



The Green Valley Gazette

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Mr. Jon Stenger, Principal

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610-670-0180 - x2810 Mrs. Raffauf - Head Secretary
- x2820 Ms. Lawrence - Attendance Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

Through Nov 4 - Scholastic Book Fair

*See pg. 6 for details

1- GVHSA Meeting - 7:00pm - GV Library

8 - Picture Retakes: 9-10am

17 - End of 1st Trimester

18 - GVHSA Pretzel Sale

21 - EARLY DISMISSAL - 11:45am

*Parent Conferences

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23-28 - No School - *Thanksgiving Break*

December

Dec 1- Winter Concert (4th & 5th Grade)

*VHS Auditorium 7pm

Dec 13 - Winter Concert (2nd & 3rd Grade)

*GV Cafeteria 9:30am

Dec 14 - Winter Concert (K & 1st Grade)

*GV Cafeteria 9:30am

Dec. 22 - EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:45pm

Dec. 23 - Jan. 2 - NO SCHOOL

*Winter Break

School Resumes Jan. 3, 2023

News from the Office

- If your child has a change to their dismissal plan, please inform the main office with that change as soon as possible. This information should not be left on teacher voicemail, teacher email, or through Dojo accounts.
- Please make sure to verify your contact information in skyward to avoid missing any important communication from the office.

A little reminder regarding birthdays...

- Please do not send in birthday treats to school.
- If your student is handing out birthday invitations in their classroom, the invitation needs to go to each child in the class.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

All Wilson elementary schools will be hosting parent/teacher conferences on Monday, November 21st from 12:40-3:45 pm and 5:00-8:00 pm, as well as Tuesday, November 22nd from 12:40-3:45 pm. Parents will have the option for in-person or virtual conferences. Sign-ups will be available on each of Wilson Elementary School's websites starting Monday, November 1st. Please find the conference [link](#) here.

1st Trimester Progress Reports

Elementary report cards will be visible through Skyward Family Access "Portfolio" tab beginning on Monday, November 21st at 8am.. If you have any questions about Skyward Family Access please contact your building secretary.

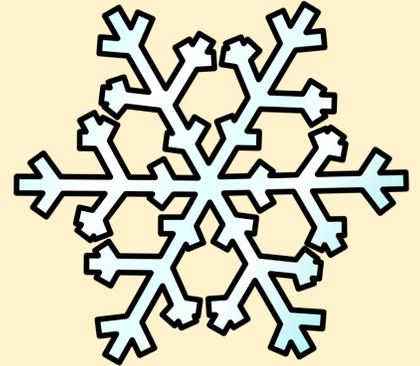
From the Nurse

If you have not updated your student's medical information in skyward, please do so.

Please remember now that holiday parties have begun, the party snack is approved by the nurses office, outside snacks not permitted.

Inclement Weather Guidelines

As snow or other inclement weather situations arise that may affect the school day, the Superintendent will be in touch with our Director of Transportation and Director of Operations, as well as surrounding district superintendents. They will make a decision based on the information presented at the time that the call must be made for the purposes of maintaining student and employee safety.



This message sets forth the ways in which the Wilson School District will post information related to school closings, delays, and early dismissals for snow or other inclement weather.

Phone (outgoing call)

A phone message will go out to all families and staff members through our Skylert system. These calls will be placed as soon as a decision regarding the status of school is determined using the method outlined above.

****Please Note**** Morning closing/delay calls are defaulted to go to primary and cell phone numbers in the Family Access system. Parents have the ability to change phone numbers by visiting the Skylert tab in Family Access. Also, please keep in mind that calls may come during the early morning hours, so please click here for instructions regarding how to OPT OUT of these calls.

Phone (incoming calls)

Call the main district number (610-670-0180) and we will have a greeting with the district status.

Web

www.wilsonsd.org: Status message will be posted on the main district home page.

Social Media

Messages will be posted on all district social media accounts.

Please Note:

In Easton, PA (Northampton County), there is a Wilson AREA School District. We are Wilson School District, and will also be listed as Wilson-West Lawn. Please pay close attention to the name that you are seeing on the screen if you choose to watch the TV station for notification.

Counselor's Corner

The school counselors and the school social worker would like to share a resource our school and school district offers called the **Student Assistance Program**.

What is SAP?

The Student Assistance Program works in assisting students who appear to be experiencing barriers to their school success. These barriers may include mental health, emotional, family, academic, issues with peers, low self-esteem, bullying, poor decision making, and/or at risk behaviors.

The SAP team, which consists of trained faculty, administrators, pupil services personnel, and outside consultants, is available to help identify possible barriers and to offer appropriate intervention support. **All referrals are confidential.**

We have attached a referral form, please contact us if you have **any** questions. Also, if you have had a SAP meeting before, we can absolutely meet again.

[Send referrals here](#)

What is SAP and when do I make a referral?

1. **A student showing any signs of depression:** sadness, low mood, isolating, being withdrawn.
2. **Inside the symptoms of anxiety:** worrying, being nervous, on edge, and always doubting self.
3. **Anger:** a student's level goes from 1 to a 10. Their level of anger isn't appropriate for a situation.
4. **Friendship:** Difficulty of making friends, being bullied/or being the bully.
5. **Family:** Any issues that are going on at home that are upsetting a student. Family separation or a change inside the home. A recent death and or any change in the family dynamic that may alter the student's education.
6. **Substance Abuse:** If the student shows signs of attempting to try

As parents and guardians, please feel free to reach out to the team with any questions regarding a referral.

