

GREENVALE PARK ELEMENTARY

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Greetings Families!

What a year it has been. It is hard to imagine that the school year has ended. The students will move to summer mode and start participating in a different set of activities. Thank you for joining the staff here at Greenvale Park on this journey in 2017-18!

This year was my first as Greenvale Park principal and I enjoyed being a part of this supportive and welcoming school community. As a new principal in the fall, I one of my goals was to get to know the students as soon as possible. Several students confused me with English Language teacher Matt Berg-Wall in those early weeks. After hearing, "Hello, Mr. Berg-Wall" many times in September and October, I am happy to report that the students and I are much more familiar with each other now! I look forward to getting to know the students even better next fall.

A focus on reading led to a Read-a-thon fundraiser in October. Students and families raised over \$20,000 and more importantly practiced reading in many exciting ways. I Love to Read Month featured several fun events for students with the Olympic theme! A new reading curriculum will be implemented next year for all classrooms. This year, teachers received training and did start to introduce some of the components. Next year, this will be emphasized throughout the year.



Math Madness was a success again this year in March. Students participated in a number of math activities including problem solving and games. Students complete math stations in their classroom daily with a variety of hands-on activities, personalized apps and small group instruction with the teacher. This year we also added a Title 1 support with Mrs. Edwards meeting with small groups of students. Math will continue to be a focus in the next year.

This school year the Second Step Social and Emotional Learning curriculum was implemented in all classrooms. This provided common language to use when students were working with friends and teachers at school. Mrs. Larsen helped support staff and students with resources for this new program. With skits, videos and visuals in place, the second year of the program will be an important one for helping students be more successful in these areas.

Students had many opportunities to be innovative and practice engineering skills. In the fall the STEM Night with The Works from Bloomington provided many hands-on learning options. During Community School, STEM Club was a regular offering and the GVP PTO provided funds to launch two STEM carts that can be moved to different classrooms. Students are showing their creativity and problem solving with these materials!



This newsletter has information for families during the summer including how to contact the schools if needed during June and July. We will see you back in August for Ready.Set.Go Day. We look forward to hearing about summer adventures and seeing you back in the fall. It will be another exciting year of learning at Greenvale Park!



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Staff Changes

Mary Wojick and Patti Baker both have announced they will be retiring at the end of the school year. These two individuals have made a huge impact on Greenvale Park during their time at the school. They will be greatly missed as they pursue the next adventures in their lives. We can't thank them enough for all of the hard work and care they poured into the school community. The saying is more true than ever for these two educators: "Once a Gecko, always a Gecko!"



Mrs. Wojick has served as one of the school's physical education teachers. Her work with students to provide a wide range of activities has helped students love physical education. Mrs. Wojick is the consummate professional. She has been willing to take on many different roles throughout her career. She is caring and always thinking about the students first. Not only is she a great teacher, she is also a great role model and advocate for health, wellness and physical activity for all students and staff. What's truly brilliant about Mary is how she is an amazing coach and mentor to all staff members in her GVP tenure. Her team approach to school activities was observed in her leadership for the Gecko 5K and with the re-establishment of the 4th and 5th grade Field Day event this year. The students and staff will miss seeing her on the field or on the court at Greenvale Park. Congratulations, Mrs. Wojick!

Mrs. Baker has been at Greenvale Park for the past 18 years welcoming families, staff and visitors as they enter the building. Always positive and kind, Mrs. Baker has supported families as they joined Greenvale Park for the first time. She takes time to get to know the families well and these strong relationships are enduring. On any given day, the front office is a busy place and Mrs. Baker could multi-task with the best of them. At times, she would support the health office by tending to students' bumps or bruises. Multi-tasking in a busy office environment can be stressful. Mrs. Baker never showed her frustration. Instead, she was kind, polite, patient and calm no matter the pace of life in the office. Several families have shared stories about the positive impact Mrs. Baker made on their lives at Greenvale Park. Congratulations, Mrs. Baker!



