

The Green Valley Gazette



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UPCOMING EVENTS

February

Jan. 30 -10 - "Souper" Bowl Food Drive

*see below for details

2 - 100th Day Celebration

7 - GVHSA Meeting 7pm - GV Library

10 - NFL Jersey Day

14 - Valentine's Day Celebration

17 - ACT 80 Day (No Students)

20 - No School - Presidents' Day

27 - Read Across America Week

*see below for details

28 - Spring Pictures

28 - End of Elementary 2nd Trimester

MARCH

1 - Kindergarten online registration opens

*more information forthcoming

2 - Parent Teacher Conferences 5-8pm

3 - No School- Parent/Teacher Conferences

6 - School in Session (snow make up day #1)

7 - GVHSA Meeting 7:00pm - GV Library

News from the Office

Emergency Closing and Inclement Weather Info

In the event of inclement weather, the Wilson School District has a plan for sharing closing and early dismissal information with families. Please [click here](#) to review the Wilson School District notification plan for Emergency Closings and Inclement Weather.

PSSA Testing Dates (Please Mark Your Calendars)

This school year's PSSA Testing will take place from April 24th to May 5th. We kindly ask that you do NOT schedule non-essential appointments on these dates for students in grades 3-5. Non-school sponsored trips

(vacations) will NOT be excused during these dates for grade levels participating in testing.

Please Dress for the Weather

Please make sure that your child is dressed each day for the weather. Cold weather has arrived and students will go out for recess when weather permits. Warm coats and long pants are appropriate. Coats, hats, gloves, and scarves should all be labeled with your child's name. This will ensure that these items won't end up in the Lost & Found. Thank you for your help! End of February all Lost & Found will be donated to charity. If your child is missing an item, please contact the office to set up a time to sift through the items..



From the nurses office

Thank you to all of you who have generously donated clothing and winter jackets to GV! They were put into use immediately! Please remember to send water bottles to school with your children over the winter. Hydration is very important to keep headaches away, chapped lips at bay, and irritated throats calm. Remember! NO Cough drops are allowed to be given out or brought to school at the elementary level. Thank you for understanding.

From Mrs. Campbell

Hello String Families,

Grades 3, 4, and 5 are working very hard for our spring concert on Thursday, May 11 @ 7:00pm.

Keep encouraging your student to STRIVE for FIVE. This means we are trying to get better each and every time we play.

Try practicing 10 minutes each day. You will HEAR yourself GROW!



“Souper” Bowl

We are hosting our yearly canned food drive to benefit Helping Harvest Food Bank (formerly Greater Berks Food Bank). Students will be able to place a donation in a designated area to cast their vote for the team they want to win the Super Bowl. We will be collecting canned goods from Wednesday, February 1st to Friday, February 10th. On Friday, February 10th students can participate in a school wide spirit day by wearing their favorite sports team jersey or shirt!



Recommended items for collection: cereals, peanut butter, pasta, rice, oatmeal, beans, canned goods, baby wipes, diapers, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes. (PLEASE DO NOT SEND GLASS ITEMS OR EXPIRED FOOD)



th Day

The 100th day of school is Thursday, February 2. Students are encouraged to participate by wearing something that represents the number 100, or dressing like they are 100 years old.

Read Across America

<h2 style="text-align: center;">GV's Read Across America Spirit Week</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">♥ <i>Let's Show Our Love of Reading!</i> ♥</p>				
<p>Monday - Feb. 27</p> <p><i>It's Read Across America Week!</i></p> <p>Wear Something Red, White, and/or Blue</p> 	<p>Tuesday - Feb. 28*</p> <p><i>Snuggle Up and Read with Your Stuffedies!</i></p> <p>Bring Your Favorite Stuffed Animal to School *Spring Picture Day</p> 	<p>Wednesday - March 1</p> <p><i>We're Crazy About Reading... from Our Heads to Our Toes!</i></p> <p>Wear Crazy Hair and Crazy Socks</p> 	<p>Thursday - March 2*</p> <p><i>Books Are the Best!</i></p> <p>Dress in Your Best</p> <p><i>*Gr. 3-4 Trip to the Reading Symphony Orchestra & Parent-Teacher Conference Night*</i></p> <p>Wear/Bring Sneakers for Gym.</p>	<p>Friday - March 3</p> <p>No School for Students</p> <p>Cuddle Up and Read with someone at home today!</p> 

