.

Toad Detour: On Saturday, December 10th the Schuylkill Center will be hosting a free screening of the Toad Detour documentary that was filmed in the area last spring. For more information log on to: <http://toaddetour.com/>

Kid Stuff Coupon Book: We are coming to the December 1st deadline. PLEASE, if you are not going to purchase the book return it ASAP!!!! If there are any questions contact Amy Stallbaum at amys1218@comcast.net or 267-879-6100.

8th Grade Dress Down: If you have not sent in your money for the 8th grade dress down days, it's not too late. The cost is \$1.00 per dress down day. You can send it all in at once or one dress down day at a time. The list of scheduled dress down days can be found at the bottom of the bulletin. The next dress down day is this Friday, December 2, 2011.

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. Time is running out!!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 30, 2011

8th Grade Dress Down Day – Friday, December 2, 2011

Holiday Food Drive Collection Monday, December 5, 2011 through Thursday, December 15, 2011

PTA Meeting – Thursday, December 8, 2011

ATTACHMENTS

- December Calendar
- Pizza Day
- Holiday Gift Giving
- Holiday Food Drive
- Youth Bowling Program
- Children's Eyes
- Building Resiliency in Children
- Nutcracker Show

PTA MEETING DATES

December 8, 2011 - January 12, 2012 - February 9, 2012 - March 8, 2012 - April 12, 2012 - May 10, 2012

8TH GRADE DRESS DOWN DATES

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

PIZZA DAY DATES

December 16, 2011

GWCS - December 2011

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School Closing Number: 204

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	Dress Down Day 2	3
4	Holiday Food Drive Collection begins 5	6	7	PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m. 8	9	10
11	12	13	14	Holiday Food Drive Collection Ends 15	Pizza Day 16	17
18	4th Grade Zoo Trip 19	Yule Log Celebration 6:15 p.m. 20	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. 21	5th, 6th and 7th grades to Franklin Institute 22	No School Winter Break 23	No School Winter Break 24
No School Winter Break 25	No School Winter Break 26	No School Winter Break 27	No School Winter Break 28	No School Winter Break 29	No School Winter Break 30	No School Winter Break 31

School will re-open on Tuesday, January 3, 2012

Pizza Day

2012 Schedule

The PTA is once again having pizza day for the new year.
Volunteer parents will be needed to organize the pizza/drinks.

To make pizza days a success, please sign up below.
Thank you for your support.

For more info detailing pizza day duties please email: megan.keel@gmail.com

Make payments with cash or check: payable to GWCS PTA

STUDENT First NAME: _____ Last NAME: _____ Grade: _____

PIZZA

<u>Pizza</u>	<u>Cost/ slice</u>	<u>Number of slices</u>	<u>Pizza cost</u>
Cheese	\$2.00		
<u>Applesauce</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Number of cups</u>	<u>Applesauce cost</u>
Cinnamon	\$.50		
Plain	\$.50		
<u>Capri Sun Juice</u>	<u>Cost/ juice box</u>	<u>Number of juices</u>	<u>Juice cost</u>
	\$.50		

Please circle the Pizza Day(s) included in this order:

Forms are due BY January 13th, 2012

January 20th February 24th March 23rd April 13th May 25th

_____ X _____ + _____ = _____
 COST / Pizza Day # of MONTHS DONATION (?) TOTAL PAID

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Parent's Name _____ Phone number _____ email _____

I can volunteer to organize and hand out pizza and drinks on..... (please circle)

January 20 February 24th March 23rd April 13th May 25th



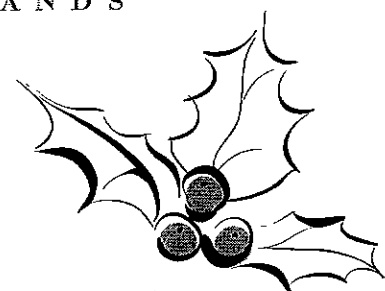
Green Woods Charter School

THE WORLD IN OUR HANDS

November 21, 2011

A TRADITION OF HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING

Dear Green Woods' Families,



How quickly time flies when you are having fun! Once again, the spirit of the holiday season is here and, both as parents and educators, our experience tells us that the month between Thanksgiving and winter break can be a very energizing time with your children. Our students' individual and collective enthusiasm for the season reaches an all-time high as our winter break approaches. The many wonderful family traditions of the holiday season seem to occupy their every thought.

