

GRETCHKO NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 - CRAZY HAIR DAY AT GRETCHKO FOR SPIRIT DAY



HALLOWEEN DRESS UP DAY

This year at Gretchko students will be able to **wear their costumes on Friday, October 30th**. Students wearing costumes should be **dressed in their costume when they come to school**. Students will still be **required to wear a normal face covering** as usual even if they have a mask with their costume. We ask that costumes be in good taste for our young students. **No scary or gruesome costumes and no weapons.** Thank you for helping make this special day fun for our students. A suggestion might be that students could make their own paper mask to go with their costume.

Although we will not be having any food, we will be having a great day. Also, the PTO will provide a take-home craft. The crafts were purchased for all students from the \$12.00 fee collected from parents this year. Thank you for supporting our students and the efforts of the PTO.

THANK YOU FOR THINKING OF OUR STUDENT'S SAFETY

Our parents are very generous and some are interested in sending special items in for their child's class for Halloween. **Please refrain from sending any items including, food, pencils, toys, or prizes for students anytime this year.** At Gretchko we are so very careful with the library books and classroom materials to make sure they are sanitized and "timed out". When items come from various homes the school cannot be responsible for the contents. Thank you for thinking of our student's health and safety.

FANTASTIC! ART SUPPLIES COMING HOME

We are in the process of bagging supplies to send home so each student can have the same supplies to do their school art projects. We are so lucky to be able to provide art supplies for our ZOOM ART CLASSES.

We ask that parents help students remain responsible and take proper care of the supplies provided by Gretchko School. The supplies should be used solely for art class. Mrs. Takata is looking forward to demonstrating for students and is very excited to have all students participate in their Zoom class with the supplies provided.

Please keep in mind these supplies are for school use only and should be kept in a safe place at home for use with the zoom class.

ART PROJECTS COMING UP IN MRS. TAKATA'S ZOOM CLASS

First and second grade students, start collecting your supplies for our fun owl project for the first week of November! We will need toilet paper rolls, So save your family's empty *toilet paper* roll - If you have more than 1 you can make more than 1 owl. See the demonstration picture below and start thinking about what your owl will look like.



KINDERGARTEN OWL PROJECT FOR ZOOM!

Pictured above is a sample of what kind of owl drawing our kindergarten students will be working on. At our first November Zoom meeting we will read a great book about owls. Then work on our owl pictures. Our students will use their best drawing and coloring to make a colorful owl. Mrs. Takata will demonstrate some ideas to help our students use their creativity.

VIRTUAL BOOKFAIR.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/12VVHJUDx3Gwn-ZWi3ZX5hQIY2W_B3kTaJhloRALFnPk/edit?usp=sharing Our bookfair begins **Monday, November 2** and runs through **Sunday, November 15th**. Click on the link above to see all the new and exciting things this year's book fair has to offer".



Gretchko Spirit Wear

Check out our **BRAND NEW YOUTH and ADULT** options!

New items are PRE- ORDER and will be delivered in November!

To order, please:

1. [Click this link.](#)
2. Once we receive your order, we will send you an INVOICE to your email address.
3. You will pay the invoice.
4. We will get the items to your child's teacher to send home.

*** ONLY SELECT ITEMS PICTURED BELOW, MORE OPTIONS AVAILABLE ON FORM***



NEW SPIRITWEAR AVAILABLE SEE LINK BELOW

Please note the new items are PRE-ORDER. We need orders in by Sunday, October 25th! They will be delivered in November.

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VIRTUAL CONFERENCES COMING IN NOVEMBER

Virtual Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 19 from 4:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Also, on Friday, November 20 from 1:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Watch the newsletter for the link to the Signup Genius.

EMERGENCY STUDENT INFORMATION SHEETS

We still have several parents that have not updated their student's emergency sheet. Please help us keep connected to parents by having accurate information in your student's file.

If you have not already done so, **please write corrections on the sheet sent home and return to school as soon as possible.** If you need an additional copy, please contact the office at (248) 865-6570.

DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR YEARBOOK

Yearbooks from last year have arrived and been delivered. If you did not receive one and think you should have, please call the office at 248-865-6570.

**National Prescription Drug
TAKE BACK DAY**

Saturday, October 24, 2020
10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Turn in your unused or
expired medication for safe disposal.



**The Greater West Bloomfield
Community Coalition and
The West Bloomfield Police Department**

encourage the community to
drop off their expired and unused prescriptions:
No liquids or sharps/needles

SATURDAY, October 24th 10 AM - 2 PM
WEST BLOOMFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
4530 Walnut Lake Road

*Drop off in the lobby of the West Bloomfield Police Department.
Visit these sites for more info on safe drug disposal, storage
and additional local disposal sites:

dea.gov deterrasystem.com fda.gov

**If unable to drop items off on October 24th,
the police department will accept them at any time**



NEW SPIRITWEAR AVAILABLE - SEE BELOW - SHORT WINDOW TO ORDER

Check out our NEW spiritwear options!!! These make great gifts for our Gretchko Stars and Staff!

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GREATER WEST BLOOMFIELD COALITION AUCTION

Exciting News!!!! Our online auction begins Thursday, October 15th and runs through October 29th!

Check it out-The holidays are just right around the corner.

Be sure to tell your friends to check it out too!

View, Purchase and Support the Greater West Bloomfield Community Coalition at

Web: <https://www.biddingforgood.com/GWBCOALITION>

Mobile: <https://bforg.com/GWBCOALITION>

Lisa Berkey

Executive Director

Greater West Bloomfield Community Coalition

www.gwbcoalition.org

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The Greater West Bloomfield
Community Coalition Presents

2020 ONLINE 2020 AUCTION

WHY

COVID19 has been challenging for us all. Our programming on drug and alcohol prevention, mental health, coping, and resilience is needed now more than ever.

WHAT

All the spectacular auction items you would have seen at the in-person event will now be online for you to view and purchase.

WHEN

From October 15-29 at

Web: <https://www.biddingforgood.com/GWBCOALITION>

Mobile: <https://bforq.com/GWBCOALITION>  

JOIN THE FUN! FREE EVENT -HOSTED BY THE GREATER WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY COALITION

Here is another evening program for families to learn coping skills together. October 28th is Yoga!! We are partnering with Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.



You may have heard news reports about the latest decision of the Michigan Supreme Court stating, for a number of legal reasons, that the issuance by the Governor of executive orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic is no longer valid on a continuing basis.

As a school district we have the responsibility to maintain safety for all of our students and staff, as well as their families. We likewise have the ability to adopt policies to keep these stakeholders safe.

After careful consideration, and unless or until we receive additional or other guidance from lawful authority, **we will be maintaining our safety protocols for the 2020-21 school year as articulated in our Return to School plan adopted under the legislatively required MI Safe Schools Roadmap**, as well as those procedures incorporated into our preparedness and response plan as it relates to COVID-19.

GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING ATHLETIC EVENTS AT WBHS

As we have increased the number of spectators allowed at our sporting events, please help us keep our events going by doing your part to follow our spectator guidelines. In order to attend a WBHS event, all guests must adhere to the following regulations:

- Masks/Face Coverings Must be Worn at ALL TIMES, even outdoors. This includes in line, or waiting at the concession area.
- Attendees must sit with members of their household.
- All individuals or groups within the same household must be seated at least 6 feet apart from anyone not in their household
- Please DO NOT attend if you have had exposure to a person with COVID or COVID-symptoms.
- Please DO NOT attend if you have had a fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste/smell, or any other symptoms of COVID in the past 72 hours even if you've received a negative test
- Please DO NOT attend if you have tested positive for COVID and have not completed the proper quarantine procedures, even if asymptomatic

Guests who fail to adhere to these guidelines will be asked to exit the event. Please do your part to allow our student athletes to continue to participate in their activities for the duration of their season and the school year. The students deserve these opportunities and we can all make sure that they continue to be able to compete.

