

# GRETCHKO NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 30, 2020 (REVISED)

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME THIS WEEKEND

Don't forget to change your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening.



**NO SCHOOL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND AND NO  
SCHOOL TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD**

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE SIGN UP BELOW.

Parents should sign up for a conference slot and the teacher will share a link for the zoom conference once the conference slots are complete.

Please click on the link below to sign up for **evening conferences on Thursday, November 19th.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545A8AA2BA2F58-gretchko>

Click on this link below for **afternoon conferences on Friday, November 20 th.** Use

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545A8AA2BA2F58-gretchko1>



**Did you know? Mrs. Drummond LOVES READING!  
Order Your Copy of Mrs. Drummond's Book Fair  
Principal Pick**

**The Principal's Pick book will be signed and personally delivered to your child at school by Mrs. Drummond herself!**

\$6.50 per book / \$13.00 for both titles

Orders are due Friday, November 13th

Please send Check payable to: Gretchko Elementary or CASH

Return this flyer, along with payment, to your child's classroom teacher by Friday, November 13th!

Child's Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Classroom Teacher:

\_\_\_\_\_

Payment Included:

Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Check \_\_\_\_\_



PLEASE Circle your book choice

\_\_\_\_\_ We would LOVE to DONATE a book to another Gretchko Student  
(Please include payment for an additional book)

## I CENTER BOOK FAIR

The VIRTUAL book fair begins next week! There are so many wonderful, age and level appropriate books for your reader to choose from. Browse the virtual book fair room and/or search for specific titles on the Scholastic website. All purchases will earn our school new literature we will add to our Book Buses! Students may shop online Nov 2-15. All proceeds from the book fair go directly to the Gretchko iCenter. Orders of \$25 or more will receive FREE shipping. Please consider adding items from your classroom teacher's WISH LIST in order to help build our classroom libraries too! A book gift for your teacher will surely help meet the \$25 free shipping minimum. Mrs. Drummond is very excited to personalize and deliver her PRINCIPAL PICK books to your reader! Order forms for the Principal Pick Books are due by Friday, Nov 13.

Principal Pick Order Form:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dDkrPaioCwz0Pgu37c6E1YqFcXHtjUXI/view>

Shop the Virtual Book Fair: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/gretchkoelementaryschool>





**Mrs.  
Drummond's**

# Principal Picks

Scholastic Book Fairs®


# ONLINE *VIRTUAL* BOOK FAIR

Connect your kids to the books they love.



**November  
2-15**

DOG MAN art © Dav Pilkey.



# iCenter News

## October

### Read Aloud & Shared Reading

A Perfectly Messed-Up Story  
If You Give a Mouse an iPhone  
Fire Trucks (non-fiction)  
Just the Way I Am (Leader In Me)  
Creepy Carrots

### ALL GRADES

Students learned about book etiquette and the procedures of how to check a book out from the Book Bus. We discussed HOW to locate information in a library using the call number of the book. The LEADERSHIP focus in October was Habit #1 – Be Proactive. Leaders learned the difference between reactive and proactive behavior and strategies of how to be proactive when they become sad or angry (the mood meter was referenced, as well). This month's DIGITAL CITIZEN's focus was Media Balance. We learned strategies of when a good time would be to put our technology away.

### KINDERGARTEN

During shared reading and read alouds, Kindergarteners reviewed CAP by noticing first and last letters/words on the pages and practiced word solving by using meaning, visual cues and sentence structure. Students used pictures and the starting letter in words to decode words within the text. We discussed the elements of NON-FICTION books and learned various text features...such as contents, headings, bold print, photographs, and labels. We made predictions before and during reading in both fiction and non-fiction texts by using the information on the cover of the book and the meaning of the story. Students noticed new vocabulary words (distant, remote) and used the context and picture clues to decipher the meaning.

