MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Green Gables Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We trust this newsletter finds you refreshed and ready to dive into the exciting opportunities awaiting us in the second semester.

Regrounding in GOLD and Habits of Character:

As we return to the school routine, we are excited to re-emphasize our commitment to the Green Gables GOLD PBIS framework (Giving Respect, Offering Kindness, Listening and Learning, and Demonstrating Safety) as we re-teach expectations and ensure we continue to foster an inclusive and safe learning environment for all. We will also continue our work anchoring to The Habits of Character.

Enrollment/Budget:

January is when our enrollment and budgeting for next school year come into full swing. Enrollment and budget go hand in hand and you can support us in our work by ensuring you complete round one enrollment for your students (even if you are planning to stay with us here at Green Gables). In January, you will receive a family input survey regarding our school budget and priorities for the next year.

Mid-Year Data:

We will be hosting our first family night grounded in data on January 17th beginning at 5:30. This event is designed to deepen family understanding of the assessments we utilize and dig into your own individual students' data. Additionally, we will be highlighting areas of strength and areas of opportunity in our schoolwide data.

Gratitude for Your Partnership:

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continued partnership and support. Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable. Together, we can create a nurturing and empowering environment for every student at Green Gables.

Warm regards,

Jenn Withee
Principal, Green Gables Elementary
January 1st & 2nd  NO SCHOOL-WINTER BREAK
January 3rd – 5th  NO SCHOOL – Professional Learning Days for Staff
January 8th  Students Return
January 9th  PTA Meeting 5:30pm in the Library
January 10th  Coffee With Kinder Teachers For New Families 9:30am in the Cafeteria
January 12th  1st Round of Choice Enrollment Ends
January 15th  NO SCHOOL- Martin Luther King Day
January 17th  Data Info Night 5:30pm
January 18th  Round 2 Begins For Choice Enrollment
January 19th  Kids Heart Challenge Begins
January 22nd  PTA Skate City Fundraiser 5-7pm
January 23rd  Round 1 Enrollment Offers Begin
January 24th  1st Grade Arvada Center Field Trip 9:15am-1:45pm
January 25th  School Circle 8:10am in the Gym (Families Will Be Invited Via Email)
               School Spelling Bee 1:15pm in the Library
January 30th  PTA’s Family Math Night 6:00-7:30pm
EnrollJeffco Reminders

- ALL Green Gables Families need to log in at www.enrolljeffco.org using their same username and password for Campus Parent Portal to indicate their enrollment plans for the 2024-2025 school year.

- By letting us know if you are coming back or not, we are able to start planning for the next school year in terms of budget and staffing.

- Please note that if you have a 5th grade student who is choice enrolled at Green Gables, you are NOT guaranteed enrollment at Carmody Middle School and must apply for choice enrollment.

2024-25 School Year Enrollment
Round one closes January 12

enrolljeffco.org

Flapjack Fundraiser

Available Saturday & Sunday Mornings

Organization: pre-sells tickets, Applebee's does the cooking, volunteers serve guests

Reserve your date: www.appleamerican.com, click on fundraisers
Kids Heart Challenge
January 19th through February 16th

Dear Green Gables Families,

Ready for a life-changing mission? Grab your family and join us in learning Hands-only CPR through the Kids Heart Challenge and crush our goal of having 100 students join online for the American Heart Association!

How to get started? Download the app for iPhone or Android, or click here to register online! From there, AHA Ambassador Finn will be your guide. Conquer Finn’s Mission with your family!

Our School Challenge: Every student who raises $200 will get to WATER BALLOON Mrs. Miner! Also, the class with the most students to earn the Hands-Only CPR Badge in Finn’s Mission will get a Free Choice Day in PE!

Exciting news: NFL and AHA have teamed up, offering a chance to WIN TICKETS TO SUPERBOWL ‘25! EVERY STUDENT who completes Finn’s Mission will be entered into a regional sweepstakes to win TWO SUPERBOWL ‘25 TICKETS! Click here to learn more.

Why does it matter?

Heart Disease is the leading cause of death in America and is 80% preventable. We want to empower families to take charge of their heart health.

I am excited to inform you that we will be able to participate in the Kids Heart Challenge (formally known as Jump Rope for Heart) this school year. The event will start on 1/19 and will continue through 2/16. Please be on the lookout for more information as we get closer to the Kickoff.

I am excited about what the American Heart Association has done for our students. If questions arise please do not hesitate to email me at Elizabeth.Miner@jeffco.k12.co.us

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There has been a recent rise in Colorado of varicella cases (commonly known as chickenpox), a highly contagious febrile rash illness caused by the varicella-zoster virus. As of November 13, a total of 405 sick individuals have been reported in Colorado this year so far, compared to 135 cases reported in 2022.

The state of Colorado recommends all students to be up-to-date on immunizations to prevent community spread of vaccine-preventable illnesses. If you have been contacted by the school to update your child’s vaccine records, reach out to your primary care’s office to bring your child up-to-date, and update the Health Aide, Anna Le and the District Nurse, Annie Nolan with any new records.

We appreciate everything that you do to keep our school community healthy.
WINTER DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP RESOURCE

Dear Families,

The winter season brings cooler weather, often a dusting of snow and the chance to spend more time indoors. This is the perfect opportunity to engage in conversations around digital wellness. Our district partners at Common Sense Education continue to provide schools and families with resources to grow healthy habits and skills needed to use technology safely and responsibly in school, at home, and beyond.

Throughout the year we spotlight digital citizenship themes and topics for our schools and families to engage in through conversations and learning opportunities. We invite you to explore these topics each season with us or visit www.commonsensemedia.com to support the needs of your student(s) and family.

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**Family Resources**

**Media Literacy Tips Sheet**

- Grades K-5 **English, Spanish**
- Grades 6-12 **English, Spanish**

**Discussion Question for School and Home:** How can I be a critical consumer and creator of news and media?

**Privacy & Security Tips Sheet**

- Grades K-5 **English, Spanish**
- Grades 6-12 **English, Spanish**

**Discussion Question for School and Home:** How can I keep my personal data safe and secure?

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