

Grassland Elementary School

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Dear Grassland Families,

On behalf of the entire staff, welcome to the 2008-09 school year! As you know, our success depends on the unique partnership between school, family and community. We're so proud of our parents active involvement in the learning process. In partnership with our families and community, the mission at GES is to provide a caring community in which all members are challenged to develop a lifelong love of learning, cultivate respect for others and themselves, and grow to their full potential as individuals.

Your child is our primary focus at GES. Our core business is to provide students with high content quality engaging work. We welcome you to continue your lifelong journey of learning and growing together. You are welcome to visit and/or volunteer at any time. If I may assist in any way, please do not hesitate to call (472-4480) or visit anytime.

Please note the following information and upcoming events. All newsletters are available online (www.wcs.edu/ges).

- GES current enrollment is 704 with 33 classes. New staff includes: Stacey Landa (School Counselor), Angie Wilson (returning teacher), Owen Grimenstein (Student Support Services Teacher Assistant), Delia Stern (SSS TA), Natalie Patterson (SSS TA) and Denise Welch (returning SSS TA).
- NO SCHOOL on Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day.
- SCHOOL PICTURES will be taken on Wednesday, September 3.
- GRANDPARENTS DAY is Monday, September 8. All grandparents' are invited to visit their grandchild's class thirty minutes before lunch, and enjoy a special lunch. Thanks to Laura Faber and Ginny Berry for coordinating this wonderful event. Thanks to Ms. Inglish for assisting with a special project.
- BACK TO SCHOOL BASH will be held on Thursday, September 11, from 5:30—7:30. We hope everyone will attend to kick off a great year! Thanks to Sharon Brugman and Marla Armstrong for coordinating this event.
- PINWHEELS FOR PEACE takes place on Monday, September 22. Come and celebrate our desire for world peace.
- PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES will be held after school hours on Tuesday, September 23, and Thursday, September 25. Your child's teacher will send home a schedule for appointments.
- PARENT ORIENTATION was a huge success! Parents gathered in the gym for GSCA information and also visited in their child's classroom. In addition, spirit items were available for sale along with Smart Board demonstrations.
- THANKS TO OUR GSCA for providing monthly luncheons. Hospitality, chaired by Lisa Johnson, kicks off the year with our first delicious lunch on September 18. We appreciate you very much!
- VISIT AND VOLUNTEER at GES! You are most welcome to visit and enjoy lunch with your child. A visitor's table is available in the cafeteria for parents and their child. This should help alleviate space restrictions.
- CULTURAL ARTS SERIES 2008-09 will be educational and exciting. Our series include Nashville Symphony Ensemble, Nashville Ballet, Cheekwood Artists, and Nashville Opera. Stay tuned for further information regarding evenings with the Arts along with individual grade level performances. Thanks to GSCA for continued support of the Arts at GES.
- GSCA - our parent organization—Grassland School Community Association offers many opportunities for parents (and grandparents) to volunteer at GES. You are always welcome to indicate a committee of interest. For additional information, contact Lori Scott, 1st Vice President (rymax1@comcast.net). Vice President for 2008-09 is Tina Cartwright (cartwrighttina@bellsouth.net).
- ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES—Please refer to the Student/Parent Policies and Procedures distributed the first day of school. ARRIVAL: The building opens promptly at 8:05 a.m. If you arrive after 8:35 a.m., an adult must sign the roster in the office and your child will be issued a tardy slip. It is essential that your child arrives on time in order to receive maximum instruction without disruption. DISMISSAL: Car riders will be dismissed at 3:35. PLEASE remain in your car throughout the loading process. A staff member will assist your child. For the safety of all children, please park in the designated area (three lanes and circle) and refrain from cell phone use. Let's keep GES the safest possible!
- CONNECT -ED is our school—to-parent communication system which allows notification of district and school-wide events, as well as emergency information. Please note that the school office will call when your child is absent and county transportation calls if your child's bus is more than 15 minutes late.

Sincerely,

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