

GRETCHKO NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 16, 2020

**GRETCHKO SPONSORED - MARCO'S PIZZA NIGHT -
WEDNESDAY - TODAY**

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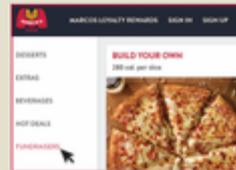
SUPPORT THIS FLAVORFUL FUNDRAISER!

Wednesday, December 16th

Dear Gretchko Star Supporters,
Order from Marco's Pizza® on this day and Marco's will give a percentage of the sales generated by you back to Gretchko Elementary PTO.

20% of your Online total or
10% of your Phone total will be donated back to your school.

***Please be sure to mention Gretchko when ordering for our school to receive funds!



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VIRTUAL SCHOOL THROUGH JANUARY 15, 2021

REMOTE LEARNING

The extension of our current remote learning plans will take us from Thanksgiving Break to Winter Break, a time in which COVID-19 spread will likely continue. Conditions permitting, we plan to return to our current **hybrid instruction model** in grades K-8 , Special Education and Oakland Early College on **January 19, 2021**. West Bloomfield High School and Lakers Online will remain totally remote during this time period.

We must remain vigilant when combating this virus in our community and our day to day lives. Complacency and fatigue will not see us through this next wave of the pandemic. Please take the virus seriously and make good decisions through the upcoming holiday season.

We need to continue to mitigate risk whenever and wherever possible by wearing a mask, keeping six feet of physical distance from others, and reducing the size and frequency of any social gatherings.

We will continue to monitor the data and seek guidance from health officials at the county and state level to determine our next steps. We will communicate any updates or changes to this current plan with you in a timely manner. Visit our website and social media feeds for updates. Please look after yourselves and one another. **Mask Up, Stay Safe, Save Lives.**

Sincerely,

Dr. Gerald Hill, Superintendent

West Bloomfield School District

The graphic features a grid of colorful icons at the top: a group of people, a head with a brain, a speech bubble, a pie chart, a hexagon, and a diamond. Below this is a large yellow banner with the text "WB Student Academic Support". To the right of the banner are icons for a folder, a diamond, and a lightbulb. Below the banner is a blue banner with the text "Additional support for students in the evenings via Zoom". To the right of this banner are icons for a list, a speech bubble, and a play button. The main content is organized into four boxes: "Who" (Students in grades K-12 who would like additional support), "When" (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-5:00pm & 6:00-7:00pm by appointment beginning January 5, 2021), "What" (Teachers from across grade levels, buildings, and subjects will provide additional support to students in small groups via Zoom), and "Why" (Based on feedback from families and staff, many students in both our hybrid and remote learning models could use additional support in the evenings). At the bottom, there is a call to action: "Click here to see the schedule and sign up for a slot" with a mouse cursor icon. Below this is the text "Coming Soon!". At the very bottom, contact information is provided: "For more information, contact Jianna Taylor (jianna.taylor@wbsd.org) or Deanna Barash (deanna.barash@wbsd.org)".

WB Student Academic Support

Additional support for students in the evenings via Zoom

Who
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When
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WBSD SMS TEXT ALERTS - SIGN UP TODAY!

As you may already know, our district utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more. This resource is on top of the emails and phone messages you already receive from SchoolMessenger.

You can participate in this service just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our district’s short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt-out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “Stop”.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT WE LEARNED IN I CENTER IN NOVEMBER



Read Aloud & Shared Reading
Stick & Stone
Duck for President
Thank You, Sarah
Webster's Friend

ALL GRADES

Students learned how to locate a book within libraries using genre, topic, and call numbers. We also discussed various fiction and non-fiction genres including *Biographies*. This month's DIGITAL CITIZEN's focus was *Safety in my Online Neighborhood*. We learned three rules to follow when going online to learn or have fun...1. Always ask your parent first, 2. Only talk to people you know, 3. Stick to places that are just right for you. Students practiced these digital strategies when researching topics on PebbleGo (this safe researching site is located on the iCenter canvas page).

KINDERGARTEN

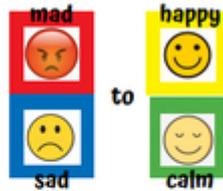
Kindergarteners began to read the 100 BOOKS TO READ IN KINDERGARTEN by listening to Mrs. Hammerick read aloud! A digital reading room with ALL 100 books is available on the iCenter canvas page. Kindergartners are encouraged to obtain their very own library card from the WBTP where all 100 books can be checked out to read at home. During shared reading and read alouds, Kindergarteners reviewed CAP by noticing punctuation including question marks and ellipsis (...). Students used pictures and context clues to decode vocabulary. 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.

FIRST & SECOND GRADE

During shared reading and read alouds, First and Second Graders discussed punctuation including questions marks, quotation marks, and ellipses (...). Students recognized blends and words within words to help with decoding. 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. Current events guided our literacy choices, such as the Presidential Election and Thanksgiving. Students noticed literary language and used the context and picture clues to decipher the meaning. Readers recorded their learning on post-it notes (stop and jots) in order to recall new knowledge and sequence story events. Readers determined the authors message and intentions while reading and read with expression in the way the author intended for us to read (larger text = louder voice). Reading Rooms centered on this month's author Doreen Cronin, and the holiday, Thanksgiving, are available on the iCenter canvas page in the "Additional Activities" button.

