

# GRETCHKO NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 6, 2020



**NO IN-PERSON SCHOOL, VIRTUAL ONLY UNTIL  
NOVEMBER 30TH.**

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE.**

Dear Parents,

We appreciate all of your support as we begin our journey back to a virtual learning format. The staff and I will help out whenever we can to make this experience a success for your children. We have added some links below to help out with the zooms if you are having trouble accessing them. The teachers have once again worked tirelessly to make this transition the smoothest and most educationally sound for all children and their families. Please feel free to reach out to me or any of the teachers if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Sally Drummond  
Principal  
[sally.drummond@wbsd.org](mailto:sally.drummond@wbsd.org)

## GRETCHKO'S MISSION

"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, lifelong learners within an ever-changing global society."

## ZOOM MEETING HELP GETTING IN

Parents if you are struggling to get your student onto zoom meetings, please make sure they follow these steps.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gx2jrtlLw0d4Ns2Bv40YxdCyzHLoZfF1k2i2WHsbwp8/edit>

## 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)

## NO COST SCHOOL MEALS

No cost meals are available for curbside pick-up to all children 18 or younger in the community. Each child will receive 7 breakfast and lunch meals. Children do not have to attend West Bloomfield School District.

- Please pre-order meals on the West Bloomfield School District Food Service page or click here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wVbzmc8iJQHZ10KLSwyS6MjppqtKEgKccMvdC06RtACY/edit>

- Pick up sites:

1. West Bloomfield HS main entrance

1. Pick-up day: Wednesday or by special arrangement

- 2. Times: 11:30am-12:30pm or 3:30pm-4:30pm or by special arrangement
- 2. Roosevelt Elementary main entrance

- 1. Pick-up day: Wednesday
- 2. Time: 1100am-1:00pm
- Please contact Nutrition Services for special arrangements or questions at (248)865-6733 or email [anne.stevens@wbsd.org](mailto:anne.stevens@wbsd.org).
- Blessings in a Backpack will also be distributed at both sites during these times. Please contact Kathy Sheiko with questions at [katherinesheiko@hotmail.com](mailto:katherinesheiko@hotmail.com) or (248)521-0074

## 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:

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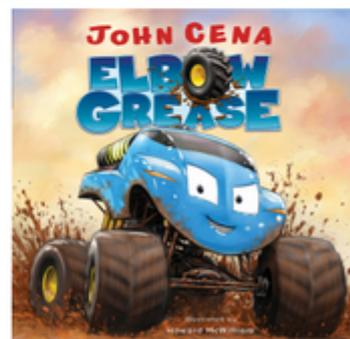
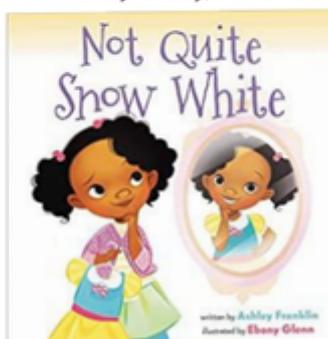
Classroom Teacher:

\_\_\_\_\_

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)

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 Grechko 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>

A graphic with a blue background featuring a cartoon illustration of Mrs. Drummond, a woman with brown hair and glasses, wearing a light green top and black skirt. She is holding two book covers. The top book is 'Not Quite Snow White' by Ashley Franklin, illustrated by Ebony Glenn, showing a young girl in a yellow and green dress. The bottom book is 'John Cena Elbow Grease' by Howard McWilliam, showing a blue monster truck. To the right of the illustration, the text reads 'Mrs. Drummond's Principal Picks' in large, bold letters.

**Mrs.  
Drummond's  
Principal  
Picks**

Scholastic Book Fairs®

# ONLINE **VIRTUAL** BOOK FAIR

Connect your kids to the books they love.

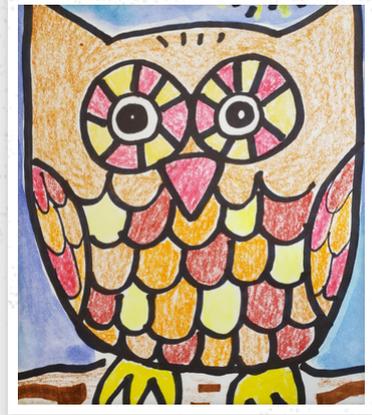


**November  
2-15**

DOG MAN art © Dav Pilkey.

## **ART PROJECTS NEXT WEEK 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. Mrs. Takata, Gretchko Art teacher. [mary.takata@wbsd.org](mailto:mary.takata@wbsd.org)



## **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.

## **LINDSEY DESANA-GRETCHKO SOCIAL WORKER, SHARES INFORMATION**

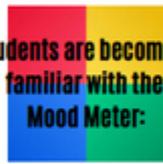
Take a look to see how you can be a part of your child's social-emotional learning with RULER!

If there is anything I can do to help, please do not hesitate to contact me at [lindsey.desana@wbsd.org](mailto:lindsey.desana@wbsd.org)



## Understanding the MOOD METER

Students are becoming familiar with the Mood Meter:



A visual way to identify feelings

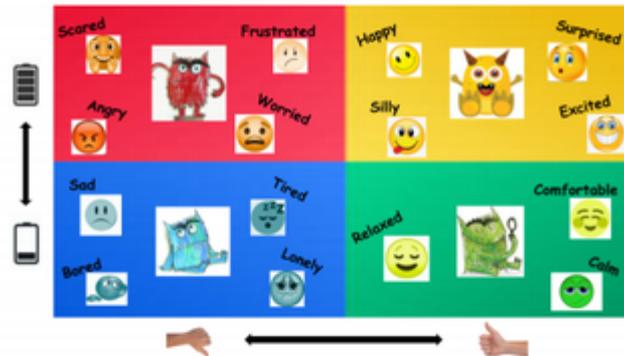
**Red:** high energy, low pleasantness

**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

## 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/1FAIpQLSf79OwTnmKjvuxNzEUhyr3vzvoHikpYTos27sKm9pYw-z6h0A/viewform>

## **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.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

November 15 - LAST DAY FOR OUR BOOK FAIR

November 18 - Marco's Pizza Night

November 19 - Zoom Parent Teacher evening Conferences use

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

November 20 - Zoom Parent Teacher afternoon Conferences use -

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

November 26 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING

November 30 - In Person school Resumes

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 [katherinesheiko@hotmail.com](mailto:katherinesheiko@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.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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-](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/12VVHJUDx3Gwn-ZWi3ZX5hQIY2W_B3kTaJhloRALFnPk/edit?usp=sharing)

[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".