This very special time of year also includes a wonderful tradition of holiday gift giving that we hold dear at Green Woods. As a community, we believe that everyone at Green Woods works equally hard to contribute to your child's safe and supportive learning experience. In addition to the incredible instructional staff that works directly with your children, our multi-talented maintenance person, Joe Bauer, always makes sure that the heat is working and the driveway is cleared. Our nurturing school nurse, Mimi Wainwright, helps make all of our bumps and bruises feel better. As you can imagine, there are many people at Green Woods who play an active role in the academic, social, and emotional life of your child. The holiday season is the perfect time to remember all of those who give so much to make your children feel safe and successful at school.

As this very special season quickly comes upon us, we ask that our families please show your support of the efforts of everyone at Green Woods by giving to our Staff Holiday Gift. Your gift will be equally divided among everyone on staff. You can either send cash or a check made out to GWCS. Place your gift in an envelope addressed to Staff Holiday Gift. Sign your name or send it anonymously, if you'd like. Please be sure that your gift is received no later than Wednesday, December 15th so that we have time to distribute this gift and allow our staff the time to recognize the generosity of our community.

The winter months are always a magical time for students at Green Woods! The time that we spend with your children is precious to us and goes by much too quickly. The holiday season is the perfect time to stop...pause...and remember all of the people who make Green Woods the very special place that it is.

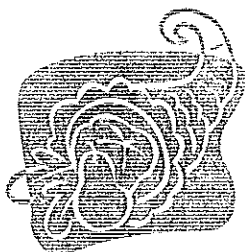
In closing, we look forward to seeing everyone at our annual Yule Log Celebration on December 20th at 6:15PM!

Happy Holidays!

Jean M. Wallace

Green Woods Charter School
2011 Holiday Food Drive to benefit
Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry

Sponsored by the GWCS Student Leadership Team



Help Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry fill their holiday baskets and stock their pantry for the cold winter ahead.

Please bring only one nonperishable item per student.

Donations will be collected from 12/5-12/15

Non-Perishable Donation Suggestions:

While all food is welcome, they particularly need the following items:

Canned Green Beans, Peas, Corn * Canned Fruit * Gravy * Cranberry
Sauce * Stuffing * Jello * Sweet Potatoes * Pie Crust * Pie Filling
* Potatoes * Turkey Broth * Rolls and Cornbread Mix * Seasonings *
Sugar * Flour * Juice * Iced Tea * Macaroni & Cheese * Peanut
Butter * Jelly * Tuna * Hearty Soups * Rice * Cookie Mix * Cake
Mix * Icing * Dry Milk * Protein Products

If YOU eat it, we need it!

Items low in salt or light in sugar are great too!



Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others? -- Martin Luther King Jr.

YOUTH BOWLING PROGRAM

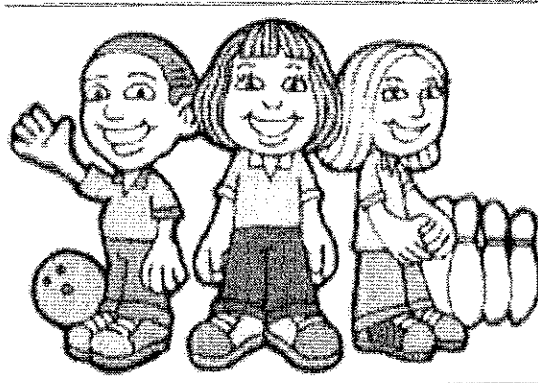
HI-SPOT YOUTH BOWLERS

HI-SPOT BOWLING LANES
3857 PECHIN ST.
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19128
215 483-2120