Conservation Club News



A group of fifth grade students is busy working on a conservation project right here on our own school campus! As participants in the Philadelphia Zoo's UNLESS Contest, these students are learning about two awesome critically endangered turtles: the Golden Coin Turtle (found in China) and the Bog Turtle (found in our own backyard!) You can

follow along with the work these students are doing and learn more about these turtles in our Facebook group, "Green Valley Shell Shockers."

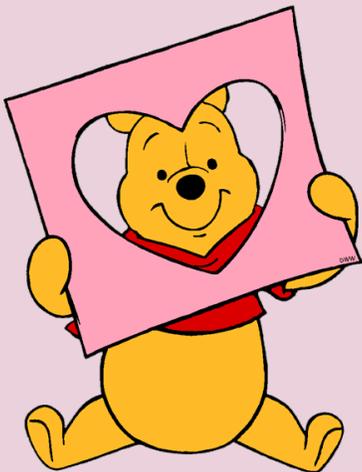
Valentine's Day Celebration

This year, we are having an in school dance on Valentine's Day. The dances are scheduled for the afternoon of Tuesday, February 14th. Students will also exchange valentines in their classrooms.

Boxes/Bags for Valentines - students should create and/or decorate a box or paper bag at home to bring in by Friday, 2/10. *Please let the classroom teacher know if your child is in need of a box, valentines, etc. The school and the HSA are happy to help in making sure that all students have the opportunity to participate in the festivities.

Valentines Dance - Thank you to our GVHSA for hosting a Valentines Dance during the end of the school day. Classrooms will participate in the dance in two separate groups (K-2 & 3-5). Crafts and a pretzel will also be available during the dance party.

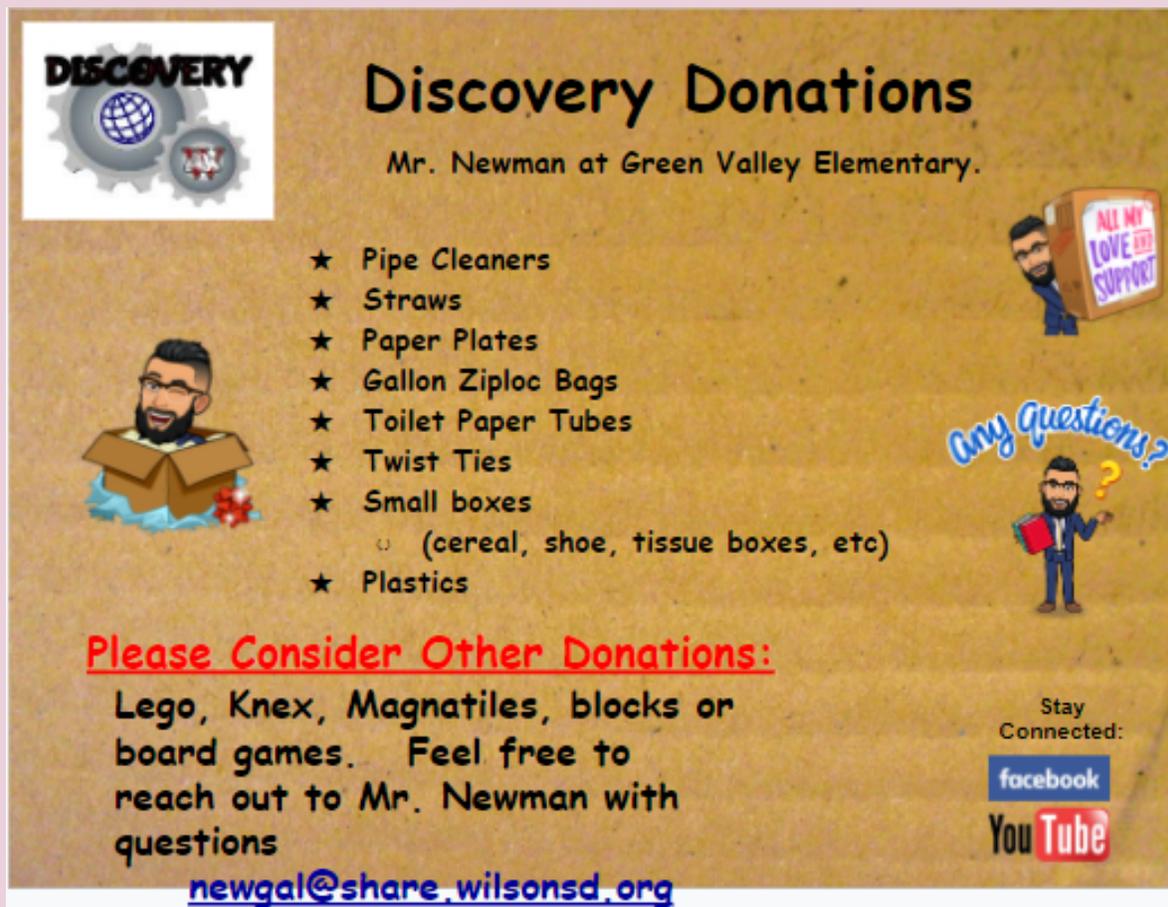
Valentine Exchange- students will exchange valentines in the classroom. Candy can be included as part of the valentine but it must be consumed at home. If students choose to bring in valentines, they must include everyone in the classroom. *Teachers will send home a copy of the class list with FIRST names for your reference.



