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Items sent home the week of May 20, 2010:

- Alternative Busing (attachment) **complete if you have Alternate/Daycare Address busing needs**
- **Improper Media Awareness (attachment)**
- **Athletic Banquet Award-pictures (attachment)**
- **Library Program (flyer)**
- **Karate (flyer)**

Dear Parents,

I felt it was about time to update you on some exciting academic information going on here at school. While we are in school, right up to the end, the teachers work hard to provide meaningful learning experiences for your children. Summer is a long time, so keep up some good practices to help skills stay sharp. Talk to your child's teacher about age appropriate things you can do to keep learning going and fun over the 3 months of no formal classes

- Kindergarten is learning about pets next week and they will be able to bring in their own pets to share with the class. They will be reviewing all the letters and their sounds and all 24 sight words we have learned this school year and starting our final unit on Addition & Subtraction.
- First grade read about Amelia Earhart and will write about themselves and their dreams.
- Our second graders will be doing a hands on study of butterflies – from their own larva becoming caterpillars, then entering the cocoon and right up to releasing their own butterflies (sounds like both Religion and Science to me!).
- Third graders are into fractions in a big way, and it is exciting to see them “get it”, and they are studying, then writing their own fractured fairy tales.
- If you have had anyone in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, you know it is the big year of State reports. Not only did the students do a model of their selected State and a written report, but now they are on the computers developing their own PowerPoint besides!
- Fifth graders will be into dissections – we placed orders for earth worms and frogs, so that classroom will be buzzing with activity. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> are also off on a great field trip to the James J. Hill House and the Mill City Museum for all the MN History there was to see.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math is learning about simple interest, sales tax and buying things on sale.
- Pre-Algebra class is working on surface area and volume of prisms, cones, and spheres.
- Geometry class is finding apothems and area of polygons and irregular shapes.
- Algebra class is solving systems of equations.
- Many of the grades are working on literature circles.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade LA is kicking off a Literature Co-Op, which is a new way to organize lit circles so the whole team has designated roles each day to benefit the whole group.
- Eighth graders are obviously counting the days – for them, not only until summer vacation but also the end of their GA days as they move on to high school. They are busily planning for graduation, but I just stopped in last week to praise them for “hanging in there” and staying on task and being good students right up until the end. We are proud of them and their leadership.
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### **Uniform Logos**

Donald's Uniform has made us a one time offer for \$4.00, if you do not need to purchase a new logoed shirt: If you bring to school 1 of your child's clean shirts with these conditions:

- They have to be labeled with the student name using masking tape on the right chest.
- They must be clean.
- They must be an approved uniform shirt
- Shirts turned in after the date or brought to Donald's will not be logoed. This is a one time opportunity.
- The shirts will be returned to the school.
- There is a charge of \$ 4.00 per shirt, paid to the school.

The approved date to leave a shirt along with \$4 is Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. They will be returned to GA and sorted for you to pick up on their July measuring day or on Back-To-School

2010-2011 will be a transition year – only dress uniform will require a logo on the shirt, so each student must have 1 logoed shirt. In years to follow, all shirts will have the GA logo. For Middle School it is only the khaki and blue uniforms allowed going forward. This was the transition year for red plaid to khaki.

### **Last call for Summer Offerings at GA:**

Our summer programs must finalize registrations to ensure we have met minimums and not exceeded maximums on our offerings – we have a softball camp, Vacation Bible School, Plays and Props, 3 Science Explorers options and 2 Young Rembrandt options, along with Math groups and tutoring. Check out the bulletin if you lost your booklet or call the school office for more information.

### **Kindergarten, and Little Angels Preschool**

- Kindergarten – we have exceeded registrations for one class of kindergarten and are looking for more students to nicely round out 2 sections. Spread the word!
- Little Angels Preschool has new opportunities to help meet the needs of every preschooler – tell your friends and neighbors about a 2 day three year old program, and 2 programs for 4 year olds – the traditional 3 day program and a new 5 day program for those who are a little older, but not eligible for kindergarten, or those needing an extra “bump” before starting school. We are excited about our strong and popular preschool programs – ask a parent who is currently the parent of a preschooler, and they will sing its praises!

### **Thank yous**

- To Maureen Tesch and Jeanne Karschnia for planning and executing our first athletic recognition reception – it was outstanding!
- To our very generous coaches and assistants who helped us in every sports season
- To the 5<sup>th</sup> graders who served as safety patrols – they will be recognized Friday
- To the Nunes family for their donation of supplies for SACC and school
- To Stacey Stoffel for doing a wonderful job on the birthday cards for our students this year!

### **Congratulations**

- To all of our athletes, who were recognized on Sunday for their efforts an sportsmanship in representing themselves and their school
- To Anna Perrill for receiving the Tom Epperly Scholarship based on her application and essay

Blessings,

Nancy Ronhovde

## Reminders

- **Tomorrow** – uniform or Sabre wear ☺ Spirit Day
- If you purchased summer skills books for child/ren, they are coming home today
- NWEA testing results will be mailed out tomorrow to school families (grades 2-8)
- June 9<sup>th</sup> – Track and Field day Grades K-7. Watch for details coming soon. . .

