

Greetings,

Conferences are here, please make time in your busy schedule to stop in and talk with your child's teacher. It is always a great opportunity to see the progress in academic as well as social emotional areas. As you know, our "product" is a living, breathing wonderful human that really wants to do well. There are so many nuances and variables to the development and learning of each child. Sitting down and talking with each other and getting on the same page is tremendously valuable. We truly appreciate your support and know that the Westonka community is one of the best to live and work in.

Take care - hope to see you at conferences.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

02/17 Presidents Day - NO SCHOOL

02/18 Teacher Professional Day, 8:00am-Noon - NO SCHOOL

02/18 Parent-Teacher Conferences, 12:00-8:00pm - NO SCHOOL

02/18 Winter Book Fair Open, Noon-7:30pm

02/20 Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:00-8:00pm

02/20 Winter Book Fair Open, 4:00-8:00pm

02/24 PTA Meeting, 6:30-8:30pm, Media Center, Free childcare available

02/24 5th Grade Orientation at Grandview Middle School, 7:00-8:00pm

02/27 4th Grade Band Information Night at Grandview, 5:30-8:30pm

02/28 Carnival Coloring Contest submissions due

02/28 Deadline to pre-purchase carnival tickets

03/02 Family Ice Skating at Thaler Arena

CHILDCARE NOW AVAILABLE DURING CONFERENCES

New this year, we are offering childcare for siblings during conferences. Adventure Club staff and DECA student volunteers will provide the care and supervise activities for the children in the cafeteria. No reservations needed, but the following guidelines must be met:

- Children age 2-10 years old are welcome
- Parent must always be in the building
- 30 minute limit per scheduled conference time

- Parent must be reachable by phone by childcare staff

We hope by offering sibling childcare, you will be able to have a more meaningful and focused conversation with your child's teacher.

WINTER BOOK FAIR OPEN

Our Book Fair will be open for students and families Tuesday-Thursday next week. Please be sure to come and visit the book fair during conferences, Tuesday, February 18th from 12:00 - 8:00 p.m. and/or Thursday, February 20th from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Students can shop in the mornings before school starts or after school up until 4:30 p.m. If you wish to use eWallet, please sign up on our website [Shirley Hills Scholastic Book Fair](#). You are also welcome to send in cash, checks or credit cards, too.

Thank you for supporting our book fair and for helping us to buy books for the Media Center.
~Debbie Loomis, Media Specialist

BAND INFORMATION NIGHT FOR 2020-21 5TH GRADERS

Mr. Whaley and Mrs. Chilson, the band directors at GMS, are excited to meet all of our 4th grade students at the Band Information Night, February 27th, 5:30-8:30pm.

Please read the Band To-Do List. It lists some upcoming events, such as our instrument display night coming up on February 27th! Please attend this event, even if your student is still a "maybe" for the band program next year. Everyone is welcome!

Beginning Band Info Packet will help you and your child to start figuring out what instrument he/she may want to try, and to start planning where you'll get the instrument, i.e. borrow, rent, buy, etc.

If you have questions, please contact: Gretchen Chilson, chilsong@westonka.k12.mn.us, or Roger Whaley, whaleyr@westonka.k12.mn.us

MUSIC CONCERTS NEXT MONTH

Thursday, March 12th

6:30 pm - 2nd Grade Concert

*students are to report to the Music Room NO EARLIER than 6:15 pm

7:30 pm - 3rd Grade Concert

*students are to report to the Music Room NO EARLIER than 7:15 pm

DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM MARCH 31ST

On March 31st, Shirley Hills will be hosting a **Minnesota School Sealant Program** for our students. Students will receive free or low cost dental sealant services provided at school. Parent consent is required for children to participate. An online conform can be found at www.schoolsealants.com/consentform. A paper consent form with more information will come home in Friday Folders today.

