

Green Bay Area Public School District **Neighborhood Association Newsletter Submissions**

Summer 2012



District:

The Green Bay Area Public School District 2012 – 2013 school year begins Tuesday, September 4. To enroll your child, please visit the Central Registration Office at 200 South Broadway between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. For other questions, please call 448-2000, or visit our website at www.gbaps.org.

Edison:

Edison is extremely proud of the following accomplishments: Nancie Brennan as a Golden Apple Award winner, Mark Smith as the Wisconsin State Reading Association Outstanding Administrator of the Year, and the Edison “Sting Cancer” initiative that provided support for students and families impacted by cancer.

Edison is also proud of the implementation of a balanced literacy program throughout the school. Edison has become a learning lab for advancing instructional practices, hosting many instructional site visits. Lastly, Edison is proud of the second year implementation of PBIS, a school wide systematic discipline approach.

Preble:

Preble High School prides itself on offering a challenging and invigorating educational environment that allows students to explore global issues, consider solutions to contemporary problems, and prepare them for the future. Preble is proud of many achievements from the 2011-2012 school year, including: DECA's performance at the International Conference in Salt Lake City, FBLA's performance in the state competition, all of our wonderful athletes and their achievements, our many school clubs and activities, as well as our academic teams and music programs.

Preble is also extremely proud of being ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top 15 schools in Wisconsin! It was a great year to be a Preble Hornet, and we are looking forward to another special and productive school year in 2012-2013!

Wequiock:

Wequiock Elementary School has declared 2011-12 our “Wellness Year.” In partnership with the Bellin Thrive program, students have had the opportunity to explore a 30-foot heart and attend a Wellness Fair. Our PTO has also made it possible for YMCA staff to visit physical education classes to teach students about cardio, zumba, and yoga. During Earth Week, students enjoyed the fresh air on our nature trail led by naturalist Dale Goodner and three retired teachers. PTO also purchased soccer goals and other playground equipment for students, and the culminating activity of our Wellness Year will be an all-school field trip to the YMCA in June.

Kennedy:

Kennedy Elementary School was chosen to win the Play 60 Award in the Packer market, and received a large grant to help purchase new physical education equipment and install upgrades in our gym. A visit from Packer player AJ Hawk and his mom was another exciting part of the celebration.

Our students were very generous in participating in the “pennies for patients” challenge to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Over \$1,000 was raised for cancer research. Some of this year’s events included Fall Fest, Spring Event, Math & Muffins, and Grandparents Day. We look forward to seeing familiar faces again next year and some new ones!

Washington:

Next year Washington Middle School will be known as the College, Career and Community Preparation Middle School. The AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) program will be implemented for students in grades 6-8 focusing on applying higher level thinking skills through relevant projects and service opportunities. Washington is a professional learning community that strives to push students to embrace our motto, “**Watch Me Succeed!**” The students are part of a community that provides them with a team of teachers grades 6-8 that get to know their learning style and are able to collaborate and better differentiate instruction to meet the students’ academic levels. We serve a richly diverse population by providing a warm climate with high expectations. Students realize their potential both as learners as well as citizens.

Aldo:

At Aldo Leopold Community School we constantly strive to put students first and work to make our school a positive and inviting community of learners. We recently finished our Exploratory classes, which was an opportunity for students, teachers and parents to focus on environmental standards and benchmarks while engaging in exciting experiential learning opportunities in and out of our school campus.

Our new playground is getting lots of use. We are looking to add on the second and final addition to this great playground. If you are interested in donating, call the main office or stop by.

Each August, Aldo offers a unique camp experience for its beginning instrumental music students. At camp, Aldo students receive three weeks of one-on-one instruction from a wide array of expert instrumental teachers who lay the best possible foundation for successful music making for years to come.

Nicolet:

It has been a hectic spring at Nicolet Elementary School. On June 4 we hosted our fifth grade awards night. Families, staff, and students came together to recognize the fine accomplishments of this group and celebrate the new beginning they will make next year at Washington Middle School.

The last day of school on June 6 does not represent the end of learning for our Nicolet Lions. On June 11, Camp Nicolet kicks off. This six week program combines a variety of academic and engagement activities. Students will partake in classes ranging from reading, art, dance, fitness and drama. In addition, Nicolet has forged a partnership with the Three Corners Neighborhood Association to start a gardening program at Nicolet. We will be building raised beds at school and revitalizing our butterfly garden. More than 60 Nicolet students will be tending to three plots at the community garden on University Avenue this summer.