PTO REQUEST

Each year the PTO collects **funds to pay for our Scholastic publication** and also collects for party funds. Even though parties will look different this year, the PTO will be planning **2 special activities for our students**. They are asking parents for financial support in the amount of **\$12.00 each student**. Please see the information below from our PTO.

Sally Drummond, Principal

Donations can only be accepted via CHECK this year, made payable to Gretchko PTO. One check submitted with a **total of \$12** is very much appreciated!

***Please send the check in an envelope to school in your child's school folder. Please write your CHILD'S NAME, TEACHER, and SCHOLASTIC/CRAFTS on the front of the envelope.
Thank you for your support!



Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS)

Oakland District

Preparing Students for the Future

Virtual Meeting

Fall 2020

Who Should Attend:

- Students on an IEP or 504 Plan
- Parents and Guardians
- Counselors and others serving students with disabilities

What you will learn at each session:

MRS

Who is eligible for MRS services?
Pre-Employment Services
MRS Liaisons



Training and Employment



Date and Time


October 28th, 2020
at 6pm
&
November 17th, 2020
at 6pm

Please register with Mrs. Crystal Jones at JonesC33@michigan.gov

For any questions regarding this event or to request accommodations, please contact Jewell Rall at: RallJ@michigan.gov

Hello Gretchko Families!



Beginning next week, all students will be receiving information and activities about:  **RULER**
<https://www.rulerapproach.org/>

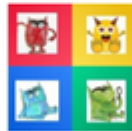
RULER is an evidence-based approach from the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence to teach kids about:

- R**ecognizing emotions in self and others
- U**nderstanding the causes and consequences of emotions
- L**abeling emotions accurately
- E**xpressing emotions appropriately
- R**egulating emotions effectively

HOW: Students will virtually receive stories and activities to help learn about emotions from "Fun with Feelings and Mrs. DeSana."

WHEN: Every other Wednesday, as part of each classroom's Cloud Learning experience.

Through **RULER**, students will be introduced to the **Mood Meter**. The **Mood Meter** is a picture of 4 colors that helps kids recognize and label feelings. This, as well as our activities, will be referred to during in-person learning.



Please look forward to more information and resources about **RULER**!
You may also reach out to me for more information!

Lindsey DeSana, LMSW
School Social Worker
Lindsey.desana@wbsd.org; 248-865-6570

PTO NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

Please click here

https://drive.google.com/file/d/16nBs_EvnoVfFcjzMPqD998y-d2ti4lws/view?usp=sharing
to review the Gretchko PTO monthly newsletter.



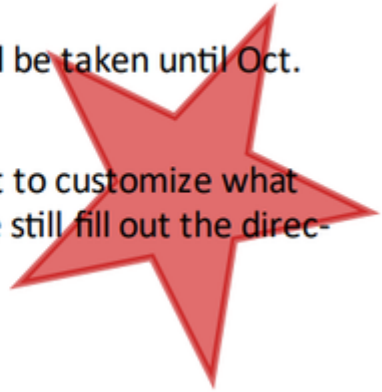
Gretchko School Directory & PTO Membership

We are happy to announce that the school directory will be back this year! The Directory is a great tool to help you get in touch with other families. Have a small business or other opportunity? Considering purchasing an ad in order to reach the school community.

Looking for an opportunity to help our school? With no fundraisers planned at this time, you can make a one time donation to the PTO so that they can continue supporting our teachers and students during this crazy times.

Orders and donation will all be online, and will be taken until Oct. 31st

Not interested in a directory this year, or want to customize what information is printed in the directory? Please still fill out the directory form, and let us know your preferences.



FIRE SAFETY MONTH

October is fire safety month! During iCenter this week, readers learned where to locate fire safety information in the library. They read about fire trucks and practiced being PROACTIVE (Habit #1) by learning what to do in a fire emergency. Students can learn more about fire safety and read books with firefighter themes in a virtual reading room in the iCenter canvas page. If students create a fire escape plan at home (worksheet provided by Mrs. Hammerick this week) they will receive a special prize from the West Bloomfield Fire Department firefighters! Fire escape plans are due on Monday, October 19th!

