

Newsletter

October 2009

MES/GES



WHAT'S NEW...THIS IS NEW...THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT MIDWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

It's been a process but worth every step. Thanks to our funders:

- SD51 Trustee Playground Grant
- Regional Recreation
- Heritage Credit Union
- Kettle River Lions
- Ministry of Housing
- PAC

Way to go Debbie Baker for pursuing the funding to make this addition to the playground at Midway Elementary School a reality.

and special thanks to those that volunteered to setup the equipment over the summer months.

**Greenwood StrongStart
Family Centre**

(Located at Greenwood Elementary School)

Hours of Operation:

Monday and Friday ~ 9:00 - 12:00

Tuesday and Thursday ~ 1:00 - 4:00

Wednesday ~ 1:30 - 4:30



A WORD OR MORE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

October 8, 2009

Dear Parents;

This year has started relatively smoothly and I'm once again amazed at how quickly September has flown by. I'm including this brief note in the newsletter to inform you of some upcoming events and regular occurrences that take place in MES/GES and once again feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.

Your son/daughter should be bringing home a day planner allowing for regular communication between the school and the parents. If you need to contact the teacher of your child just make a note in the planner. As a parent you also should be expecting weekly notices of occurrences within the classroom and to inform you of upcoming events. It is essential that open communication and a positive relationship between the parents and school be maintained throughout the year to maximize your child's learning and educational experience.

Soccer is in full swing and we have over half of the student body participating. Grades 4-7 are allowed to practice and then the roster is reduced to approximately 20 players for games. Playing decisions are based on age, amount of practices attended, and then we split even further to include as

many players as possible throughout the year. Our next game is Oct 14 vs Perley, Oct 15 vs CLES, and then the 22nd is the wind-up tournament.

Student pictures were completed on Monday, our annual Harvest Lunch (hosted this year by GES) is on Thursday and it won't be long before Parent Teacher Interviews (November 12th) will be upon us. A fridge magnet was sent home early in the year highlighting the major events and this is the first monthly newsletter coming home that will also inform parent/guardians of upcoming school activities. The newsletter will also update events that took place the previous month and highlight accomplishments of students and the school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask all parents to *please faithfully* read the Newsletters that come home. We try very hard to include and update every important announcements and event on the calendar and in the letter to assist with communication. Quite often there is pertinent information that assists in the education of your child.

Our assemblies will be on the first Tuesday of the month at MES and the first Wednesday at GES. GES assemblies will start around 9:00 and MES around 11:45 so the Kindergarten students can be present. I encourage all parents to try and attend

when possible. **Note – this week in MES we had October's assembly on a Wednesday but Tuesday will be the day for the remainder of the year.**

PAC had its second meeting of the year Monday the Oct 5th @ 3:30 (GES - library). PAC is an integral part of the schools' culture and once again needs volunteers to help host the activities that we have annually done. We have a very energetic nucleus but always need and encourage more parents to get involved. We can only offer what we do because of the hard work and commitment of a few. Please come out and support your most valuable investment, your child.

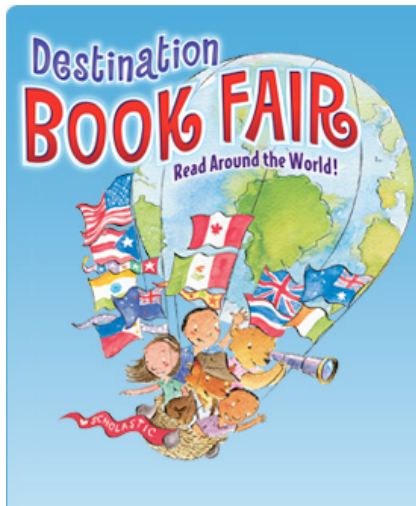
As the year continues to unfold, please do not hesitate to call, drop in, or even volunteer in some manner. Daily we have many volunteers in our schools. Without the extra help we could not provide the educational experience that we do.

Please continue to browse through our newsletter and if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact either school - GES - 445-6616 or MES - 449-2281. I look forward to seeing you in the schools and at events. Go Grizzlies!

Darryl Turner
Principal
MES/GES Elementary
Schools



Purdy's Fundraiser
coming in Mid October
just in time for
Christmas Gifts. Watch
for the flyer coming
home soon



Book Fair

Greenwood Elementary School

Monday, Nov. 9 - 7:30 am - 9:00 am
Noon - 1:00 pm
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 10 - Noon - 4:00 pm

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

(during movie night)

Midway Elementary

Thursday, Nov. 12 - 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm
(during P/T interviews)

Friday, Nov. 13 - 8:00 am - 9:00 am

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

As part of ongoing efforts to
fundraise for the Grade 6/7 trip,
Donna & Wayne Durban will accept
your donations of empty pop & beer
cans. Feel free to drop them off at
their home, 655 Kimberly Avenue in
Greenwood.



HARVEST LUNCH

The Parent Advisory Council is hosting a
HARVEST LUNCH to celebrate
Thanksgiving for our students.
This years lunch will be at
Greenwood Elementary
School
12:30-1:30 p.m.,
Thursday, October 8, 2009



Save your shoe boxes for Operation
Christmas Child
2009 National Collection Week:
November 16-21, 2009