Dear Green Gables Families,

As we approach winter break, it is with great pleasure and pride that I reflect on the incredible accomplishments and experiences we’ve shared during the first semester at Green Gables. Our community has truly come together to create a vibrant and supportive environment for our students, and I am excited to share some highlights with you in this December newsletter.

**Student Success and Engagement:**

Our students have demonstrated an exceptional commitment and engaging actively in their learning and embodying the habits of character we hold dear at Green Gables. Their dedication and enthusiasm have not only made this semester successful but have also set the tone for a positive and dynamic learning environment.

**New Math Resource Implementation:**

I want to extend my gratitude to our outstanding staff for their dedication and hard work in navigating the implementation of our new math resource. Their commitment to teaching and learning has been truly remarkable, ensuring a smooth transition and providing our students with the tools they need to excel in mathematics.

**PTA Support and Read A Thon Success:**

A special shout-out goes to our incredible Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) for their unwavering support throughout the semester. Their efforts culminated in the amazing and successful Read A Thon held in November. Our students collectively read an impressive total of 147,237 pages and raised an astounding $20,484!

**Looking Ahead to 2024:**

As we bid farewell to 2023 and welcome 2024, I am filled with anticipation for all the exciting opportunities and experiences that the second semester will bring. Our school community is strong, and I am confident that together we will continue to foster a nurturing environment that promotes learning, growth, and success.

**Winter Break Wishes:**

As we approach the winter break, I want to wish all our Green Gables families a safe and restful holiday season. Take this time to relax, recharge, and enjoy the company of loved ones. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year for more exciting learning adventures.

In closing, I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together in this first semester, and I am eager to see all that we will accomplish in the months ahead. Thank you for being a vital part of the Green Gables community.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Warm regards,

Jenn Withee

*Principal, Green Gables Elementary*
December 4th – Southern Gables Chipotle Fundraiser Night (For The Giving Tree) 4-8pm
December 5th – First Round of Choice Enrollment Opens
December 6th – Coffee Chats 8:15-9:15am in the Cafeteria

2nd Grade Dinosaur Ridge Field Trip
December 7th – Kinder Winter Concert PM
December 11th – 15th – PTA Holiday Shop in the Library
December 12th – 5th Grade Botanic Gardens Field Trip
December 14th – Kinder Coffee Chats 9:30-10:30am in the Cafeteria
December 19th – Winter Parties AM

December 20th– January 2nd
NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK

January 3rd – 5th
NO SCHOOL – Staff Development Days
School Resumes Monday, January 8th, 2024
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.
A big **Thank You** to everyone who donated on our Jeans for Troops Day!

As a school, we raised $138 to help support our Veterans!!

![Jeans for Troops logo]

Also, thank you to all who added to our Wall of Honor! We have had a wonderful display of many generations of veterans and active duty military members that are part of the Green Gables community.

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Items purchased for the Giving Tree should be delivered to the school, unwrapped, by Friday, December 8th.

We Still Need $25 King Sooper’s Gift Cards, $25 Walmart/Target Gift Cards For Teens & Wrapping Paper.

Families Participating In The Program Will Be Contacted About Scheduling A Time To Pick Up Items

Questions? Please Call The Office At 303-982-8314 or Email Us: Jennifer.Seltz@jeffco.k12.co.us or Lynette.Huntley@jeffco.k12.co.us

Restaurant Night

Do Good with Chipotle

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR GREEN GABLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
55% of Event Sales Get Donated to the Cause
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH 4-8PM
3100 W. WADSWORTH BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CO 80227
ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE ADVANCE OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

December Fitness Calendar

Green Gables Families,

The wintertime is a great time to work together as a family and exercise to increase our health and fitness. 3-5th Graders have copies of their workout plans they created in class to help them show growth in their fitness. Attached is a December Fitness calendar for all. Please enjoy and stay fit together.

Elizabeth Miner
Elementary Physical Education

Following is a fun fitness calendar you can do with your family. To make it extra fun, roll two dice, add them together and do each daily exercise that many times. Place a checkmark next to each day that you complete.

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| Crab walk around a room | Do 10 squats | Do your PE stretches | Do 20 wall push ups | Run in place for one minute |

| 11     | 12      | 13        | 14       | 15     |
| Say your ABC's while jumping | Jog in place for 30 seconds in every room in your home. | Dance to your favorite song | Balance on one foot while you count to 10 | Pretend to hula hoop while saying the alphabet (use a hula hoop if you have one) |

| 18     | 19      | 20        | 21       | 22     |
| Challenge your family to a "jumping jack race to 50" | Skip for one minute | Do 60 seconds of arm circles forwards then backwards | Do a plank for 20 seconds | Rest and say a prayer with your family |

| 25     | 26      | 27        | 28       | 29     |
| Jog in place for one minute | Do 20 jumping jacks | Do 10 push ups | Jump rope or jump over a line 10 times. | Do 10 sit ups |
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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