The end of the school year brings transitions as students in our 5th grade classrooms prepare to move on to the middle school next year. There are also changes upcoming for the Greenvale Park staff. As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, Patti Baker and Mary Wojick will both be retiring after impressive careers in education. The following staff members will be working in other locations in Northfield or other communities next year:

Kathy Beck
Amy Conway
Tiffany Malecha
Tresa Mazurek
Megan Wheelock

We wish them well in their next adventures and thank them for all they have done for the students and staff at Greenvale Park.

We welcome new staff to Greenvale Park for the 2018-19 school year. They are:

Betsy Peterson, 1st Grade
Jessica Enge, Special Education
Yamile Hernandez, Reading Corps Tutor
Amanda Solinger, Kindergarten
Brent Yule, Physical Education
Brooke Bulfer, Office Specialist

You will enjoy getting to know these teachers and staff members next fall. Thank you for helping to welcome them to our school and district.

Ready, Set, Go Day will take place at Greenvale Park on Wednesday, August 29. Watch your mailbox for more information. Class placements and appointments times will be sent home in August.



Saludos familias:

¡Qué año ha sido! Es difícil imaginar que el año escolar haya terminado. Los estudiantes empezarán el modo de verano y comenzarán a participar en un conjunto diferente de actividades. ¡Gracias por unirse al personal aquí en Greenvale Park en este viaje en 2017-18!

Este año fue mi primer año como director de Greenvale Park y disfruté siendo parte de esta comunidad escolar con tanto apoyo y bienvenida. Como nuevo director en el otoño, uno de mis objetivos era llegar a conocer a los estudiantes lo antes posible. Varios estudiantes me confundieron con el profesor de Lengua inglesa Matt Berg-Wall en esas primeras semanas. Después de escuchar, "Hola, Sr. Berg-Wall" muchas veces en septiembre y octubre, ¡me complace informar que los estudiantes y yo estamos mucho más familiarizados los unos con otros ahora! Espero conocer a los estudiantes aún mejor el próximo otoño.

Un enfoque en la lectura condujo a una recaudación de fondos Read-a-thon en octubre. Los estudiantes y las familias recaudaron más de \$ 20,000 y más importante, practicaron la lectura de muchas maneras emocionantes. ¡En el Mes de Me Encanta Leer se presentaron varios eventos divertidos para los estudiantes con el tema Olímpico! Un nuevo currículo de lectura se usará el próximo año para todos los salones. Este año, las maestras y maestros recibieron capacitación y comenzaron a presentar algunos de los componentes. El próximo año, esto se enfatizará durante todo el año.

Math Madness fue un éxito nuevamente este año en marzo. Los estudiantes participaron en una serie de actividades de matemáticas que incluyen la resolución de problemas y juegos. Los estudiantes completan las estaciones de matemáticas en su salón de clases a diario con una variedad de actividades prácticas, aplicaciones personalizadas e instrucción en grupos pequeños con la maestra o maestro. Este año también agregamos un apoyo de Título 1 con la Sra. Edwards reuniéndose con grupos pequeños de estudiantes. Las matemáticas continuarán siendo un área a enfatizar en el próximo año.

Este año escolar se implementó el plan de estudios Second Step Social and Emotional Learning en todos los salones de clases. Esto proporcionó un lenguaje común para usar cuando los estudiantes trabajaban con amigos y maestros en la escuela. La Sra. Larsen ayudó a apoyar al personal y a los estudiantes con recursos para este nuevo programa. Con sátiras, videos y apoyo de imágenes, el segundo año del programa será importante para ayudar a los estudiantes a tener más éxito en estas áreas.

Los estudiantes tuvieron muchas oportunidades para ser innovadores y practicar habilidades de ingeniería. En el otoño, la noche de STEM con The Works de Bloomington proporcionó muchas opciones prácticas de aprendizaje. Durante la Escuela Comunitaria, STEM Club fue una oferta regular y GVP PTO proporcionó fondos para lanzar dos carros STEM que pueden trasladarse a diferentes salones de clase. ¡Los estudiantes están mostrando su creatividad y resolución de problemas con estos materiales!