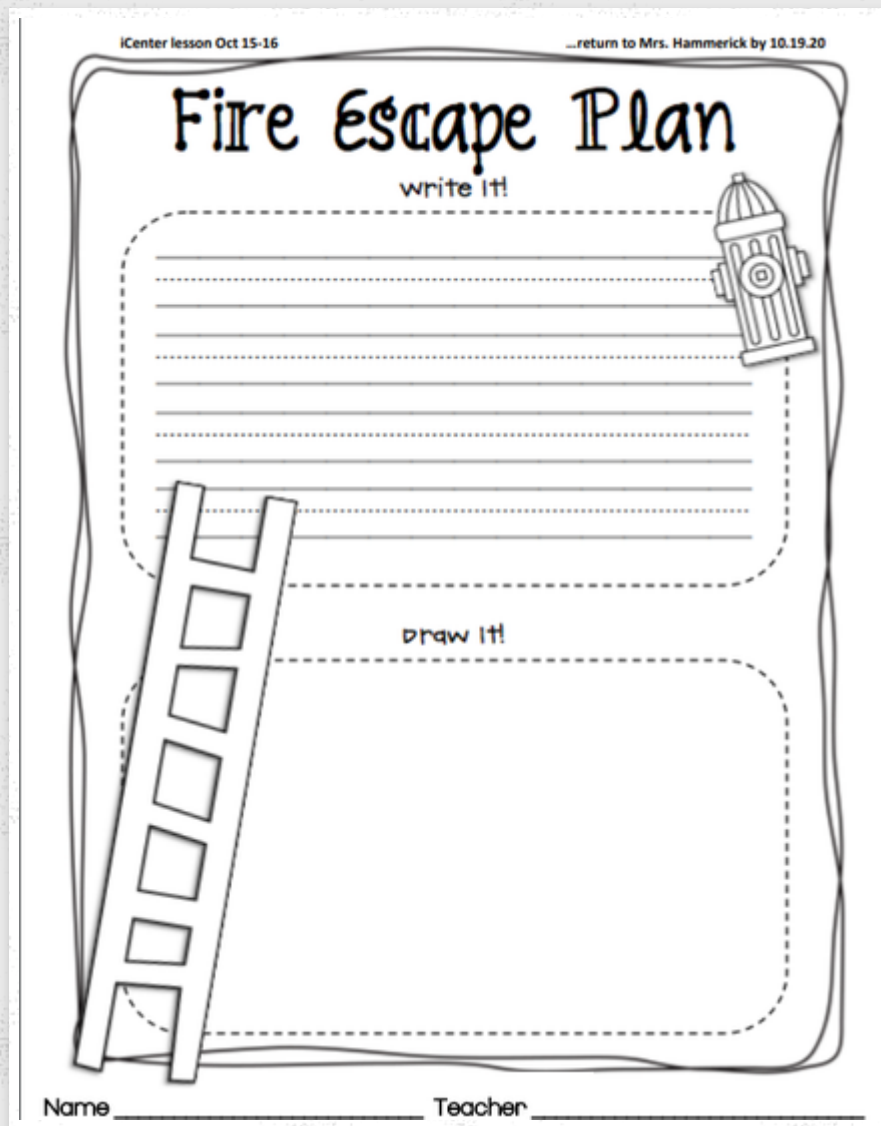
Center lesson Oct 15-16 ...return to Mrs. Hammerick by 10.19.20

Fire Escape Plan

write it!

draw it!

Name _____ Teacher _____



WBSD/DURHAM TRANSPORTATION BUS TRACKER

Durham Bus Tracker is an application (app) developed to help improve communication with families. This app will securely allow parents/guardians to view the location of their child(ren)'s bus in relation to their assigned bus stop as well as provide information about their routes, in near real-time, including the scheduled arrival time of each stop. The application is user friendly and available at no additional charge (mobile carrier data charges may still apply).

