Message from the Principal...

Dear Green Gables Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well as we have been able to enjoy a beautiful Colorado Fall. We are thrilled to share the incredible start to the school year and the amazing learning happening in our classrooms. As we begin to shift into some cooler temperatures (and even snow) please ensure students are coming to school prepared to be outside unless the temperature is below 20° and/or there are unsafe weather conditions. Also, as you start sending hats and gloves and coats, be sure to label them so we can get them back to their rightful owner if lost.

Highlighting Our Major Improvement Strategy: Proficiency in Literacy and Math

One of our main focuses this year is to ensure that our students consistently engage with and demonstrate proficiency on grade-level work. We believe that a strong foundation in literacy and math is key to a successful educational journey. We are excited to share that we've been working collaboratively to achieve this goal, with a particular emphasis on two key resources: Illustrative Math and EL Literacy. These resources help our students excel in mathematics and English language arts, and we're witnessing outstanding progress.

Enhancing Learning with New Mimio Boards

Thanks to the incredible fundraising efforts of our PTA last school year, we were able to purchase and install five new Mimio boards in our classrooms. These state-of-the-art interactive whiteboards have brought a new level of engagement and interactivity to our lessons. Teachers and students alike have been enjoying the dynamic learning experiences these boards offer.

Celebrating Our Character Development: Respect and Empathy

As part of our commitment to holistic education, we’ve been emphasizing character development in our students. In October, we celebrated the character trait of Respect, and it was heartwarming to see our students embody this value in their interactions with one another. In November, we will shift our focus to the equally important trait of Empathy. This character-building journey is a crucial part of our students’ personal growth and development.

Gratitude for a Great Start of the School Year

We want to express our deepest gratitude to our students and their families for contributing to the fantastic start of the school year. Your support, enthusiasm, and dedication to your children's education have been instrumental in making this year so promising. Together, we are creating a vibrant and nurturing learning environment for our students.

As we move further into the school year, we look forward to witnessing even more incredible achievements and growth.

If you ever have questions or need to reach out, please don’t hesitate to contact our school office. We are here to support you and your child’s educational journey.

Thank you for being part of our Green Gables family!

Warm regards,
Jenn Withee
Principal | Green Gables Elementary
October 30th  Hearing & Vision Screenings  
October 31st  Halloween Parade and Parties 8:15-9:15am  
November 1st  5th Grade Orchestra Concert 7pm @ Bear Creek HS  
November 2nd  5th Grade Band Concert 7pm @ Bear Creek HS  
November 6th  PTA Read-A-Thon Fundraiser Begins – Pajama Day & Drop Everything & Read Event In Classrooms  
November 9th  1st Grade Zoo Field Trip 9:15am-1:45pm  
November 10th  Veteran’s Day Event AM  
November 13th  NO SCHOOL – Staff Development Day  
November 14th  Picture Retakes AM  
          School Accountability Meeting 4:30pm  
          PTA Meeting 5:30pm  
November 17th  Report Cards Sent Home  
November 19th  PTA Read-A-Thon Fundraiser Ends  
November 20th-24th NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break  
November 29th  Info Night For New Families In 2024-2025 5:30-7:00pm  
November 30th  School Circle 8:10am  
          Carmody Middle School 6th Grade Open House 5:30-6:30pm
Wall of Honor At Green Gables

Every year we have students, staff, and their families complete the following form to honor our active service members and veterans. Please encourage your student to fill out one or multiple forms to hang on our Wall of Honor that will be on display throughout November. Forms will be returned in December. If you need additional copies please reach out to the main office and we can send more home or download one here:

Wall of Honor Form.

Veterans Day Celebration

Friday, November 10th our school will hold a Veteran’s Day ceremony beginning at 8:15am outside the front of the school. We will also be participating in “Red, White, & Jeans Day” (Formerly “Jeans for Troops”). Please remember to wear your jeans and bring a $1 to donate to our courageous troops. (You may donate even if you don’t want to wear jeans) You can also donate online by going to our school’s GI GO Fund Page. Thank you for supporting this important cause!