Este boletín contiene información para las familias durante el verano, que incluye cómo contactar a las escuelas si es necesario durante junio y julio. Nos veremos en agosto para el día Ready.Set.Go. Esperamos escuchar acerca de las aventuras de verano y verlos de vuelta en el otoño. ¡Será otro año emocionante de aprendizaje en Greenvale Park!

Cambios en el personal

Mary Wojick y Patti Baker han anunciado que se jubilarán al final del año escolar. Estas dos personas han tenido un gran impacto en Greenvale Park durante su tiempo en la escuela. Las extrañaremos grandemente mientras siguen las próximas aventuras en sus vidas. No podemos agradecerles lo suficiente por todo el arduo trabajo y cuidado que brindaron a la comunidad escolar. El dicho es más cierto que nunca para estas dos educadoras: "¡Una vez un Gecko, siempre un Gecko!"



La Sra. Wojick ha servido como una de las maestras de educación física de la escuela. Su trabajo con los/las estudiantes para proporcionar una amplia gama de actividades ha ayudado a los estudiantes a amar la educación física. La Sra. Wojick es una profesional consumada. Ella ha estado dispuesta a asumir diferentes papeles a lo largo de su carrera. Ella es cariñosa y siempre piensa en los estudiantes primero. No sólo es una gran maestra, sino que también es una gran modelo y defensora de la salud, el bienestar y la actividad física para todos los estudiantes y el personal. Lo que es realmente brillante de Mary es que ella es una entrenadora y mentora increíble para todos los miembros

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del personal a su cargo de GVP. Su enfoque de equipo a las actividades escolares se observó en su liderazgo para el Gecko 5K y con el restablecimiento del evento del Día de Campo de 4º y 5º grado este año. Los estudiantes y el personal extrañarán verla en el campo o en la cancha en Greenvale Park. ¡Felicidades, Sra. Wojick!

La Sra. Baker ha estado en Greenvale Park durante los últimos 18 años dando la bienvenida a familias, personal y visitantes a medida que entran en el edificio de la escuela. Siempre positiva y amable, la Sra. Baker ha apoyado a las familias cuando se unieron a la escuela de Greenvale Park por primera vez. Ella toma tiempo para conocer bien a las familias y estas relaciones sólidas perduran. En un día cualquiera, la oficina principal es un lugar concurrido y la Sra. Baker puede realizar tareas múltiples con todos ellos. En ocasiones, ella apoyaba a la oficina de salud atendiendo los golpes o magulladuras de los estudiantes. La multitarea en un ambiente de oficina ocupada puede ser estresante. La señora Baker nunca mostró su frustración. En cambio, ella era amable, cortés, paciente y calmada, sin importar el ritmo de vida en la oficina. Varias familias han compartido historias sobre el impacto positivo que la Sra. Baker hizo en sus vidas en Greenvale Park. ¡Felicidades, Sra. Baker!



El final del año escolar trae transiciones ya que los estudiantes en nuestros salones de 5º grado se preparan para pasar a la escuela intermedia el próximo año. También hay cambios próximos para el personal de Greenvale Park. Como se mencionó anteriormente en el boletín informativo, Patti Baker y Mary Wojick se jubilarán después de carreras impresionantes en educación. Los siguientes miembros del personal trabajarán en otras ubicaciones en Northfield u otras comunidades el próximo año:

Kathy Beck
Amy Conway
Tiffany Malecha
Tresa Mazurek
Megan Wheelock

Les deseamos lo mejor en sus próximas aventuras y les agradecemos todo lo que han hecho por los estudiantes y el personal de Greenvale Park.