## Culver's-Chaska

Help out the students, and enjoy a meal out. Fundraiser for Washington DC trip on Tuesday, June 1, 5:00-8:00. Culver's will donate 10% of all sales during this time to Guardian Angels. There will be a box for GA students who eat at Culvers on June 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for GA prize. Put your name in the box ☺

## Singers

**Please join us at our youth/contemporary choir mass this Saturday at 5 p.m., rehearsal at 3:30 in the choirloft, followed by pizza party in St. Francis Hall. So far we have drums, guitar and 15 singers! People who have not sung with us before are welcome! Children younger than 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to sing with us if a parent or older sibling sings also. Please rsvp your yes or no to Teresa Schmidt at 952/361-0181 or [tschmidt@gachaska.org](mailto:tschmidt@gachaska.org).**

## Little Ringers

I want to invite all Little Ringers and their families to an End-of the Year celebration on May 22nd at Lion's Park from 1-3pm. We will be celebrating a successful and fun year. Cake and drinks will be served. In case of inclement weather, we will have the gathering on June 5th at the same location and time. Please RSVP prior to May 19th with the total number of people participating. Please email [tamihed@comcast.net](mailto:tamihed@comcast.net) or call 952-448-0557 with your RSVP.

*If you were unable to attend or did and just didn't get enough, here is your chance to get in on some bidding! Go on the school website and check out the link Second Chance On-line Auction. You will find some great auction items up for bidding! New items will be added, so check back often. See link below:*

<http://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/AuctionHome.action?vhost=gachaska&aalias=gachaska-4>

Tomorrow, 1<sup>st</sup> graders enjoying their Spring Fling winning field trip at Eiden Farm. Fourth grade will enjoy their vet visit in the classroom on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you parents for making this possible!

## **2010-11 Change in school Immunization law**

When the varicella (chickenpox) immunization was added to Minnesota School Law in the Fall of 2004, a parent or guardian's signature was allowed to document history of their child's varicella disease. This history of documentation was only temporary and will expire on Aug. 31, 2010. After that date, only the following will be legally acceptable to document a student's history of varicella disease:

- \* The signature of a health care provider along with the date of the child's varicella illness. \*
- The signature of a provider along with a statement that the parent's or legal guardian's description of the child's varicella disease history is indicative of past Varicella infection, or
- \* The signature of a health care provider verifying that the child does not need to receive the vaccine for medical reasons, laboratory evidence of immunity, or that adequate immunity exists due to history of disease that was laboratory confirmed. If the student has already had the varicella disease documented by a parent before September 1, 2010, this does not apply.

Fact sheet for parents:

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/immunize/laws/chknpvhx.html>

Pupil immunization record:

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/immunize/pupilimzrec.pdf>

SEE: Who needs immunizations and when:

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/immunize/arekidseng.pdf>

Please call Nurse Lawana at 227-4014 with any questions.

## **School Library**

The last week to check out books from the school library will be May 17th-21st. All books are due May 24th-28th. PLEASE help your student/s look for overdue books. Look for e-mails coming soon for those student's with overdue books. At the library we practice the 4 R's: RETURN-I'm done with the book, RENEW-I'm not done with the book, I need another week, REPLACE-I lost or damaged the book so I'm going to buy the same book, and REMIT-I will pay the money to GA for the librarian to replace the book. We're approaching the end of the year, so REPLACE and REMIT are around the corner. Please check any bookshelves at home and under couches or beds.

## Yearbook delivery is just around the corner!

**Are you ready to see you and your friends highlighted in our colored 48 page yearbook? If you did not purchase one at back to school time, there are still copies that can be purchased for \$18.00. Send a check or cash to school office if you would like to purchase this priceless treasure!**

### **Prayer Corner**

- For Jenny Sopsic (Wyatt Graczyk's mom) on her upcoming surgeries
- For Jenny Sopsic's mom (Wyatt Graczyk's grandma) who has cancer
- For Louis Vannett who had surgery this week & back at school today ☺
- For Theresa Weber (Janice Dahl's mom, Kalie and Justin's grandma), who is undergoing tests
- For Sarah Heitkamp's grandma, and Anakka's great-grandma who passed away

### *Calendar of Events:*

May 21 – 10:00 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Fieldtrip (Spring Fling party)  
May 21 – 3:15 Pep Fest-gym  
May 24 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Science Museum  
May 26 – Mass (grade 6)  
May 27 – Pre Celebration  
May 28 – Prek Graduation  
May 31 – No School  
June 1 – 1:10 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Vet Visit at school  
June 2 – Mass (grade 5)  
June 7 – K-3 Fieldtrip Zoo  
June 8 – 7:00 pm 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation  
June 9 – Field day  
June 9 – Last Day of School (full day)

## **Lunchroom & Playground Helpers**

We count on YOU for the safety of our students. There was a day recently when no additional parent was out with the teacher on duty – that really puts student safety and supervision at jeopardy.

			Lunchroom	Playground	Playground
Mon	May	24	Kari Bork	Kristen Vidmar	Maureen Tesch
Tues	May	25	Stacy Dunlap	JULIETA AVILA	Janice Dahl
Wed	May	26	Nancy Tufto	LuAnn Koebnick	Marie Guillemette
Thurs	May	27	Jenny Richelsen	Tracy Huson	Tami Hed
Fri	May	28	Debbie Knudson Nancy Tufto, Lora Hicks	Candy Almquist	Janice Dahl

## **SPORTS CORNER**

**Softball** The girls play in their end of the season tournament on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:45 a.m. at SACS. Come on out and cheer them on!

Uniforms will be due in the office by Monday, June 1.

### **Thank You!**

- To everyone who was at the Recognition Reception last Sunday. We had about 120 people in attendance and it was a great way to wrap up our year in sports!
- To Jeanne Karschnia for helping to plan the event
- To all the families that helped that evening
- To all the volunteers who coached this year. Your dedication to our students is why we are able to have a successful program.
- To all the parents for their help at home games. Your time is greatly appreciated.

**Fall Sports** We offer soccer for grades 5-8 and volleyball for grades 4-8. Registrations should have come home last Friday. If you need another copy, Mrs. Reznick has them in the office. The deadline to turn forms in will be **Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**. Any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Tesch [mtesch@gachaska.org](mailto:mtesch@gachaska.org)