McAuliffe:

The 2012 Jump Rope for Heart event had a wonderful turnout of 230 jumpers and a multitude of parents and grandparents who helped make the event a success! McAuliffe 4K - 5th grade students raised \$5,338 for the American Heart Association. A special thank you goes to Linda Slaby, our physical education teacher who organized this event.

We will be hosting a 4K orientation for all incoming McAuliffe 4K students on Thursday, August 23 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. All incoming students and their families are invited to attend. The McAuliffe Back to School Barbecue will be Thursday, August 30 from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Students will have an opportunity to meet their teacher and drop off school supplies. At 4:30 p.m., join us outside for refreshments and fun. Please call our office if you are interested in assisting with the planning and/or set-up of this event.

Tank:

The Tank School Running Club was off and running for a second year beginning in April. The Running Club is for students in grades 3-5. The runners begin with a half mile and work their way up to six miles. They will participate in the Bellin Run on June 9. The John Anderson Family Foundation provides funding for this event.

The Tank School Parent Network held a family cookout on May 9. The cookout was very well attended, and information about Parent Network was shared while families visited with each other. The Parent Network hopes to continue this event on a yearly basis.

Fort Howard:

As a new principal, I have learned so much about Green Bay and the emphasis on preserving and nurturing neighborhoods. Thank you for respecting our school grounds, especially the parking at Fort Howard. We appreciate entrusting us with caring for your child's academic and social needs. Our students have made significant improvements in learning this year, particularly in mathematics.

We have developed a solid partnership with Proctor and Gamble. With their support and the City of Green Bay Parks Department, we are able to help beautify the neighborhood with a new playground, which we are excited for the neighborhood children to utilize over the summer.

Our students have developed pride for their school and the grounds. School pride has also resulted in a strong commitment to "Rebuild the Fort" in the front of the school. Many community members have dropped by to express interest in a fundraiser to rebuild the pioneer fort. Several bids have been submitted and a community meeting will be held in June to determine community and neighborhood interest. Respectfully, Principal Allie Andraski.

Baird:

The 2011-2012 school year has come to a close. Kindergarten graduation was held June 6, and students performed their songs for parents. Fifth graders ended the year with a trip to Bay Beach. We are proud of all of our graduates at Baird School.

All of us at Baird would like to thank the volunteers who have helped in some way throughout the year. Together, we work to make a difference in our children's lives. Thank you for your part in this worthwhile endeavor.

Franklin:

Our facility has been given a facelift! From refreshed landscaping to new windows and picnic tables, the Franklin Middle School building and grounds are spectacular. Our Bistro and main office areas have also been given a great new look. It is also my honor to introduce Gene Ostert, our new Associate Principal. Gene comes to us with a wealth of experience and a passion for our school and community.

This year we completed the first steps toward authorization as an International Baccalaureate School. The Middle Years Programme will offer students fantastic educational opportunities and challenges. We will be a part of an exclusive group of schools that provide a K-12 experience focused on learning through inquiry, global awareness and the development of problem solving skills.

I would love to meet or speak with you about how Franklin is soaring to new levels. We are the school others strive to duplicate. Feel free to contact me at 492-2670 or stop in. Sincerely, Principal Sandra Beyer.

Elmore:

Elmore Elementary has celebrated many successes this school year. Elmore received a School of Recognition award for academic excellence last fall. This award was given to top schools in the state for their performance on the state assessment. We also had a significant increase in enrollment of nearly 30 students.

The building renovations will wrap up this summer with the completion of a new kitchen and roof. The building has had over a million dollars in renovations and it looks fresh and new. Our family support organization continues to support our school in many ways. I encourage anyone interested in visiting Elmore to consider stopping in or calling (492-2615) to set up a tour to discuss the wonderful things our school has to offer.

Martin:

Martin Elementary is celebrating another fantastic year of learning and growing together! We have focused on building community within our classrooms through activities that focus on positive behaviors. The students improved their behavior choices by reducing all behavior incidents, including bullying, by 30%. At the end of this year 90% of all students at Martin are reading at or above their grade level! The Martin Math Team won third place in the district Math Bowl, and we are very proud of their achievement.

Martin's Family and School Organization (FSO) collected over \$12,000 in our annual Marathon of Knowledge to purchase i-Pads for Martin classrooms. The kids worked hard to make this fundraiser a success. The FSO also created the "100 Club" last year, which is a special way of announcing how many students were able to get 100% or higher on questions. This year we had over two hundred students join the "100 Club!"