Les damos la bienvenida a nuevo personal a Greenvale Park para el año escolar 2018-19. Son:

Betsy Peterson, 1er Grado
Jessica Enge, Educación especial
Yamile Hernandez, Tutora de Reading Corps
Amanda Solinger, Kindergarten
Brent Yule, Educación física
Brooke Bulfer, Especialista de oficina

Disfrutarán conociendo a estas maestras y maestros y miembros del personal el próximo otoño. Gracias por ayudarnos a darles la bienvenida a nuestra escuela y distrito.

Ready, Set, Go Day tendrá lugar en Greenvale Park el miércoles 29 de agosto. Mire su buzón de correo para más información. Los horarios de las clases y las citas se enviarán a casa en agosto.

Familias de estudiantes de edad de Kindergarten:

Si tienen una niña o niño que comenzará el Kindergarten el próximo otoño, por favor entre y complete los formularios de inscripción lo más pronto posible. Si tienen alguna pregunta con respecto a Kindergarten para su hijo/a, llámeme al 507-645-3501.

Que tengan un excelente verano:

Agradezco sinceramente a las familias y a la comunidad en general de Greenvale Park. Doy gracias por el gran cuidado y la empatía mostrada por todos a nuestros estudiantes, maestros y personal. En nombre de nuestras maestras y maestros y personal, espero que tengan unas vacaciones de verano estupendas, seguras y divertidas. Espero verlos a todos en el otoño.

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Los anuarios de GVP están en:

Los anuarios han sido entregados a las maestras y maestros del salón de clases para aquellos estudiantes que pre-ordenaron anuarios. Hay algunos anuarios adicionales ahora a la venta en la oficina de Greenvale Park, mientras hayan copias, cuestan \$15 dólares. Si el estudiante no pre-ordenó un anuario y todavía desea tener uno, pase a la oficina Greenvale Park y recoja uno. Los cheques pueden hacerse a nombre de GVP PTO.

2018 Reading Challenge

Choose one or choose them all to spice up your summer reading!

Happy Summer—Happy Reading!



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| ☐ A book you chose because of the cover | ☐ A book that is about a kid in elementary school |
| ☐ A book by an author you already love | ☐ A book you borrowed from the library or from a friend |
| ☐ A book recommended to you by a friend | ☐ A book that is a work of nonfiction |
| ☐ A book considered to be "a classic" | ☐ A book you can't finish in a day |
| ☐ A book by an author you've never read | ☐ A book you can finish in a day |
| ☐ A book set in a city you want to travel to someday | ☐ A book that has won an award |
| ☐ A book that has been turned into a movie | ☐ A book you whisper-read |
| ☐ A book you read by flashlight | ☐ A book you read in your pajamas |
| ☐ A book you read while Mom or Dad are Reading | ☐ A book you read, and then draw a picture about |
| ☐ A book you read on a swing | ☐ A book you read on a rainy day |
| ☐ A book you read under a tree | ☐ A book set in the future |
| ☐ A book that makes you laugh out loud! | ☐ A book set in the distant past |
| ☐ A book you read in the basement | ☐ A book that has a bright colored cover |
| ☐ A book you read laying in the grass | ☐ A book about best friends |
| ☐ A book about a road trip | ☐ A book you read for an hour straight |
| ☐ A book where the main character is an animal | ☐ A book you think looks boring—until you read it! |
| ☐ A book you read out loud to a stuffed animal | ☐ A book with a recipe you read (and then make to share)! |

Summer Reading Calendar can be found on page 8 of this June Gazette.

Trash for Cash Guide

There are many ways you can help the PTO earn money for our school! One of the simplest is to save items that you would otherwise throw away! Many companies will give GVP money for proof of purchase of their products, do you have any of these items in your house?

Box Tops for Education (General Mills): For every Box Top turned in, GVP earns money from General Mills, and by participating in annual promotions we can earn even more!



Loaves for Learning (Country Hearth/Village Hearth): Each Loaves for Learning barcode earns GVP 5¢!

