

GRETCHKO NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 18, 2020



GRETCHKO TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

West West Bloomfield School District issued each student a new computer for educational access. It is essential that students use the computers issued for their classwork and zoom meetings. Updates and software changes are pushed to the district computers, and students not using district issued computers may not have access to the same information and programming.

Please monitor your children on the computer especially during zoom classes and meetings. We often see other individuals in the audience. Please help teachers by monitoring background noise and other interruptions of "non" class happenings.

Sometimes families forget that the computers the children are learning from, also have cameras that share whatever is in the background of the computer screen. Also, if there are

conversations happening in the area, the voices and conversations are shared throughout the rest of the class. Please teach your student how and why we use the mute button.

Please join our "Special's teachers" zoom meetings through the Special's Teachers Canvas page. If you are having difficulty getting onto your Specials zoom, please follow the directions below.

- * After you click on the Specials Teacher's zoom link, close the pop up box.
- * Log in with your child's gmail account.
- * If the zoom says "connecting" please go back to the teacher's link.
- * Start again.
- * Your child's name should appear to log into zoom.
- * It should now allow you to enter the meeting.

IMPORTANCE OF THE SCHOOL DAY

First of all, we would like to thank everyone for working so hard to see that students arrive at school on time. The extra effort is helping our teachers to fully use the shortened day to its maximum potential. Students are arriving excited to be at school, ready to learn and happy. It is a good feeling to see how much a quality education means to everyone. Keep up the good work !

We do realize on occasion a student may arrive late. Please see the procedures listed below if your student arrives late to school.

1. The parent will **park in the parking lot**
2. Parents should **call the school office** at (248) 865-6570.
3. The office will notify the teacher
- 4 Then parents will **walk their child to the classroom door.**
5. The **teacher will meet the student** at the classroom door.

Also, **leaving early from Cloud Care and "in person" school is very disruptive to all. Our staff members are very busy throughout the day with their individual assignments as they work to maintain a quality education for all students.** As we continue to keep health and safety a top priority for all, it becomes difficult to accommodate parents that are picking up students earlier than the designated time. We do not have staff assigned to assist parents in early pick up. Students enrolled in Cloud Care throughout the normal school day, have assignments and are considered "in school" during normal school hours. **It is imperative that we all strive to maximize the time we have with students.**

WELCOME TO OUR PTO BOARD FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

Here are this year's board members:

President: Jen Amato

Co-Vice President: Ashleigh Davis/Stephanie Reynolds

Treasurer: Vanity Koop

Recording Secretary: Heather Aldrich

Co-Corresponding Secretary: Ufuoma Kaplan /Erica Daenzer

PTO LOOKING FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Sign up to be a Virtual

Head Room Parent!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084EACAD2CA7FA7-virtual>

SCHOOL START AND STOP TIMES

- * Please remember currently all students attend Gretchko for 1/2 day sessions only.
- *No breakfast or lunch is served at school.
- * Students are in school for such a short time, we will not have snacks.
- *Students should bring their own water bottle, as the drinking fountains are temporarily closed.

COHORT A - School Time 9:25 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (In the classroom)

COHORT B - School Time - 1:37 p.m. - 4:17 p.m. (In the classroom)

WBHS BASKETBALL MUM SALE

West Bloomfield Boys Basketball Annual Mum Sale

September 25-26 While Quantities Last

(Sale starts at 2:30pm on Sept 25)

Pre-orders will be accepted until Wednesday Sept 23rd or you can just buy pots from the WBHS Parking lot.

Larger 12 inch Pots for \$20

Medium 8 inch pots for \$8

All proceeds go to West Bloomfield Boys Basketball

WBHS ANNUAL FALL MUMS SALE



FRIDAY, SEPT 25TH 2:00PM-6:00PM (INCLUDING PICK-UP OF ALL PRE-SALE PLANTS)

SATURDAY, SEPT 26TH 10:00AM UNTIL SOLD OUT

WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT

IN SUPPORT OF THE BOYS BASKETBALL PROGRAM

PRE-ORDER FORM – DUE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD
PLEASE TEXT A PHOTO OF THE COMPLETED FORM TO 248-330-3590
PAYMENT TO BE MADE TO COACH ABRAHAMS VIA:
VENMO: @JON-ABRAHAMS CASH APP: \$JONABRAHAMS
OR PAYPAL: JDA@ABRAHAMSLAW.COM

NAME: _____ CELL: _____

| COLOR | 8" AT \$8.00 EACH | 12" AT \$20.00 EACH (limited supply, order early) | TOTAL PRICE |
|---------------|-------------------|--|-------------|
| WHITE | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| PURPLE | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| YELLOW | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| BRONZE/ORANGE | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| TRI-COLOR | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| TOTAL ORDERED | _____ | _____ | _____ |

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES AVAILABLE

Looking for something fun this fall? Check out the fall catalog for online enrichment! [Click here](#) to view.

Youth Empowerment, Movement and Enrichment

Yoga, Drama, Karate, Drawing and more!

