



Gretchko Elementary School

Serving Grades K-2



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Our mission at Gretchko Elementary, in cooperation with our community, is to foster curiosity, creativity, and the joy of learning. By providing opportunities and challenges, we will expand children's knowledge and enable them to be resilient, life-long learners, within an ever-changing global society. We will provide rigorous curriculum and differentiated instruction to ensure success.

Curriculum: District standards and benchmarks guide the school curriculum. The district curriculum is coordinated with state and national core curriculum requirements. Our focus is to provide direct instruction and support the learning process through all available means. At Gretchko we continue to accentuate STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) strategies. Our intent is to assist all students to be successful learners by emphasizing problem solving, application of principles, project based learning, analytical skills, and creativity.

Gretchko Special Programs: Hydroponic Gardening, Jr. First Lego League, Publishing Lab, Reading Recovery, Math Pentathlon Games, Literacy Groups, and curriculum based "Theme" activities.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO): Our PTO group is instrumental in volunteer services with students, and raising funds to enhance the educational process. Funds are used to support programs and curriculum enrichment activities, provide some bus transportation for field trips, and purchase educational materials.

Transportation: Bus transportation is available at the beginning and end of the day for all resident elementary students (outside of the district walk areas). Routes are revised yearly and bus stops are established just before the start of school. Information is available through the Transportation Department at (248) 865-3680.

Absentee Policy: The school district has a SAFELINE program designed for the safety of absent students. When a child is absent or

will arrive late, the parent will call (248-865-6572) beforehand. The safeline is open 24 hours a day.

Community Education and Preschool Programs: Traditional ½ day Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds, Kids Klub (before and after school child care), and a variety of interest-based after school enrichment activities are offered at Gretchko. Although, activities are directed and registered by Community Education, student programs are housed at Gretchko Elementary.

Special Curriculum Support: READING RECOVERY - A reading program for at-risk first graders, with one of two certified Reading Recovery teachers. RESOURCE ASSISTANCE - Children identified as having special needs receive additional part-time assistance during the regular school day. LITERACY GROUPS – Coordinated by the building reading consultant to reinforce and practice reading skills. It is staffed by paraprofessionals trained in reading literacy techniques. Gretchko utilizes PBIS-Positive Behavior Intervention Support.

Special Building Support: Speech and Language Therapist, School Psychologist, Social Worker, Bilingual Teacher, Paraprofessionals and Parent Volunteers. Building NEWSLETTER is available online.

I Center: The I Center serves as an extension of classroom instruction by providing book check out, reference research, computer/technology experiences including Makerspace opportunities, and supplemental learning materials.



| School Start Times 2018-2019 | | School Dismissal Times 2018-19 | |
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| Kids Klub Opens | 6:45 a.m. | A.M. Preschool Ends | 12:10 p.m. |
| Elementary School Begins | 9:15 a.m. | Elementary School Ends | 4:07 p.m. |
| Preschool Starts | 9:20 a.m. | Kids Klub Closes | 6:30 p.m. |

Bilingual Support: The West Bloomfield School District seeks to provide every child, regardless of national origin or native language, quality, and meaningful educational instruction. Consequently, students who are English Language Learners (ELLs) are provided instructional services through English as a Second Language (ESL) Title III program which is designed to meet their unique needs.

Classroom Features: Gretchko Elementary contains 22 classrooms, houses approximately 430 elementary students and 50 preschool students. Included in each grade level classroom is a classroom library, restroom, sink, student lockers, drinking fountain, and an outside exit (remains locked from the outside). Each classroom also includes a teacher computer workstation, classroom surround sound system. Classrooms also have Interactive White Boards and Chrome Books, and tablets.

Technology: Regular student instruction includes the use of tablets, and/or Google Chrome book. We have a 2 to 1 ratio in all classrooms. We also utilize I-pads, Kindles, and Promethean Interactive whiteboards.

School Lunch Policy

All students including preschool programs may purchase the district hot lunch or bring a lunch from home. Meals are paid for in advance and ordered the day your student will eat the lunch. An online debit system is used to maintain a student usage balance. Lunch Price: \$2.35, Milk: \$.50, Water: \$.50.

Breakfast Policy

Gretchko Elementary offers a bagged breakfast each morning before school for \$1.25. Free or reduced lunch and breakfast meals are available to students who qualify. Forms are available in the school office

Parent Communication Network: PCN is an advisory committee whose role is divided into two primary functions: To deal with all forms of communications (rumors, desires, plans, information) and to report to the superintendent on all of the happenings at each school in the district on a monthly basis.

Emergencies: Call the school at **(248) 865-6570**

Parent Volunteers: Gretchko Elementary thrives through an expanded parent volunteer base. Parents participate in individual classroom support, coordinated full school activities, "special events" assistance, Motor Moms and Dads, Publishing Lab, Hydroponics Lab various PTO functions, Math Pentathlon Game instruction, Kids in Charge, and Our Children's Fund activities.

Yearly Happenings

- Enrichment assemblies and programs
- Community service projects and activities
- Grade Level music concerts
- Fund Run-at the start of the school year
- I Center Book Fair
- Fall parent Open House/Curriculum Night
- Kindergarten Round-Up
- Pine Cone Reading Incentive Program
- Heritage Fair
- Hydroponics Lab
- Breakfast with dad and breakfast with moms
- Spooktacular-Halloween Family Event
- Welcome Family Evening Social
- Valentine Family Fun Night
- Winter and Spring Field Day
- School-wide Science and Art Fair
- Author/Illustrator Day
- Charitable contribution initiatives
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Volunteer Recognition

Building Named for: Dr. Seymour Gretchko, former Superintendent of West Bloomfield School District.

Built in 1995 First Addition: 1997 Second Addition: 2001

School Colors: Red, Blue & Yellow
School Mascot: Gretchko "Stars"

| GRETCHKO STAFF 2018-19 | | |
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| 1 Principal | 2 Secretaries | 22 General Education Teachers |
| 2 Reading Recovery Teachers | 1 Mandarin Chinese Teacher | 1 Resource Teacher |
| 1 Preschool Teachers and 1 assistant | 1 I Center Consultant | 3 special subject teachers (Art, Music, Phys. Ed.) |
| 1 Bilingual Paraprofessional | 1 Part-time bilingual teacher | 1 Media/computer Lab Paraprofessional |
| 1 Speech and Language Therapist | 1 Social Worker | 10 Building Paraprofessionals |
| 1 Plant Engineer | 2 Custodians | 1 Food Service Person |
| 1 Afterschool Coordinator | 5 Kids Klub Instructors | |