Keller:

Helen Keller Elementary is a place where families, students and teachers interact together to nurture learning, challenge thinking, and expand horizons for today and tomorrow. We believe in high quality programming to promote academic achievement for all learners in a safe and supportive environment.

In classrooms, at lunchtime and on the playground, teachers and students model positive behavior and expect students to treat one another with respect. Keller is grounded in strong values and beliefs about the education of children, and we take our job seriously to ensure students succeed to the best of their ability. Please call 492-2685 with questions, concerns or comments. We are looking forward to a great 2012-2013 school year!

Webster:

Webster Elementary School is nestled in a quaint neighborhood in the Village of Allouez, and serves approximately 370 students (EC, 4K – Grade 5). Every person who works at Webster is responsible for supporting our belief in "learning with a light touch," and high academic expectations for all students. Beginning with the 2012 - 2013 school year, we will have a focus on Arts Integration in the "Arts Smart" program. Please join us at **Smart Cow Yogurt Bar** on Sept. 18 for our fundraiser to support the program.

Students and staff members at Webster follow the S.T.E.P. (Succeeding Together Expectations Plan) program to create a warm and inviting environment in which students work toward group goals while developing personal responsibility. Parents are welcome to volunteer in the school environment and at PTO events. For more information, contact Principal Nancy Schultz at njschultz@gbaps.org or 448-2143.

Southwest:

Many exciting things have taken place at Southwest High School during the 2011 – 2012 school year. In April, Lynn Terrien was honored as the recipient of the Environmental Educator Award from the Brown County Conservation Alliance, and students were honored at the Green Bay Rotary Student Leadership Banquet. Southwest students and coaches represented well at the annual Academic Competition at West High School, and student Bryan Ryder was named to the 2012 Green Bay Press-Gazette Academic Team.

In May, Southwest was ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top 15 schools in Wisconsin! Southwest students also made us proud at the annual DECA International Conference in Salt Lake City in May. Finally, five students will be heading to nationals in Maryland in June for the National History Day competition. These achievements and many more highlight the effort and teamwork we believe is necessary to prepare students for a bright future after their time at Southwest!

Lombardi:

Lombardi Middle School Summer Sports Institute: We are offering four different opportunities to increase athletic skills for all students entering grades 6, 7 and 8. The opportunities include cross country and distance running, volleyball skills development, basketball skills development and athletic leadership development.

All incoming sixth graders are invited to attend "Middle School Matters" August 14, 15 and 16. Students may choose from the 8 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. session, or the 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. session. Lunch will be served each day. For more information call our office at 492-2625.

Lincoln:

We are working with community volunteers to plant our greenhouse and planting beds that were installed earlier in the year by the NFL and United Way. Students are helping plant, and we are looking for volunteers over the summer that might be interested in helping us maintain the beds. We are very excited about the academic progress that our students made this year and can't wait to welcome them back next year.

Chappell:

We are completing our first full year as a candidate school of the International Baccalaureate program. Next year we look forward to a team of evaluators coming to authorize us as an official IB school. Our students have spent the year learning Spanish and how to be true inquirers. We have developed some wonderful partnerships with GranCare and volunteers from the First Assembly Church. We look forward to welcoming close to 50 new students next year.

Chappell will also be hosting summer school from July 16 – August 10. Students will have an opportunity to participate in show choir, Spanish, technology offerings, art, reading and math games. We are always looking for volunteers to assist us in our global education. If interested, please contact Principal Kris Worden at 492-2630.

Danz:

Our Spring Arts Festival on May 5 was a success. Students showcased art projects from their classes, and local artists worked with our students and families to create photography projects, paintings and piñatas. We had performances from the Ballet Folclórico, Mariachi Band and Hmong dancers. Parents also had a chance to interact with Katie McKy, a storyteller and author who worked with all of our students that week!

This spring Danz Elementary in conjunction with NWTC started to offer English as a Second Language Classes for all Danz area residents. Class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Danz. We will continue to offer the class throughout the summer. Please stop by during business hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) if you are interested in learning more.

This summer Danz will be hosting summer school starting June 11 and ending July 27. Summer school hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Lunch will be served to all children from 12:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. There will be no summer school the week of July 1-July 7. Danz will also welcome the Boys and Girls Club program from June 11 to August 17. Back to School Open House at Danz for the 2012-2013 year will be Thursday, August 30 from 4:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m.