- [Getting Started Guide](#)
- [Additional Information](#)

GRETCHKO DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Please review the times for the Drop-Off and Pick-up lines.

9:05 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. - Cohort A - Drop Off

12:05 p.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Cohort A Pick-Up

1:20 p.m. - 1:32 p.m. - Cohort B Drop-Off

4:17 p.m. - 4:22 p.m. - Cohort B Pick-Up (gained 5 minutes)

We ask that everyone be courteous and follow the guidelines below

- * Have students **prepared to exit** your vehicle.
- * Say good-byes beforehand.
- * Students should have their **mask on** when staff approach the car and be ready to exit.
- * Student should be on the **passenger side** of the car.
- * Students should be able to **unbuckle by themselves**.
- * Student should be able to **open the door and climb out**.
- * Please **do not pass other parents** in the car line.
- * Please **drop students at designated drop-off areas**. (see map below)

Parents are not allowed to get out of vehicles while in the car line.

FUNDRAISING FOR GRETCHKO

If you enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards and designate our PTO, Gretchko can receive money based on your purchases. You can link your Kroger Plus shoppers card online. Please keep in mind your card has to be renewed yearly. Go to <http://krogercommunityrewards.com> for particulars.

REQUEST BY PARENTS

When making a left turn into Gretchko, please pass Gretchko, continue to the first subdivision street, make the left turn and come back up the hill. You will be able to make the turn easier, safer, cut down on traffic back ups and improve safety of everyone in the traffic pattern. Thank you, for thinking of others and helping improve traffic back ups!

WBSD CHROMEBOOK ACCIDENT AND LOSS PROTECTION

Please click [HERE](#) for information on accident and loss protection for district issued Chromebooks. Please contact Allyson Dewar at allyson.dewar@oakland.k12.mi.us for more information or if you have questions.

DO YOU NEED TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE

We are sharing some good resources below that may assist parents resolving common technology issues.

Help with Canvas: www.wbsd.org/academics/classroom-to-cloud/canvas or canvashelp@wbsd.org

Help with Chromebook: www.wbsd.org/departments/technology

Help with PowerSchool: www.wbsd.org/parents/powerschool

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

HEALTH SCREENINGS - ATTENTION FAMILIES!

Health Screenings - Attention Families!

In order to protect everyone within our buildings and continue to provide outstanding in-person instruction for our K-8 students, we need our families to partner with us.

We need families to be honest with us when monitoring their own student's health each day. If your student is feeling under the weather for any reason, please do the responsible thing and keep your student home from school that day. When keeping students home, please continue to monitor their symptoms throughout the day and reevaluate the next day.

We will work with families to ensure any students remaining at home due to health precautions have the necessary time and resources to stay up to do in their classes without falling behind. We'd rather families take the necessary precautions instead of worrying about class assignments or grades when dealing with potentially ill students.

As we head into cold, flu and allergy season, this honest accounting of our students' symptoms each day will help us keep all who learn, work and play within our buildings safe.

Please reach out to your building principal if you have any questions or concerns.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Important Dates coming up!

October 23 - Crazy Hair Spirit Day

October 28 - Marco's Pizza night

October 30 - Costume day (No WEAPONS and NO SCARY MASKS)

November 2 - BOOK FAIR begins today
November 3 - NO SCHOOL - ELECTION DAY
November 6 - Gretchko School Spirit Day
November - 13 Rock and Roll Day
November 15 - LAST DAY FOR OUR BOOK FAIR
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

WATCH LIVE LAKERS ATHLETICS THROUGH THE NFHS NETWORK

Watch Live Lakers Athletics Through the NFHS Network

Please see the attached flyer below for information on how to watch live action of Lakers Athletics for events in our Gymnasium and Stadium. Here is the link for our school page for the NFHS Network:

<https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/west-bloomfield-high-school-west-bloomfield-mi>

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 kathernesheiko@hotmail.com. The first backpack of food will be sent home the first week of

October. If your child is in 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.