



GWL-ES NEWSLETTER



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MS. RING - PRINCIPAL



80 WATERSTONE ROAD

December

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Holiday Shop**
December 4-5, 2025
- * **PTSA Gift Drive**
Deadline: December 10th 2025
- * **End of 2nd Five Week Progress Period**
December 12th 2025
- * **Gingerbread Read Aloud**
December 15th 2025
- * **Winter Warmth Drive**
Deadline: December 15th 2025
- * **ES Concerts**
December 18th 2025
 - 12:30 Gr. K-1
 - 1:30 Gr. 2-3
- * **PreK Winter Celebration**
December 19th 2025
- * **Pajama Day**
December 19th 2025
- * **TBD**
Grinch Day
Ugly Sweater / Festive Outfit
School Sing Along
- * **Winter Recess Begins**
December 22nd - January 2nd
No School for Students

“Witnessing Outstanding Work”

Throughout October and November, Greenwood Lake Elementary School continued its strong commitment to Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) by recognizing students who demonstrated kindness, responsibility, inclusivity, and strong interpersonal skills. These recognitions, known as WOW Moments—“Witnessing Outstanding Work”—are one of the school’s primary ways of celebrating positive student behavior.

At this year’s PBIS kickoff, students learned about the importance of **Good Manners** as the first character focus of the 2024–2025 school year. Teachers modeled and taught what good manners look like in classrooms, hallways, lunchrooms, and on the playground: using polite language, offering help, sharing materials, including others, and showing care for peers and adults. The WOW Moments recognized this month are a direct reflection of students putting those lessons into action. In addition to intentionally look for and spotlight positive behaviors that reflect the school-wide expectations: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Ready to Learn. These small, spontaneous actions serve as powerful examples of how students contribute to a safe, supportive, and inclusive school culture. This month’s WOW Moments also highlighted students who consistently demonstrated kindness, responsibility, and inclusivity.



WOW moments recipients recognized at the November assembly

Emily took initiative to keep the classroom tidy and support her peers, while **John** showed genuine kindness, honesty, and respect toward both classmates and adults. **Olivia** offered steady academic help to classmates and took the lead in organizing materials. **Jase** supported peers with patience and positivity, from helping zipper jackets to assisting teachers with cleanup. **Emie** made recess more inclusive by creating a way for another student to join Four Square. **Noah** showed compassion by sharing crackers to help calm an upset classmate. **Gabriel** checked in on peers throughout the day and contributed to a positive classroom climate. **Violeta** stepped in quickly to help classmates with small tasks, always offering steady kindness. **Elena** helped a student catch up on missed work and quietly supported others whenever the teacher was busy. Students were recognized and celebrated at an assembly and awarded a certificate. Congratulations to all.

Holiday Shop



December 4th - 5th

Students will have the opportunity to purchase holiday gifts for family and friends! Please check your child's folder for a flyer with more information.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



Winter Warmth Drive

Deadline: December 15th



Help support local teens in need! Donate gently used winter clothing and new toiletries. All donations will benefit the Teen Homeless Shelter in Middletown, NY.

PreK Winter Celebration

Save The Date!

December 19th 2025



PTSA GIFT DRIVE

We are still accepting new and unwrapped donations at the Elementary School until **December 10th**. For all cash donations please include the students name, labeled "PTSA Gift Drive".

Upcoming Holiday Highlights

Gingerbread Read Aloud and Hunt

Week of December 15th 2025

Ms. Ring will read The Gingerbread Man to kick off our annual school-wide gingerbread hunt! After "escaping" the cafeteria oven, the gingerbread will leave clues around the building for students to solve. The class that finds him wins the best prize of all—getting to eat the runaway cookie!



also coming our way...

- **Grinch Day** - Wear your best Grinch-inspired outfit!
- **Ugly Sweater/Festive Outfit** - Wear your best to show some spirit
- **School Sing Along**



Winter Concert

Save The Date!

December 18th 2025

Gr. K-1 @ 12:30

Gr. 2-3 @ 1:30

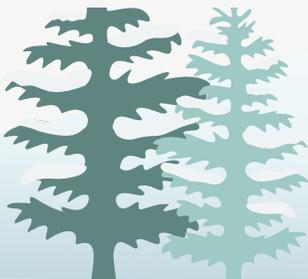


Winter Recess

No School

December 22nd 2025 - January 2nd 2026

Enjoy your winter break!



Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season.