Adult Movement, Professional Development, Speciality and Enrichment

Registration questions and to teach a class, please contact andrea.foglietta@wbsd.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

Important Dates coming up!

September 25 - Backwards Spirit Day

September 28 - NO SCHOOL

September 30 - Marco's Pizza Night

October 2 - Gretchko School Spirit Day

October 9 - Workout Gear/Athletic Spirit Day

October 16 - College wear Spirit Day
October 23 - Crazy Hair Spirit Day
October 28 - Marco's Pizza night
October 30 - Costume day (No WEAPONS and NO SCARY MASKS)
November 3 - NO SCHOOL - ELECTION DAY
November 6 - Gretchko School Spirit Day
November - 13 Rock and Roll Day
November 18 - Marco's Pizza Night
November 20 - Formal/Dress Up Day
November 25-27 Thanksgiving Break
December 4 - Gretchko Spirit Day
December 11 - Pajama Day
December 16 - Marco's Pizza Night
December 18 - Holiday Attire Day
December 21 - Jan. 1 - Winter Break

DAILY ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

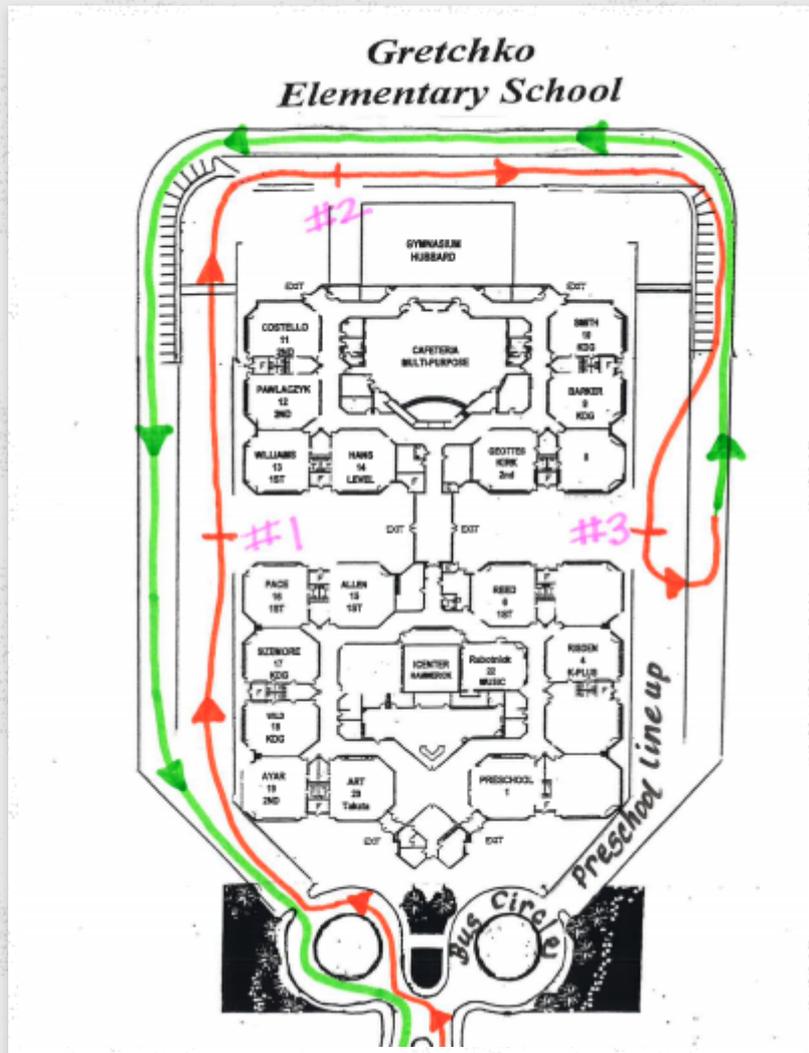
Daily Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Please refer to the map of the school to see where your students' class is located. We will have three arrival/dismissal locations this year:

- 1.) On the **West/left** side of the school - Ayar, Wild, Sizemore, Pace, Allen, Hans, Williams, Pawlaczyk, Costello
- 2.) At the **North/back** end of the school - Cloud Care
- 3.) On the **East/right** side of the school - Smith, Barker, Geottes/Kirk, Reed, Risdén

- All cars enter the left (West) circle.
- Remain in the car line through drop-offs - 1, 2, 3.
- Drop your student at their designated drop off location (see above).
- All parents and students remain in vehicles.
- Students unhook their seat belt and open car doors to exit the car.
- Students will be assisted by staff when exiting or entering vehicles.
- Teachers will be present to greet and direct students.
- Students will wait outside with their teacher until others arrive.
- All cars continue following the car line through all drop off areas.
- Follow the car line around the building.
- Loop around at station 3 to exit.
- Exit the same way you enter through the West circle.
- Please follow arrows and directions from our staff.

Please refer to this document throughout our school start for procedures and schedules.



BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

West Bloomfield School District

WEST BLOOMFIELD/KEEGO HARBOR

Dear Parents of Doherty, Gretchko, Roosevelt, Scotch, and Sheiko Elementary,

If your child qualified for the Free and Reduced Meal Program last year or this year, s/he can also participate in the **Blessings in a Backpack** program. This program sends six non-perishable meals home each Friday of the school year in your child's backpack. Its goal is to make sure that no child goes hungry on the weekend. Run by volunteers, there is **NO cost** to you.

To enroll in this program, please fill out the two sections below. The first section gives the West Bloomfield School District's Nutrition Department permission to release your name to **Blessings in a Backpack**, so that they can add your child/ren to their roster. The second section registers your child/ren in the Blessings program and alerts them to any allergies they might have.

Please return this to your school office as soon as possible, or email it to katherinesheiko@hotmail.com. The first backpack of food will be sent home the first week of October. If your child is enrolled in Lakers On Line, you can pick up your child's bag at WBHS from 6:30-7:30 am, 11:30 am-12:30 pm or from 4:00-5:00 pm on Wednesday of each week.

Yes, my child's/children's name may be released by the Nutrition Department to the **Blessings in a Backpack** Program.

Yes, I would like my child/children to participate in the **Blessings in a Backpack** program.

Child's
Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____ School _____

Child's
Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____ School _____

Parent's Signature _____

Food Allergies _____

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Sheiko at katherinesheiko@hotmail.com or at 248 521 0074. For more information on Blessings in a Backpack go to blessingsinabackpackmi.org.

GRETCHKO KINDERGARTEN 2020-2021 SUPPLY LIST

Kindergarten Supply List

- 2 packages (1large & 1small) washable markers (Crayola)
- 10 glue sticks (Elmer's)
- 2 bottles of white glue or glue sticks (Elmer's)
- 2 24 ct. boxes of crayons (Crayola)
- 1 palette watercolors (Crayola)
- 2 boxes of sharpened pencils (Ticonderoga)
- 2 boxes of colored pencils (Crayola)
- 1 pair of Fiskar (child-sized) scissors
- 1 box of tissue
- 1 package of low odor dry erase markers (Expo)
- 2 containers of bleach free wipes (Clorox or Lysol)
- \$5 for individual student supply bins

*Please try and purchase the recommended brands on the list

*Student donations are greatly appreciated

Thank You!

The Gretchko Kindergarten Teachers

GRETCHKO FIRST GRADE 2020-2021 SUPPLY LIST

Supplies For School

Supplies for Cloud Learning/Home

- Glue sticks (12-24)
 - Crayons (2 boxes of 24)
 - Clear Plastic Shoe Box with Lid
 - 1 box Washable crayola markers
 - 1 chunky pink eraser
 - 1 pair of Scissors (add your name)
 - 15-20 **Pre Sharpened** pencils (Ticonderoga work best)
 - Mini pencil sharpener (add your name)
 - Box of tissue (add your name)
 - Bottle of hand sanitizer (add your name)
 - Non-Bleach, antibacterial wipes (Target brand) (add your name)
 - 2 (4-Pack) Low Odor Black dry erase markers
 - Sock (dry erase eraser)
 - 2 packs of 3x3 Sticky notes
 - 1 box sandwich size ziploc bags (girls)
 - 1 gallon sandwich size ziploc bags (boys)
 - 1 pair of earbuds or headphones in a baggie with your name on the baggie
 - Band-aids
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- Crayons
 - Sharpened pencils
 - Mini pencil sharpener
 - 1 (4-pack) Dry erase markers
 - Sock (dry erase eraser)
 - 1 notebook
 - Work space(quiet, private)
 - Plain, white copy paper (for drawing)
 - 2 packs of 3X3 Sticky notes (2020)

GRETCHKO SECOND GRADE 2020-2021 SUPPLY LIST

Student Supplies

- 1 white 1 inch binder with clear pocket front
- Glue sticks (12) ● Crayons (2 boxes of 24)
- Clear plastic shoe box with lid
- 2 boxes Washable crayola markers
- 2 chunky pink erasers
- 1 pair of Scissors labeled
- 48 Sharpened Ticonderoga Pencils
- Mini pencil sharpener labeled
- (4-Pack) Low Odor thin Black dry erase markers
- Sock or dry erase eraser
- 2 packs of 3x3 Sticky notes
- Ruler with in and cm
- Earbuds or headphones
- 1 spiral notebook wide ruled and three holes

Cloud Learning at Home Supplies

- Crayons
- Markers
- Sharpened pencils
- Mini pencil sharpener
- (4-pack) Dry erase markers
- 2 packs of 3X3 Sticky notes Classroom Supplies
- Hand Sanitizer
- Tissue
- Non-Bleach, antibacterial wipes (Target brand)
- Gallon zip lock (boys)
- Sandwich zip lock (girls)
- 24 clear page protectors (boys)
- Notecards and bandaids (girls)