



GWES EAGLE NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM MRS. CITRON:

On behalf of all the staff members at General Wayne Elementary, I would like to thank everyone for attending our Back to School Night this week. We had such an amazing turnout and I truly hope you found the event informative and your questions were addressed. As I enter my eleventh year as the Principal of General Wayne Elementary, it continues to be my absolute privilege to work with such fantastic staff, students and parents and serve this community.

I am especially excited to welcome all the new families to our school and look forward to getting to know each one. While I can easily acquaint myself with your children, since they are here each day, it is more difficult to interact with all the new families. My goal is

always to meet and know all of you; but, I cannot do that without your help. Therefore, I encourage the new families, as well as anyone else, to please reach out to me. It doesn't need to be a pressing matter, just reach out at one of the many events we have throughout the year or via email and say hi or just share some exciting family news you might have, for example. I enjoyed meeting several of you at our Fall BBQ last Friday. We had an overwhelming turnout and raised close to \$2500 for our PTO. Thank you to all who volunteered in some way and those who participated in our silent auction. Don't forget about the "Write a Check Campaign" as well. All fundraising efforts that our PTO facilitates supports the children and or school in some manner.

I am confident the 2018-2019 school year will be filled with both challenges and triumphs. The GWES faculty is a hard-working, dedicated group of professionals committed to providing your children with a quality education. I look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting all the new members of our special school community.



Warm Regards,
Bonnie S. Citron
Principal

MEET LILY!

I would also like to take this opportunity to share with you a very exciting program we are continuing this year. A few years ago we started a partnership with an animal assisted therapy group called PAWS for People. PAWS (Pet Assisted Visitation Volunteer Services) for People is a group of volunteers who bring their specially trained therapy dogs to schools. We will be participating in the PAWS Reading Program. A trained therapy dog will spend time in the library allowing children the opportunity to read to them. The Reading Program provides a non-judgmental positive reading experience; reading to animals increases motivation, confidence, and helps develop better reading skills. In addition, we have our own Therapy Dog, Lily, who comes to GW at least one day a week to bring comfort and joy to students and staff. Each PAWS animal is a certified therapy companion which has undergone a great deal of training and assessment to ensure good temperament, behavior, and obedience. This is a wonderful experience for our students, and they look forward to the animals' visits and forging a bond with them. If you would prefer your child(ren) not participate in PAWS for Reading or with Lily please address your request in writing either via email to me (bcitron@gvgsd.org) or a note to my attention.



Mark Your Calendar

- September 21- Picture Day
- September 28- Fall Lunch BBQ for students and GWES Spirit Day
- October 3- Nelson Family Assembly 1:30 PM
- October 4- PTO Meeting 6:00 PM
- October 5-12- Fall Book Fair
- October 11- Soup Night 5-7:30PM
- October 22- Picture Retake day 1-2PM
- October 31- Halloween Parade 2:00PM



NELSON FAMILY ASSEMBLY

On October 3 the Nelson Family will visit GWES for an afternoon assembly. Derik Nelson & Family features a 3-part pop/folk vocal harmony, in addition to Derik's thoughtful arrangements of cover songs from a variety of genres, styles and eras. Derik, Riana, and Dalton have performed together since childhood and have performed in 90 cities reaching 100,000 students. Derik has appeared regularly in "Glee" as lead guitarist. Below are some links for you and your children to enjoy.

OLWEUS

Our school cares about the safety and well-being of our students. Thus we want to make sure our school is a safe place for students to learn. To do this we will continue to use a program called the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP) is one of the best-known bullying prevention programs. OBPP has been proven to prevent or reduce bullying. The goals of OBPP are to reduce bullying problems and prevent new bullying problems from happening. The program also works to make relationships better among students. Olweus is for all students, not just those who are being bullied or who are bullying others. Each classroom will hold weekly meetings to proactively teach skills for bully prevention and to reactively address issues within the classroom or school. For more information on our Olweus Program please visit:

<https://www.gvsd.org/Page/1491>.



Derik Nelson & FAMILY Promo Reel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4za0OWkU3c>

Three Deep Breaths (Official Video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftB8Pn8Rluc>

Out of Bed (Official Video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EPLY4VZK7-4>

Home Again (Recorded Live)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LIZfJFovP08>

Lolita (Lyric Video) (This is a great song about a captive killer whale!)

Our GWES family is growing!

Mr. Dustin Kasper welcomed Wesley Kasper weighing 9lbs 9ozs on 9/10/18



Mrs. Caroline Sullivan welcomed Rory Sullivan On 9/10/18 weighing 7 lbs 9ozs.



Mrs. Meredith Borys welcomed Mackenzie Borys On 9/18/18 weighing 8lbs 3 ozs.