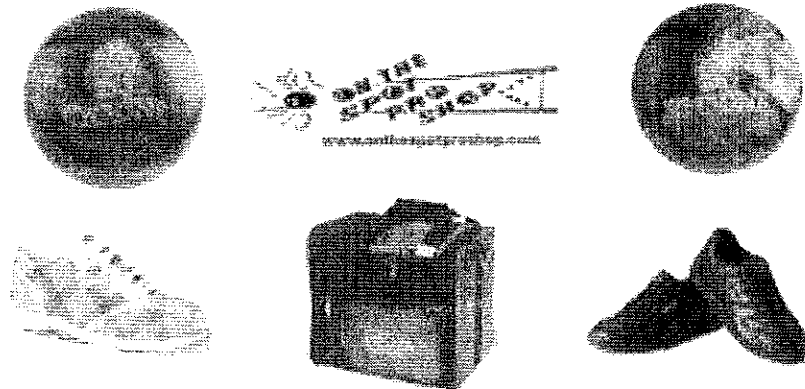
Hi-Spot Lanes hosts a youth bowling program on Saturday mornings from September to May. This years session is scheduled to begin on Saturday September 24th, 2011 and end on May 5, 2012. Each session will start promptly at 10:00 A.M. and end by 1:00 P.M. weekly. The program is conducted in league style for team bowling competition. Sign ups are open to all boys and girls ages 6 thru 21. The league was established in 1999 by League Organizer, John Altomare. For more information and to sign up email John at JA@onthespotproshop.com. Signups are accepted any time during the season. It is not required to be present every week and you are not charged for the weeks that you are absent. The associated costs of the program are a weekly \$10.00 fee. That includes the rental ball, shoe and costs per game. We play 3 games per week. During the course of the season each child will be invited to participate in a variety of tournaments that award scholarship money for their accomplishments. All competitions are handicapped for bowlers governed by the USBC.

United States Bowling Congress

Teams are formed according to the amount of signups, usually 4 or 5 on each team. Your child will be placed on a team that they will be comfortable with for the entire season. The league is registered with the United States Bowling Congress. There is an annual association cost of \$15.00 that will be collected at the beginning of the season. For more information on the benefits of the USBC go to www.bowl.com.



WWW.ONTHEPOTPROSHOP.COM



On The Spot Pro Shop sponsors The Hi-Spot Youth Program. There are many giveaways during the season and a huge blowout Christmas Party!!!



USBC Youth bowling is a unique opportunity to get involved with a sport that you can stay with forever and offers more than \$6 million in annual scholarships that reward academic, leadership and on-lanes performance skills.



The Pepsi USBC Youth Championships is a nationwide tournament open to all USBC Youth members. Beginning with qualifying during their leagues. Youth bowlers have the opportunity to advance to a state finals event and earn scholarships, where they can compete against bowlers from across their state! Last year, more than \$500,000 in scholarships was awarded across the country as part of this tournament!

A Child's Eyes Should Be A Parent's Concern

Here are a few facts a parent should know.

- 80% of learning is through the eyes.
- 80% of a person's lifetime exposure to ultraviolet light comes before he age of 18.
- Vision screening in a pediatrician's office is NOT an eye examination.
- Vision screening in a school nurses office is NOT an eye examination.
- An eye doctor should examine a child by age three.

Signs that a child might have a problem with their eyes are:

- Difficulty making eye contact
- Difficulty tracking moving objects
- Constant or intermittent crossing or misalignment of one or both eyes
- The pupils appear white
- Red, crusty, watery or painful eyes
- Droopy eyelids
- Squinting often
- Eye rubbing
- Constant blinking
- Eyes appear to bulge



Here are some definitions of some common terms related to the eyes:

(<http://www.longislandeyedoctor.com/www.optixeyecare.com>)

- Nearsightedness... Can see near but has difficulty seeing far away.
- Farsightedness... The eyes work harder than normal to see far away and work even harder to see close up. High degrees of farsightedness need to be treated in children.
- Astigmatism... A distorted image created by a misshapen cornea.
- Glaucoma...related to elevated pressure inside the eye.
- Lazy Eye or Amblyopia... reduced vision from lack of use. Early detection (before age 5 is mandatory) and treatment is necessary to ensure best visual results.

