

# GREEN RIVER MONTESSORI SCHOOL

## Newsletter

Dear Families,

What a fantastic spring event we had on April 12<sup>th</sup>! It was great having so many families in attendance. The children really enjoyed performing on stage. Families were so generous with the “Cake Run.” Our raffle winner was the Truong family. We raised enough money to pay for the venue and for the associated costs of the silent auction and raffle basket.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10<sup>th</sup>. We will hold a special dinner for the staff on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> to acknowledge their commitment to the school. We are so fortunate to have such amazing and caring teachers at Green River Montessori!

The last day of school is June 7<sup>th</sup>. Although the school year ends early, children may continue through part or all of June or through the entire summer if desired. We have booked some exciting guest performers to help enhance the activities that we have planned. If you haven't already done so, please let us know your child's last day if not continuing for summer.

The \$200 fundraising requirement will be charged on the May 25<sup>th</sup> billing. Those who started late in the year (January or after) will owe just \$100. Please estimate your deduction by considering anything that you have done extra for the school such as fundraising, helping with maintenance, donations to the Italy trip, donations for the spring festival, etc. Those who contributed cash to the Italy fundraiser can deduct the entire amount. All other fundraising and donations are typically 20% of the value. Please complete the coupon in the newsletter to claim your fundraising efforts which will be deducted from the \$200. You need to return the coupon no later than May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Looking forward to safe and sunny days,

Diana and the GRMS Staff

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**Dates**

**To Remember**

**Closed**

May 27<sup>th</sup> –  
Memorial Day

**Summer Closure Days**

June 19  
July 4 & 5  
August 26-September 2<sup>nd</sup>



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# Spring Festival

Such a fun event! Thank you to all our wonderful staff, parents, and children for making it possible.

**Raffle Winner** – Truong Family (Kaylani U-2 & Lawson U-1.)

- We sold \$877.00 in raffle tickets.
- The “Cake Run” brought in \$1,613.
- The Silent Auction brought in \$750.
- Table Rentals was \$150

**Total Proceeds** - \$3,390

## Expenses included:

Flowerpots for silent auction, napkins, plates, utensils, printing of raffle tickets, items & gift certificates for raffle planter, craft items for decorating flowerpots.

Rental of Green River College (included set-up, tear-down, sound system technician, beverages, tablecloths, and support staff).

**Total Expenses** - \$3,225.00

The fundraising efforts and support from parents and staff made it possible for our school to afford to pay for this event!



## Trike Helmets



It's time to replace your child's helmet to ensure safe trike play.

## Italy Study Tour Fundraiser

Mrs. Anstrom & Mrs. Fietz

Goal \$6,000

Parent Donations - \$2,123

Parents Night Out - \$3,410

**Total - \$5,533**

May Parent Night remaining.

## Renovations/Maintenance

Capital improvements to our school continue. Our most recent was the heat, air conditioning, and air filtration system. So nice to have this with the news of a hot summer. Also, so helpful when the air quality is bad, and we have to keep our windows closed.

Next on the list is the school gym and the Brick Schoolhouse.



## Uniform Swap

One of our GRMS parents suggested a Uniform Swap where families bring in their gently-used uniforms that their child has outgrown and swaps it with a larger size. As soon as time allows, we will set this up in the office area. Watch for it!



## Computer Logins

Only authorized adults should use the clock-in computers in the office. While some children may do this accurately, others may push the wrong key. We would rather have the rule that only adults can use the clock-in computers. This way, onlookers won't be tempted to do it as well. The same holds true for opening the office door.

## School Yearbooks

Our 2022-2023 yearbook will be bundled with our 2023-2024 yearbook and will be available at the start of the new school year. Families who aren't returning in the fall can have their yearbooks sent to them. The 2023-2024 edition will include this year's "graduation" photos.

## Favorite Foods

Top of the list for favorite lunches continues to be the Tomato Mac Soup. Favorite snack is the newly-introduced Yogurt Fruit Smoothie.

For recipes on some of our dishes, go to our Facebook page: GRMS Lunch and Snack Ideas.

## Smash & Grab

We had a recent incidence of "smash & grab" in our parking lot. The car was locked; however, the culprits could see that there was a purse inside. They smashed the window and grabbed the purse, managing to charge on the credit cards within the hour. Please be aware that thieves often target child care facilities because they know that it is typical for moms to lock their purse inside while they pick up their child.