Westrail Tap & Grill

Now open for dine in, take out, and delivery!
- Large Patio
- Burgers, Wings, Tacos, Mac n Cheese
- Online ordering and curbside available

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Reminders From The Health Room

- All over the counter medications including cough drops, Tylenol, and ibuprofen must be stored in the health room and have a medication form filled out by families and treating physician.
- Please keep a spare set of clothing in your student’s backpack in case they need a change of clothes during the day.

It is getting colder outside, please remember to send your student to school with a jacket. Please also remember to write your child’s name in their jacket. Students go out for recess unless the temperature is below 20 degrees or there are unsafe weather conditions.

Don’t Forget to Set Your Clocks!
Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 5

Earn cash for your school! Save Longmont Dairy Milk Caps.
Longmont Dairy Farm will donate 5¢ per LDF produced product bottle cap. Schools are free to spend these funds as they wish to benefit students.

To sign up, go to LongmontDairy.com/savecaps or click here.
Hello Green Gables Families,

Green Gables families and community members have the opportunity to help students this Holiday Season. We have a Giving Tree which allows families to donate gifts and needed items to our students and their families. Gifts or wish lists may include winter coats, clothing, shoes, toys, books, games, or other needed items.

If your family is in need of any support during the holidays, please reach out to us via email or by calling the office so we can add your family to our list. Please reach out no later than Friday, November 17th if your family would like to receive gifts from this program. We will then reach out to get a more detailed wish list for all children in the household. All information will be kept confidential and families purchasing gifts will only be given ages and genders of students they are shopping for.

Families will be able to “adopt a student” starting later in November and will receive a wish list for students and their siblings. If you would like to adopt a student, more information will be sent out soon with options to sign up online or come into the main office. We will then send you an email with the student’s age, gender, and a few gift ideas. Other donations may include King Soopers gift cards for families or Target/Walmart gift cards for teenage siblings.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Giving Tree Team.

Jennifer Seltz at jennifer.seltz@jeffco.k12.co.us
Michelle Colaizzi at michelle.colaizzi@jeffco.k12.co.us

Thank you!
PTA Snapshot

Your monthly PTA snapshot with the most important updates, action items, event info, and resources directly from monthly meetings.

** We tried the “Parents Talk About” name for PTA but it became confusing, so we’re back to PTA Snapshot!

A place for community, learning, and socializing while raising good humans.

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MemberHub

Link to join & donate to Green Gables PTA.

If you’d like to receive the PTA meeting agendas/budget ahead of the meetings, please join here.

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Setup Your Givebacks!

- Longmont Dairy

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Upcoming Events

- Parent’s Night Out – Saturday 10/14 @ 7pm (costumes/comedy)
- Coffee and Chat - 10/17 @ 8:10am
- Conferences - 10/12 & 10/18 (PTA catering staff meals)
- Magill’s Restaurant Night 10/24 (watch for it in Friday Folders)
- Read-a-Thon - starts Monday 11/6
- Next PTA Meeting 11/14 @ 5:30pm

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Follow us on Facebook @ Green Gables Elementary PTA
PTA Snapshot

Volunteer Opportunities

Calling all volunteers who want to be included on our master list to hear about all ways to help and get involved with school activities, events, functions, and more!

Email: Robin @greengablesptapresident@gmail.com

School Updates from Principal Withee

- Mimeo boards are installed and very appreciated!!
- Coffee Chats will be held mornings of field trips. School calendar will be updated.
- We are close to being fully staffed. School has added two new reading tutors and still looking for a part time person to help with admin, lunch, etc.
- Read-a-thon will run from 11/6 to 11/19
  - Prize day will be 12/1 and will be ice cream party and movie night (based on top fundraising/top reading)

Your PTA Board Members

President: Robin Smith | @greengablesptapresident@gmail.com
Vice President: Anne Larson | @greengablesptavicepresident@gmail.com
Treasurer: Jenny Scott | @greengablesptatreasurer@gmail.com
Secretary: Anne Gillaspie | @greengablesptasecretary@gmail.com

Next PTA Meeting: Tuesday, Nov 14th @ 5:30pm (pizza served/kids welcome)

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