All the Best,

Dr. Maffei, mafsha@share.wilsonsd.org, x 4651 (Grades, K-2)

Ms. Frees, freema@share.wilsonsd.org, x 4650 (Grades, 3-5)

Ms. Garcia, gareri@share.wilsonsd.org, x 1045 School Social Worker (at GV on Fridays)

Instructional Support News

Tips for Family Literacy From the National Center for Families Learning

Here are some quick, simple ways to incorporate learning into the daily routine:

Keep on top of what your children are learning at school. Be familiar with the textbooks, know the topics being covered, and be aware of their daily, weekly, and long-term assignments. One of the best things you can do to impact learning is to talk with your children. With this basic information, you can have wonderful conversations with your children that intensify their learning experience.

Exploratory learning is powerful. Show a sense of wonder about the things around you, and your children will catch the curiosity bug. "Look at that beautiful rainbow. We need to find out what creates that band of colors." Use some of the following conversation starters to generate interest: "I wonder what would happen if..." "Tell me about..." Visit Wonderopolis.org to find a Wonder of the Day® to ignite a sense of discovery all around you.

Involve your children in "teaching" you new information. Explaining something to someone else is a great way to solidify your own understanding.

One of the most important areas of learning that impact all other areas is reading. When your children are young, have conversations about books as you read aloud together. As your children begin to read independently, have them read to you to help develop fluency. Discuss new words and what they might mean, and have your children explain the overall meaning behind what is read. Doing these things not only helps your children at that time but teaches strategies to apply independently.

Expose your children to learning areas through at-home "laboratories." Science, technology, and math are some of the fastest growing areas for future employment, yet few students pursue these areas because they have not had adequate exposure and preparation. Your home is a great "laboratory" for providing hands-on learning about all kinds of things in a real-life context. Learning how to change a light bulb or repair a lamp safely is a great opportunity to learn about electrical wiring, using tools, conserving energy as well as being helpful. Go online or visit the library for how-to information.

Involve your children in everyday tasks. Have them help make the grocery list, checking the pantry to see if needed items are there. They can help cut and organize coupons, and shopping can be a scavenger hunt where your child has the task of finding specific items. The children can use a calculator to keep a running tab of the cost and help count out the cash to pay when you check out.

You can teach your child literacy fundamentals without a classroom or textbooks. Here are some additional tips for sharing knowledge with children by using the world around you and maximizing the time you spend together:

Teach math skills by letting your child count the money to pay at the store.

Ask children to find the letters in his or her name by using signs along the street and on buildings.

Increase oral language skills by sharing stories of your own childhood.

Make science come alive at home by checking out science experiment books from the library and then trying simple experiments at home. For example, grow a vegetable with your child, chart the growth, and talk about it.

Tie reading into an outing. If you're going to a museum, bring home a book about a favorite exhibit so children see reading as an experience.

Use certain techniques for reading that have been proven to increase the effectiveness in reading time, including making sound effects to capture attention and changing your voice when different characters speak. Don't forget to talk about the story to reinforce comprehension and memory skills, and read it again because repetition helps children recognize and remember words.

GV Music Department



The GV Music Department will present music concerts in December and May.

Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

Thursday, DEC 1 7:00pm GV Winter Concert at Wilson High School Auditorium, Grade 4 and Grade 5 will be singing and the orchestra and band will perform.

Tuesday, DEC 13 9:30am 2nd and 3rd grade winter concert in GV Cafe

Wednesday, DEC 14 9:30am K and 1st grade winter concert in GV Cafe

Thursday MAY 11 7pm GV Spring Concert at Wilson High School Auditorium, 5th grade chorus, band, and orchestra)

Additional information will be sent by each director.

If you have any pressing questions, please email Kim Nelson, Vocal Music Teacher at nelkim@share.wilsons.org

GVHSA News & Updates - *Connect with GVHSA - [website](#) - [facebook](#)*

Color Run Thanks

On behalf of the GVHSA, we would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered and donated to our 4th annual Color Run. The students had a blast and we are all so grateful to our community for supporting everything the GVHSA does for Green Valley Elementary! Our gross total was \$41,013.00. Our profits will be used to purchase picnic tables for the blacktop, the 1 book 1 school program, and assist with ongoing projects and expenses.

THANK YOU again to everyone who helped make this a HUGE success!

Scholastic Book Fair

GV Families - The Scholastic Book Fair is BACK!

Important information/upcoming dates:

November 1 - November 2 - Student Preview Days during school

November 3 - Student Shopping Day during school

November 3 - 6-8 PM Family Night in the GV Library

November 5 - Student Shopping Day during school

Be sure to check out our Book Fair Website for more information:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/greenvalley2022>

Take a night off from cooking, try Klinger's meal pop-up!

Thursday, November 17, 2022

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Order here:

<https://www.doitlocalberks.com/popup-details/event-two-b23gf-f4939-pslts-y9663-xgybb-htjpm-ze7hk-dzg98-xzanw-g723s-9mhj6-dz26k-ft17t>

Salvation Army Angel Tree

The annual Salvation Army Angel Tree provides an excellent opportunity to bring a smile to the faces of underprivileged children of Berks County.

The Angel Tree will be set up in the Green Valley school vestibule and decorated with 125 paper angel tags. Each tag includes the first name, age and gender of a child in need of presents. Parents may remove one or more tags and purchase appropriate gifts for the child described on the tag. Instructions for returning the gifts will be included on the tags.

The tags will be available to sign out during parent/teacher conferences, November 21st and 22nd! Please email Holly Dickinson at hdickinson17@comcast.net if you are not attending a conference and would like a tag.

Gift drop off is at Green Valley Elementary on December 1st and 2nd from 8am-9am at the parent drop off. Alternatively, parents can send gifts (with tags attached) to school with their child. Please email Holly Dickinson at hdickinson17@comcast.net if you need to make other arrangements.