## End of the Year Celebration (aka “Graduation”)

Green River Montessori will host a Multicultural dinner to celebrate graduation on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm at our main site. Performances and the award of certificates will be scheduled in the gym for individual classrooms (U-1, U-2, and U-3 and the Brick Schoolhouse). Various foods will be prepared by our very diverse GRMS staff. There is no cost—just yummy food from Mexico, the Philippines, the Ukraine, the Middle East, Germany, the USA! You will have a chance to sample all these foods.

Parking will be available in Dr. Molen’s lot next door.

## Sunscreen

Please send sunscreen when you feel it is the right time for application. Remember, we are not allowed to use spray sunscreen. Apply it to your child in the morning prior to arrival to school.

## Summer Lunches

For the months of July & August, we will serve hot lunches on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday. **Lunch from home is needed on Mondays and Fridays.** Fresh fruit will be served M-F with the snacks. Breakfast will be available prior to 8:00am.

## GRMS Website

Miss Erandy has been working on our GRMS website and has loaded our staff photos. Staff bio’s will follow. Within the coming months, we hope to have links to individual classroom photos and newsletters.

## Summer Program

Because of the success we had for the last three summers with our outdoor program, we are repeating it this year. Children from D-2, U-1, U-2, & U-3 will rotate through the following areas, spending approximately 45 minutes in each area.

1. Main Playground—includes play structure, trikes, annex covered area, cars and trucks, large sandbox, sand area with dramatic play and water tables.
2. Side Area and Garden—includes mud kitchen, large blocks, rope swings, round swing, wood structure (for making forts).
3. Field—includes “loose parts” for explorative play, balls, sprinklers on hot days, parachute/music/movement activities.

All areas have covered options in the event of rain.

Snack (fresh fruit and a grain) will be served in the breakfast area between 9-10:30. Children will be required to wash their hands before eating.

The children will be in their classrooms from 8-9 and outside from 9-12:00 (D-2 until 11:00). They will then wash up and go inside. Classrooms are air-conditioned. Children will eat lunch, have a short rest, or nap time, followed by Montessori afternoon activities and a snack. Lunch will be provided daily. Children will return outdoors from 3:30-4:30 for pick-up (weather pending). If temperatures are too hot or air quality poor, children will remain indoors. (Times are subject to change based on the experience of the children.)

*The younger D-1 children will not participate in the above schedule.*

*School-Age will be in the gym in the morning for planned activities and will go outdoors at noon. Mondays they will go on field trips.*

## Volunteer Hours

To enhance each child's experience at our school, we must all work together. Each GRMS family is expected to earn 500 points per child (or pay \$200.00 per child) during the schoolyear to satisfy this effort. Here are some ideas:

- ✓ Assist on field trips or swim lessons (Brick House only) – 25 points each time.
- ✓ Respond to school needs (Varies)
- ✓ Participate in fundraising (20% of what you sell can be applied as cash instead of points. **You must keep track.**)
- ✓ Donate cash toward teacher professional development (**entire donation applies**)
- ✓ Donate to classroom Amazon wish lists (75% of cost)
- ✓ Cake donation for Spring Festival – 25 Points
- ✓ Donation toward gift basket for the Spring Festival – 25 Points

500 Points – Meets \$200.00 Requirement

450 Points – Deduct \$180.00

400 Points – Deduct \$160.00

350 Points – Deduct \$140.00

300 Points – Deduct \$120.00

250 Points – Deduct \$100.00

200 Points – Deduct \$80.00

150 Points – Deduct \$60.00

**Remember, it is up to you to keep track of your points and/or donations and to submit your written documentation by May 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be deducted on the May 25<sup>th</sup> billing cycle.**

## Remaining 2023-2024 School Calendar

May 27 – Closed Memorial Day

June 7<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School

June 19 –Closed Juneteenth

July 4 & 5– Closed Independence Day

August 26-30<sup>th</sup> – Closed for Inservice Week

## Fundraising Coupon

Please clip this coupon and turn it in no later than May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Name**

List amount to be deducted from \$200 requirement (please describe how you arrived at this amount)