So parents, please be concerned about your child's eyes and have their eyes examined at the earliest age possible. You will be assuring that they have all the visual tools for a proper education and enjoyment of life's experiences. Isn't now a good time?

Springfield Township School District and
Springfield Township Education Association
present:



Building Resiliency in Children

presented by Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg, M.D., M.S. Ed

7 pm, Tuesday, December 13, 2011
Springfield Township High School Auditorium

Tickets are \$10 and are available online at www.sdst.ticketleap.com
or at the School District of Springfield Township Administration Building

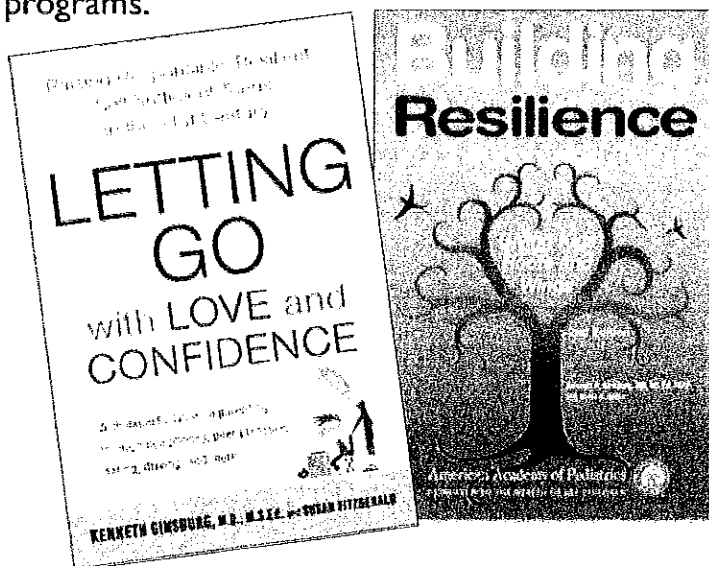
About Dr. Ginsburg

Kenneth Ginsburg, M.D., is a pediatrician specializing in Adolescent Medicine at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He also serves as Director of Health Services at Covenant House Pennsylvania, an agency that serves Philadelphia's homeless and marginalized youth.

Dr. Ginsburg has more than 90 publications, including 25 original research articles, clinical practice articles, four books, and internet-based and video/DVD productions

Dr. Ginsburg has received over 25 awards recognizing his research, clinical skills, or advocacy efforts. He has been named one of Philadelphia magazine's "Top Docs" eight times.

To advocate for parents' critical role in raising resilient children and teens, he has appeared on CNN, NPR, The Today Show, The CBS morning show and ABC, NBC, and CBS Nightly News programs.



Dr. Ginsburg's Books available for sale:

"Building Resilience in Children and Teens:
Giving Kids Roots and Wings"

"Letting Go with Love and Confidence:
Raising Responsible, Resilient, Self-Sufficient
Teens"

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The Nutcracker Show

Present by the International Ballet Exchange (IBE)

On December 17, 2011; 6:30pm and December 18, 2011; 2:00pm; **The Nutcracker** will be performed by twenty professional ballet dancers from **The WORLD RENOWNED DONETSK BALLET of UKRAINE** and fifty local students in the area at **White Marsh School, Plymouth meeting**. And our daughter Naomi Lukov will be one of the cast students.

THE INTERNATIONAL BALLET EXCHANGE (IBE) is sponsoring this performance. The **IBE** is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide an environment and opportunity for inner-city children to perform and appreciate ballet while at the same time fostering understanding of distant cultures.

Ticket prices will be \$18.00 student/ senior and \$28.00 adult, at the door. However, as one of the families of students in the cast, (Since all the cast families are helping to sell tickets) our ticket selling prices are \$15.00 student/senior and \$25.00 adult.

The tickets are on sale now and it is based on first come, first service. If you decide to see the show, please contact us as soon as possible, so we can get you the best seats possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. Should you have more questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely

Yanmin Lukov + Family