Please contact Principal Gina Cornu if you have questions or to request a tour at gcornu@gbaps.org or 391 2440.

Langlade:

Langlade Elementary School will be adding a "School Within A School" for Academically Gifted Learners beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. The school will provide the appropriate level of challenge for academically gifted students in a rigorous and student centered, diverse learning environment that prepares them to be world leaders.

A new PTO sponsored event will kick off the 2012-2013 school year at Langlade School. The first "Back to School Barbeque" will bring Langlade families and new families from the "School Within A School" together for a tasty time of fellowship. It will also be an opportunity for families to meet the teachers, drop off school supplies and find out more about how to get involved. It is going to be a fabulous 2012-2013!

Beaumont:

Beaumont is a jewel tucked away in a quiet west side neighborhood. Our school has a 4K-5 enrollment of approximately 315 students. Special programming includes EDB, CD-S, LD, S/L, OT, guidance and ELL. During the 2008-2009 school year, Beaumont staff experienced a 100% buy-in to become a school-wide Title I building. As a result, staff provides after-school enrichment and intervention opportunities for students four nights a week. Additional Title I and/or BPTN (Beaumont Parent Teacher Network) sponsored evening activities occur throughout the year, and teachers are expected to attend various evening activities. Beaumont also received the Wisconsin School of Recognition Award for the 2010-2011 school year. This year we received the prestigious Blue Ribbon Award for outstanding WKCE test scores.

Wilder:

The Laura Ingalls Wilder Community will stand tall, stand strong, and stand together to develop and nurture lifelong learning skills that help all students become expressive, productive, and contributing members of the global community.

Our 2012-2013 building learning goal will continue to focus on sustaining growth in the areas of math and reading. Please join the Wilder community in "Celebrating what is Right in the World." We'd love to have you visit us. Please call 391-2460 or email at mjallen@gbaps.org.

Eisenhower:

Eisenhower School provides continuous learning opportunities for its students. In addition to the regular school day, students participate in after school programs at the Kroc Center and through a YMCA program. Our school also provides two summer school learning sessions and opportunities for family events with our Culture Fair, Family Carnival, and Art Fair.

Red Smith:

Red Smith is a Pre-K - 8 school with approximately 900 students and a strong parent network. Red Smith teachers and staff have a strong belief in students and learning, collaboratively working with parents and community members, and are dedicated to the use of best instructional practices to meet the needs of students.

Red Smith offers a variety of extra-curricular activities to enhance students' academic and leadership skills. Some of the highlights from 2011 – 2012 include: Eighth grader Spencer Guo placed third in

Wisconsin's National Geographic Geography Bee, the annual student Think-A-Thon raised more than \$8,000 to purchase iPads for kindergarten and first grade classrooms, and many musical concerts were performed throughout the year.

Our open house is scheduled for Thursday, August 30. Please visit our website for details. If you need more information or would like to take a tour, please call the main office at 391-2425.

Howe:

Howe School is proud to celebrate the diversity that is found in the Green Bay area. We continue to work on building community relationships and believe in bringing community members through the doors of Howe. We have volunteers from UWGB, St. Norbert, Howe Helpers, Rock' n Readers, family volunteers, churches and local businesses that provide support at family events, help in classrooms and at special events. This community support is a valuable part of our students' education.

Howe is continuing to focus on positive behaviors and being responsible for our own actions. As students reach goals, we provide school-wide rewards to acknowledge positive behaviors. We believe it is important to have students feel safe and to create an environment that is focused on the success students experience both socially and academically. In fall, Howe will be celebrating its 100 year birthday. We will be holding an open house on September 29 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

ELC:

The Early Center is recognizing a great year in the development of our district's youngest learners. The 5K students at the ELC had a year-end concert and promotion celebration on Wednesday, May 30. Our students worked hard to prepare for singing to a group of families and friends. Our 4K students celebrated the completion of their year with individual classroom celebrations and activities.

West:

With the start of the 2011-2012 school year, Green Bay West High School began teaching its first group of International Baccalaureate (IB) classes. Selected teachers attended training and our school had to pass inspection and be approved by the IB organization. As the principal of West, I'm proud of our first group of students (69 in all) who have embraced the opportunities offered by this international approach to education. I'm also proud of our staff for meeting the challenges of modifying our approaches inside our classrooms. In today's age of high accountability, perhaps I'm most proud of the fact that we've stopped the decline of students that has been plaguing West for the last six years. Over the past two years, more than 50 students have shadowed at West because of our IB program. Of the 48 students projected to attend next year, 25 of them are from outside the Green Bay Area Public School District! I'm proud of being only the thirteenth high school in the state who offers this exciting path to learning.

