



February 2019

GWES EAGLE NEWS



MESSAGE FROM MRS. CITRON:

Dear GW Families,

Our second picture day of the year is fast approaching. On Friday, February 8, 2019 two types of photographs will be taken. First, each homeroom will pose for the traditional class picture. The second photo is an individual studio-type portrait featuring your choice of 4 different poses. There will be no obligation to buy these portraits and no money will be collected in advance for either picture option. The portraits will be sent home later for your approval, selection and payment. Any photos not purchased will need to be returned to school. If you prefer not to have your child pose for either portrait session, please contact the school office. Additional information regarding the portrait options was sent home via backpack mail.

In addition, we would like to highlight that General Wayne will be celebrating Heritage week, starting Feb. 19th. The students will be learning and researching about the cultures, food, people, languages etc. of all the continents. They will also be able to share a part of their culture with their class, if they so choose.

The following is the schedule of events for the week:

Tuesday 2/19 – Read Multicultural books in the classroom and library

Wednesday 2/20 - Students' will have the opportunity, if they desire, to share about their own culture and family traditions. Assembly – 10:00 a.m. Cirque Zuma Zuma

Thursday 2/21 -Learn a greeting in another language

Friday 2/22 - Passport walk around the school to learn about all 7 continents.

Warm Regards,

Bonnie S. Citron

Principal

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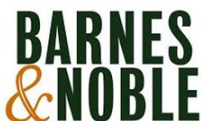
- Picture Day
- Youth Truth Survey
- Heritage Event
- Science Fair

Mark Your Calendar

- February 8 Picture Day- class photos
- February 11 School Board Work Session 7:30 PM
- February 13 Lockdown Drill 10:00AM
- February 15 Teacher Inservice/ No School
- February 18 No School- Presidents' Day
- February 19-22 Heritage Week
- February 19 School Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- February 20 Cirque Zuma Zuma Assembly 10:00AM
- February 20 Magic Day (wear magical accessories & clothes)
- February 21 TCHS Field Trip 5th grade
- Feb 25- Mar 1 Kindergarten Registration @ District Office
- February 27 I LOVE... (wear something that shows what you love)



GWES held their annual Warm Up to a Good Book Story Time at Barnes and Noble in Exton last Monday evening. There were guest readers, GW artwork, orchestra students performed and MANY books were read and purchased by our families. Also some of our families also enjoyed dinner at California Tortilla that night. Both business will be donating a portion of the proceeds back to our school, we raised over \$167.00 from California Tortilla and we are still waiting for results from Barnes & Noble. The money raised will be used to bring in amazing authors to share their craft with our students! THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES THAT ATTENDED!!!





Faculty Staff Basketball Game-

Twenty-four boys and girls in fifth grade participated in our annual basketball game with staff. They played hard and came away just shy of beating the teachers. We have some amazing athletic talent- I believe there was even a three point basket!!

Youth Truth Family Survey for 2019 has been released and we want to hear from our parents/guardians about what we are doing well, and how we can improve. Please take 15-minutes to take the online survey between now and February 15th @ gvsdfamily19.ytsurvey.org. Your response is anonymous and will be combined with responses from other parents/guardians throughout the district. Thank you very much for your time and thoughts.



GWES SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS

Congratulations to all of the participants of the 2019 General Wayne Science Fair! Each student worked hard and deserves high praise for their efforts. The judges reviewed the projects and spoke with students about their projects, what inspired them, and what they learned. Each project was judged multiple times and the results averaged. The top **five** projects in each grade will go to the Chester County Science Research Competition on March 13th. Thank you Miss VanOcker for taking on this activity for the GWES students!

5th Grade projects that will move on to the Chester County Science Research Competition

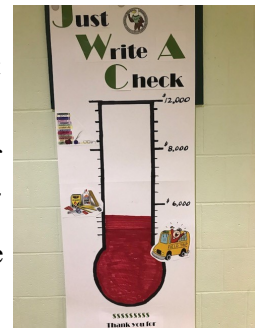
Place	Name	Project Title
1	Sahasra Chavali	The Plight of Teeth
2	Lindsay Wustner	How Many Germs are in Your House?
3	Ajay Jegan Mohan	Acid Attack on Teeth
4	Inika Kadu	Does Mixing Borax With Any Glue Turn to Slime?
5	Anurag Singha Roy	How Acid Rain Affects Plant Growth

4th Grade projects that will move on to the Chester County Science Research Competition

Place	Name	Project Title
1	Atharva Singh	Red Cabbage PH Indicator
2	Sahana Lopelly	Water Sensor
3	Asher Callan	Does Sodium Cause a Bigger Soda Mento Explosion?
4	Petra Wertz	Art Bot Dot Circles
5	Kate Weikert & Eva Teti	Let's Fly!

JUST WRITE A CHECK

As you may recall, our fall fundraiser this year was to "Just Write A Check". Unfortunately, we have not hit our goal. The fall fundraiser last year raised \$10,000. With the increased student population, a goal of \$12,000 was set. We need your support and assistance. The fundraiser will remain open in an effort to close the gap we have. Thank you to all who have donated and especially those who have made matching co-operate grants. Thanks to Merck & Co., Vanguard and State Farm who have generously contributed with matching funds. If you haven't gotten around to it yet and are able, **please** donate as generously as your budget allows. **Also, contact your employer to see if they offer a matching program. For more information: <https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/b4fe6eca37ab->**



Consideration of Possible Full-Day Kindergarten Continues

Late last fall, the District began a process to consider the implementation of a full-day kindergarten program in Great Valley. A variety of factors including budget, facility space, and program implications were presented to the School Board over the last few months. Additionally, the District conducted a series of surveys to assess levels of support for a full-day program. Results from those surveys were shared with the School Board in January and are now posted at www.gvsd.org/fdk, along with all of the other presentations.

To date, no decision has been made about whether or not GVSD will implement a full-day kindergarten program. The School Board is expected to vote at its meeting on February 19. Community members are encouraged to share questions and input with the Board and administration by emailing fdk@gvsd.org.