Finally, students are encouraged to wear **Red, Pink, and/or White** on **February 14th**. We look forward to making it a special day.

Discovery Donations

The discovery room is in need of a supply refresh. Please consider picking up some of these supplies on your next Target/Walmart/Grocery store trip, or look for items that you already have around your home. Discovery loves donations!



The poster is on a brown cardboard background. In the top left is a logo with the word 'DISCOVERY' above a globe and two gears. The title 'Discovery Donations' is in large black font, followed by 'Mr. Newman at Green Valley Elementary.' in smaller black font. A list of items to donate is in the center, each preceded by a star. To the left of the list is a cartoon illustration of a man with a beard and glasses holding an open cardboard box. To the right is another cartoon illustration of the same man holding a box labeled 'ALL MY LOVE AND SUPPORT'. Below the list is a red underlined heading 'Please Consider Other Donations:' followed by text about donating toys and board games. At the bottom right are social media icons for Facebook and YouTube, with the text 'Stay Connected:'. The email address 'newgal@share.wilsons.org' is at the bottom center.

DISCOVERY

Discovery Donations

Mr. Newman at Green Valley Elementary.

- ★ Pipe Cleaners
- ★ Straws
- ★ Paper Plates
- ★ Gallon Ziploc Bags
- ★ Toilet Paper Tubes
- ★ Twist Ties
- ★ Small boxes
 - (cereal, shoe, tissue boxes, etc)
- ★ Plastics

Please Consider Other Donations:
Lego, Knex, Magnatiles, blocks or board games. Feel free to reach out to Mr. Newman with questions

newgal@share.wilsons.org

Stay Connected:
facebook
YouTube

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

Box Tops

Box Tops have gone digital! The app is FREE and takes seconds to set up. Simply take a picture (scan) of your receipt in the app and designate Green Valley to automatically earn 10 cents for each participating product you've purchased! Scan receipts from grocery stores, Target, Walmart, BJ's, Sam's Club... anywhere you purchase products with a Box Tops label. Anyone, like grandparents and aunts & uncles (or anyone who saves Box Tops for your child) can download the app & select Green Valley for earnings.

Download the Box Tops for Education app [here](#).



Redner's Save-A-Tape Program

Thank you for sending in your Redner's Receipts and keep them coming! Our school gets 1% back from your purchases!

A few items to remember when sending in your receipts:

- Your Redner's Reward Card must be scanned, and the Save-A-Tape total must be shown on the receipt.
- The entire receipt must be submitted. Redner's will not accept partial receipts.
- Receipts that are from fuel or alcohol sales are not accepted.