During the summer months, the main office will be open most weeks Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition to hosting summer school courses, camps and clinics, many areas within West undergo cleaning and refurbishing. If you need something such as a copy of a transcript or a tour, please call 492-2600 in advance to ensure we'll be able to meet your needs.

Jackson:

May has been a busy month at Jackson Elementary. Students in third and fifth grade participated in a science demonstration called Dream Flight USA, sponsored by the Green Bay Packers. On May 10, students celebrated moms or special friends during a morning reading time. Jackson also sponsored their book fair during this week. On May 16, students participated in their annual health fair. Students learned how to get fit and signed up for classes like yoga, soccer, football, zumba, dance and volleyball.

In June, Students in fourth grade will head to Madison to tour the capital. On June 4 our student council hosted a track and field event, and on June 5 students of Jackson showcased their talent in our annual variety show. We are looking forward to seeing the students on August 30 for our open house that will

start at 3:30 p.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m. Students may drop off their supplies and meet their new teacher.

Doty:

This has been a great year at Doty School! Some of the special events we've had include our Reading Spree and Math Night. Both events were great successes and an opportunity for parents to interact with other parents and staff members. Next year, we will be "kicking off" the start of school with a tailgate party on Thursday, August 30 from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity for children to bring their supplies and meet their teachers while enjoying refreshments.

We have been busy working with a company in the design of an additional play area. This space will be a natural play area and will incorporate trees, stumps, stones, and other natural vegetation that allow children to further develop their imaginations and learn about nature. We will be working together to secure funding for this project once the final plan is secured. Throughout the development, the design company is working with staff, students, parents, and neighbors to attain an area that meets our needs and expectations.

MacArthur:

At MacArthur Elementary Respect is our motto; respecting everyone, education and our environment. Our year always begins with an Open House where everyone is welcome to visit the classrooms and meet their new teachers. We will have Family Literacy nights throughout the school year, concerts twice a year, and even a band/orchestra concert to celebrate learning.

Our PTO is very involved with special events all year long. They help raise money for our school including Book Fairs in the spring and fall, a Secret Shopping evening, Winter Carnival, a Special Person Day and other fundraising activities. With current funds, they are looking to add more play equipment for the students to utilize at Beaver Dam Park. If you'd like to visit our school, contact Principal Melisa Ellingson at 492-2680.

Jefferson:

Jefferson Elementary is a high achieving quaint little school on the West side. We are a diverse and proud community of learners. There are numerous partnerships and collaborations that create a climate of caring and kindness that encourages all our students to achieve their best. Quite simply, Jefferson is a school where students thrive and community matters!

Sullivan:

Sullivan's fifth graders received their Completion Certificates at the annual grade five picnic held at Green Isle Park on June 1. This tradition begins with an award program where students are recognized for attendance, citizenship and academic accomplishments. Two fifth grade students receive the Anne Sullivan Award, which recognizes individuals that epitomize what Anne Sullivan was like as a person. The award winners are good students who are selected for their compassion and helpfulness to their school community. Sullivan completes the school year by holding a Field Day for all students on June 5. School ends on Wednesday, June 6 with a 12:45 p.m. dismissal.

King

King Elementary School, named after Civil Rights Leader Martin Luther King, Jr., is dedicated to enriching the lives of all school-community members! As a PBIS school, we teach, practice and recognize four core expectations: Respect, Responsibility, Attentiveness and Appreciation. Traditional events held at King: Back-to-School Parent Breakfast; Family Fall Festival; Family Reading Night, Kinder Pancake breakfast; Martin Luther King Day Celebration and the King Knowledge-A-Thon.

King has a very active and supportive parent network - Adults Supporting King (ASK). Parents are highly involved in and out of the classrooms to enhance and enrich the academic and social growth of all students.

East:

At East High School we pride ourselves in continuing the academic, social and interpersonal excellence that is tradition at our great school. We are proud of our academic offerings, our attention to the individual needs of students, our thoroughly professional and dedicated staff, our co-curricular offerings, and the opportunities we are able to provide students from the broadest spectrum of abilities, aptitudes and aspirations.

This May, Packer player Josh Sitton visited East to talk about the dangers of texting and driving. It was a very beneficial assembly, and we continue to encourage students to have a SAFE summer. If you would like more information about East, please call 448-2090 to schedule a visit.