Milk Moola and Donuts to Dough (Kwik Trip): GVP can earn money by saving caps from Kwik Trip milk jugs, orange juice and flavored waters top strips from bags of Nature's Touch milk, ice cream UPCs, and price ovals from Glaziers Donuts. Each cap and UPC you send to school is worth 5¢, while donut price ovals are worth 10¢!

Save Five for Schools (Land O Lakes): By saving caps from Land O Lakes milk jugs, GVP can earn up to \$10,000 per year. Each cap you send to school is worth 5¢!

EconoFoods Receipts (EconoFoods): Bring in your receipts from your shopping at EconoFoods, and for each \$150,000 in receipts, our local EconoFoods will send GVP a check for \$1000!



Our Family Labels for Learning (EconoFoods): Clip UPC barcodes from Our Family products, and watch for Our Family bonus labels at the checkout. GVP earns 5¢ for each barcode/label!

Labels for Learning (Coborn's): Coborn's offers points for purchases and provides a coupon for those points at the register. If you shop at Coburn's or utilize their delivery service you can earn points for

GVP. Each point is worth 1¢.

Media Center News...Amanda Heinritz

Thank you to our parents who helped your children get their books returned to the Media Center on time. We like to make sure our materials are accounted for before summer programs start.

Lost or damaged books should be paid for by the end of the year. All students with missing books are given a print out). Students with missing books will not be able to check books out during summer programs or next school year until they are paid for.



5th Grade Students moving on to the middle school need to return all GVP books before getting a student ID or any new books at the middle school.

Child Nutrition...Stephany Stromme, Director

Thank you for allowing us to provide well-balanced, nutritious meals for your child during this school year. We enjoy feeding them, and seeing their faces each day. Please review the following reminders as we move into summer:

1. Please bring all negative lunch account balances to zero or a positive balance by the end of the year.
2. All balances (positive or negative) will carry forward into next school year.
3. All school messenger calls and emails will be shut off during the summer.
4. Each year all families will be mailed a new educational benefits application in August to be completed for school year 2018-19.

Summer Office Hours at Greenvale Park

Monday, June 11th-Friday, June 22nd 7am-3pm
Greenvale Park will be closed for the month of July
Wednesday, August 1st-Friday, August 31st 7am-3pm
Closed Friday, August 3rd

Summer PLUS program

The Summer PLUS program will again be held at Greenvale Park this summer. It will run June 18th-August 2nd from 9:30am to 3pm. This program will provide academic and enrichment support to approximately 250 students this summer!

Moving or New to Northfield

If you are currently attending Greenvale Park Elementary School and will be moving over the summer either within Northfield or out of the Northfield Public Schools attendance area, please contact Chris Neset (507.645.3445) at the District Office with your new address and phone numbers (if they will change). Chris will then be able to tell you what, if any, forms are required to stay at Greenvale Park for this coming school year.

If you are new to Northfield, no matter which elementary school your child(ren) will be attending, please contact Chris Neset at the District Office (507.645.3445) to enroll and to answer any questions your might have. The forms you need for registration are on the Northfield Public Schools website: northfieldschools.org under "Parents"; half way down that page, click on "Enroll"; scroll half way down and click on "New Student Process" to get the scoop on all programs, forms and school-year information. Welcome to Northfield!

Student's Name _____

Greenvale Park Summer Reading Calendar

Please record the minutes your child reads each day/week this summer on this calendar. Students can read alone, with a friend or an adult. Minutes can be filled out on this calendar and brought back to school OR through this [google form](https://goo.gl/forms/wntfsbGlejVqUdq22) -- <https://goo.gl/forms/wntfsbGlejVqUdq22>. This form can be turned into Diane Torbenson by Sept. 7, 2018. (If your child is tracking reading minutes via another form, just submit that form at the start of the next school year.) We are hoping to reach a school wide goal of over 500,000 minutes of reading this summer! Students who read over 1500 minutes this summer will be recognized in the fall!

JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total Minutes for the week
					1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total Minutes for the week
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31					

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total Minutes for the week
			1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31		