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Important Dates to Remember

SCHOOL CLOSED

November 11 – Veteran's Day

November 28 & 29 – Thanksgiving

December 23-January 1 Winter Break



Hello November!

The end of the year is quickly approaching! With November comes shorter daylight, more rain, and harder commutes. Please give yourself a little extra time so as not to get caught up in the hectic hustle and bustle. We of course want families here prior to 4:30 pm but wish everyone safe commutes! Please plan for the possible longer travel time.

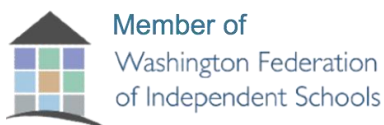
This month we have some holidays ahead that our school will be closed. November 11th for Veterans Day and November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving.

Conferences and report cards are scheduled for mid to late November. There will be sign-ups in the office. The conferences are 15 minutes in length and can be done in-person or by phone.

Our Parent/Staff meeting was well-attended. We discussed the benefits of the multi-age groups in the Montessori classroom. We also discussed ways in which families can be contacted more efficiently in the event of an emergency. Our phone text can only accommodate 20 phone numbers at a time. Andrea is looking into a phone plan that will hold 100 numbers. After our group meeting, the families had the opportunity to visit their child's classroom. Our teens, Meadow, Arianne, and Leilani provided childcare during the meeting. Our next Parent/Staff Meeting is scheduled on Zoom from 6-7pm Thursday, December 5th.

Wishing love and peace to all,

Diana and the GRMS Staff



Approved by



School Photos

School photos are scheduled for November 7th and 8th by Maribelle Photography. All children (except for infants and toddlers) need to wear their school uniforms. The Brick Schoolhouse students and the U-1 classroom will have their photos taken on Thursday, November 7th. Friday will be U-2, U-3, and the downstairs' infant and toddlers (D-1 and D-2).

Progress Reports and Conferences

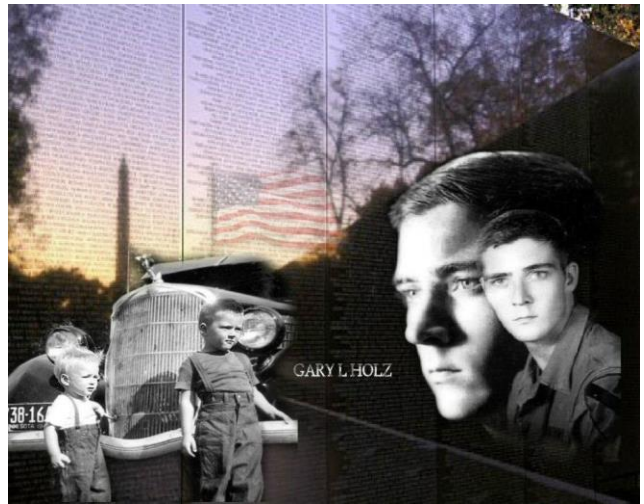
Progress reports will be sent home on November 18th. After reviewing the report, teachers are available to meet with you via phone or in-person if you have questions or concerns. Due to the number of students in each class, teachers will have to limit the conference to just 15 minutes. If you have several issues you would like to cover, please send the teacher an email beforehand so that they can be prepared to address your concerns. The teacher can always set up a follow-up call in December if needed.

There will be a sign-up in the office for each classroom. If you are unable to go to the office to sign up, please call 253 833-7010 and the office will check the list for available times.

Uniforms

We prefer that all upstairs' preschool children wear uniforms. We have some used ones for sale in the office if needed. If you have anything that needs to be monogrammed, bring it in. The cost is \$6.00 if we have at least 12 items.

Honoring Special Veterans: Brothers, Ron & Gary Holz



<http://www.virtualwall.org/dh/HolzGL01a.htm>

Remembering a special veteran, Gary Holz who was killed in Vietnam in 1967 at the age of 23.

Drop-off and Pick-ups



Drop-off and pick-ups need to be quick so other parents can easily get in and out. Please be mindful of how you pull into the parking space, making sure you pull in straight so others can easily park next to you.

PICK-UP POLICIES

1. Call ahead if you want us to have your child ready. Five minutes before arriving is perfect for us.
2. **Absolutely no pick-ups after 4:30!**
Our teachers work full-time and need to leave when their shift is over.
3. **Icy Steps/Walkways**
Drop-off areas will be de-iced when needed, but please make sure to watch your step! Please wait in your car until you can safely pull up right to your designated area; do not walk across the parking lot when it is icy.

Piano Recital

A piano recital for those taking lessons is scheduled for Sunday, December 15th at 3:00pm. Please contact the piano teacher, Mrs. Beran for details. bjberan11@yahoo.com

Oh Baby, it's cold outside!

So, please remember to send a warm coat for your child each day, preferably with a hood.



Rain gear and rubber boots are also nice to have since it is good for children to get fresh air every day—no matter what the weather. Cold weather does not cause sickness; rather it is staying INDOORS all day. The children love to play in the rain and splash in the mud puddles, so please provide the gear that they need to do this!



Cider Press

A big thank you to Megan McKee's family for bringing in a Cider Press and donating their time to set it up and run it! The children loved it, and the cider tasted wonderful as always!



Closure Dates:

November 11 – Veteran’s Day

November 28 & 29 – Thanksgiving

December 23-31 – Winter Break

January 1 – New Year’s Day

January 20 – MLK Day

February 17 – President’s Day

April 7-11 - Spring Break
(Brick Schoolhouse Only)

May 26 – Memorial Day

Last day of school - To be determined.

June 19 – Juneteenth

July 3rd and 4th – Independence Day



Hard copies of the school calendar are available in the office for those who have not received one.

Learn About Montessori

Go to <https://amshq.org/Families>

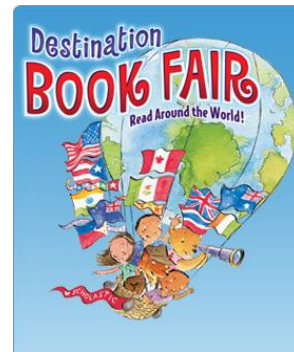
Inclement Weather Closures

In the event of snow, Green River Montessori School will always try to remain open but will consider the safety of our staff and families first.

If the parking lot is too icy to enter safely, we may have to have a late start of 9:00am to allow time for Marty to get here to de-ice the walkways.

If it is necessary for the school to have a late opening or to close completely, you will be emailed by 6:15 am via email.

Scholastic Book Fair



You all should have received a Book Fair flyer to preview the books that will go on sale in our front office. Families can pick out books to take right away and just have us charge it to their account (or they can write a check). The school will receive their profits in books rather than money. Such a great way to add to our growing library!

The Great Shake-Out!!



Volunteer Credits

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

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

75 Points – Deduct \$30.00

We will post various volunteer tasks throughout the year for families to take advantage of.

Families can pick and choose what fundraiser(s) they would like to support. Twenty percent of the profits can apply to the annual fundraising responsibility; the other 20% goes directly into the school's Activity Account that is spent directly on special school events and staff development activities.

Brick Schoolhouse Families Only

You can deduct \$20 per month for signing up to provide snack for both classrooms. Twenty-five points are given for helping on a field trip or volunteering at the YMCA for the Friday swim lessons.