Fun with Feelings and Mrs. DeSana

During the months of December and January, students will be learning strategies to help their feelings go from:



Students will learn about taking deep breaths, using mindfulness, and doing things that they enjoy in order to feel calm and happy.



You can help your child build a "feelings toolbox" by:

- Helping to practice deep breathing when feeling mad
- Have your child identify enjoyable activities
- Create your own toolbox or strategy wall/poster
- Choose a strategy from the toolbox to use when having a red or blue feeling
- Choose a feeling on the **Mood Meter** before and after a strategy to see how feelings change!



Contact Lindsey DeSana, School Social Worker, for more information

ART NEWS

Our Gretchko students are working on art self reflections. Student reflections have a part 1 and a part 2. This is an opportunity for students to learn about their motivation, what they like about their art, what areas they want to improve, as well as enjoy what they have accomplished. The students should complete their self reflections in the next 2 weeks. Tricia Takata, Gretchko Art teacher.

FAMILY FITNESS- FROM MS. HUBBARD

Winter break is the perfect time to unplug from the screens and be active with your family! If you are looking for ways to keep your children active, check out the Fitness for the Family Calendar! Remember, children should be active for at least 60 minutes a day! For more activities to stay active over break, check out this link:

<https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/activity/stay-active-during-winter-break/>. Have a happy and healthy holiday everyone!

FITNESS FOR THE FAMILY!



1	2	3	4	5	6	7
dance party!	family walk	sit up challenge	push ups on commercial breaks	play Just Dance	jumping jack challenge	sack races
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
go skating	bedtime yoga	dice workout	game of basketball	superhero exercise	jump trampoline	dance party!
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
sit up challenge	play Just Dance	family bike ride	squats on commercial breaks	meditation	1 min panks	mountain climbers
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
family walk	race competition	game of tag	superhero exercise	push up challenge	swing at the park	dice workout
29	30					
sit ups on commercial breaks	dance party!					

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY



December 19, 2020

12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Drive Thru Pick Up at Covenant Baptist church

SPONSORS



Covenant Baptist Church

"On Mission with Christ"

5800 West Maple Road

West Bloomfield, MI 48322

Church Office: 248-855-9191

www.covenantbaptistchurch.org

WBSD SCHOOL NUTRITION UPDATE

Since the start of this very unusual school year our Food Service Department has done an outstanding job continuing meal distribution to all of our West Bloomfield families. We have set up a meal distribution system to safely and effectively provide those meals from two main locations, the **West Bloomfield High School** and **Roosevelt Elementary**.

Each Wednesday, seven days worth of breakfasts and lunches are available for pick up. For those families who have difficulty making it to our distribution times we have set up special delivery accommodations to better serve our community.

Since the start of this school year, our Food Service Department has served nearly **100,000 meals** and will continue to provide this valuable service as this school year continues.

We'd like to take this opportunity to recognize the efforts of our dedicated food service staff members, without whom, this would not be possible.

GRADE 1: DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP FAMILY ACTIVITY

Pause & Think Online



There are lots of things to think about when it comes to being a responsible digital citizen. At school your kid is learning all about it, and now they can show you what they know! They're learning to ...

- Pause and think before searching, clicking, or sharing.
- Be kind online.
- Find balance using media and tech.
- Pay attention to their feelings to make sure they feel safe and know when to stop.
- Stand up to online bullies.
- Carefully choose the digital footprints — like posts, pictures, and comments — they leave behind.



Check out the music video featuring our favorite digital citizenship friends! Watch it together (turn on captions so you can see the lyrics), and sing along!

<https://www.commonsense.org/education/videos/pause-think-online>

Now talk about this together:

1. What was your favorite part of the song? Why?
2. What's your favorite character? Why?
3. What are some ways you can do what your favorite character does?
4. What could be hard about it, and how would you keep going anyway?



Text the word **kids** to the phone number **21555** to get free weekly tips on healthy media habits.

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United	We	Walk
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27th Annual United We Walk

***Everyone Can Be
Great Because
Anyone Can Serve***

**Sunday,
January 17, 2021**



**Do you like to
create or write?
Here's a CONTEST just for you!**

**UWW
Expression
Contest**

Topic: What does "Everyone Can Be Great Because Anyone Can Serve" mean to you?
Poetry Speech

Submission: Video MP4 format
Deadline: Wednesday, January 6, 2021
Send to: Jennifer.Graham@wbsd.org
Subject: Expression Contest
Length: Max. 3 minutes
Eligibility: K — 12 grades

You will be judged on your tone, articulation, presentation, and originality.

If selected, your entry will be presented during our virtual event on Sunday, January 17.

Contact Jennifer.Graham@wbsd.org for more information.

UNITED WE WALK 2021 VIRTUAL BUTTON DESIGN CONTEST

Do you enjoy drawing? Your artwork could be the inspiration for the [Annual United We Walk](#)

[Celebration on Sunday, January 17, 2021.](#)

You must include the following:

THEME: Everyone Can Be Great Because ANYONE Can Serve

- *A graphic or photo
- *Artwork must be 3 inches in diameter (see the back for actual size)
- *Consider contrast, balance, and value
- *Artwork must be original, hand-drawn or digital
- *Eligible contestants K-12th graders

DEADLINE: [Friday, December 6, 2020](#)

SUBMIT TO: Jennifer Graham - Jennifer.Graham@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 or canvashelp@wbsd.org

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

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

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.

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 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 _____

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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.