### FIRST GRADE

During shared reading and read alouds, First Graders discussed punctuation, CAP by noticing blends within words, and practiced word solving by using meaning, visual cues and sentence structure. Pre-fixes and suffixes were identified and used to decode words. Students used pictures and the starting blends in words to decode words within the text. We discussed the elements of NON-FICTION books and learned various text features...such as contents, headings, bold print, photographs, labels, and the glossary...we learned why these features are in non-fiction text and how they help us learn information. We made predictions before and during reading in both fiction and non-fiction texts by using the information on the cover of the book and the meaning of the story. Students noticed new vocabulary words (distant, remote) and used the context and picture clues to decipher the meaning.

### SECOND GRADE

Second Graders discussed punctuation, long and short vowels, practiced word solving by using meaning, visual cues and sentence structure. Pre-fixes and suffixes, blends, and vowel teams were identified and used to decode words. We discussed the elements of NON-FICTION books and learned various text features...such as contents, headings, bold print, photographs, labels, and the glossary...we learned why these features are in non-fiction text and how they help us learn information. We made predictions before and during reading in both fiction and non-fiction texts by using the information on the cover of the book and the meaning of the story. We used "stop & jots" to comprehend text and practiced reading fluently with expression and at a just right pace. Students noticed new vocabulary words (distant, remote) and used the context and picture clues to decipher the meaning.

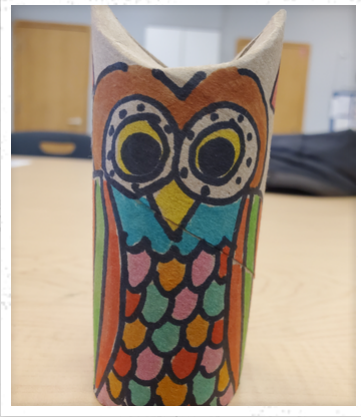
## THANK YOU FOR THINKING OF OUR STUDENT'S SAFETY

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.

## 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.

## 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.

## LINDSEY DESANA SHARES INFORMATION

Take a look to see how you can be a part of your child's social-emotional learning with RULER!



## Understanding the MOOD METER

Students are becoming familiar with the Mood Meter:



A visual way to identify feelings

**Red:** high energy, low pleasantness

**Yellow:** high energy, high pleasantness

**Blue:** low energy, low pleasantness

**Green:** low energy, high pleasantness

Ask your child to describe feelings on the Mood Meter!



Dig deeper with questions!

- What feeling do you have today? What color is that on the Mood Meter?
- What feeling would you like to have? What do you need to feel that way?

Make your own Mood Meter!

- Use construction paper or have your child draw one!
- Attach pictures of feelings from magazines or household items!
- "Check in" to the Mood Meter each day!



For more information contact Lindsey DeSana, School Social Worker

## 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.

## 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.

## SEE THE LINK FOR THE DIRECTORY ORDER BELOW

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf790wTnmKjvuxNzEUhyr3vzvoHikpYTos27sKm9pYw-z6h0A/viewform>

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.wbsd.org/academics/classroom-to-cloud/canvas) or [canvashelp@wbsd.org](mailto:canvashelp@wbsd.org)

Help with Chromebook: [www.wbsd.org/departments/technology](http://www.wbsd.org/departments/technology)

Help with PowerSchool: [www.wbsd.org/parents/powerschool](http://www.wbsd.org/parents/powerschool)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Important Dates coming up!

November 2 - NO SCHOOL TODAY

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 - NO IN PERSON school today-Conferences

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 NEWS 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](mailto:kathernesheiko@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.

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

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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](mailto:katherinesheiko@hotmail.com) or at 248 521 0074. For more information on Blessings in a Backpack go to [blessingsinabackpackmi.org](http://blessingsinabackpackmi.org).

## VIRTUAL BOOKFAIR.

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/12VVHJUDx3Gwn-ZWi3ZX5hQIY2W\\_B3kTaJhloRALFnPk/edit?usp=sharing](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".