Flourishing at Federal Street

Federal Street School

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"Gratitude is the fairest blossom which spring from the soul." - Henry Ward Beecher

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Important Dates

November 3, **Professional Development Day,** NO SCHOOL
November 11, **Veteran's Day**, NO SCHOOL
November 12, **Picture Re-takes**
November 17, **PTO Meeting,** 3:15-4:15
November 18, **SPAC Meeting**, 5-6:30
November 20, **All School Meeting**, 2:15
November 25, **Turkey Trot**
November 25, **Early Release Day**
November 26 & 27, **Thanksgiving Break**

Staff Spotlight - Thrilling Third Grade



Meet out Thrilling Third Grade Team!

Ms. Silver- My favorite part of my job is building meaningful connections with students and getting to know them as individuals. I enjoy learning about their interests, personalities, strengths, and challenges so I can better understand how to support them in the classroom.

Mrs. Powell-The best part of my work at FSS is seeing how much our classroom grows as a community through the use of Restorative Practices. Each year brings a new opportunity to come together and create a learning environment where everyone feels safe and valued. As we learn more about how our classroom functions as a whole, we become more respectful, thoughtful, and considerate in all of our decision. This growth is made possible by children's ability to adapt and change in positive ways that benefit both themselves and those around them.

October Highlights



Unity Day

On October 21, FSS celebrated **Unity Day!** Students and staff to wore orange as a visible message of kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Students engaged in community circles, social skills lessons, and sang songs about kindness.



Literacy Pumpkin Contest

In October, FSS hosted its **7th annual Literacy Pumpkin Contest.** Students, families, and classrooms displayed amazing creativity by decorating a pumpkin inspired by a character from literature.

November Lunch Menu

November 2026 Menu – GPS Elementary Schools

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Rebellyous nuggets dippin sauce Snap peas	3 Election Day No School	4 Chicken empanada ranchero beans	5 Orange Chicken brown rice, steamed broccoli	6 Pizza crunchers carrots
9 Cheese quesadilla salsa seasoned black beans	10 Meatball sub dark greens & craisins salad	11 Veteran's Day No School	12 Chicken pesto pasta Tomatoes	13 French bread pizza carrots
16 Burrito Bowl- Fiesta meatless crumbles, seasoned black beans, rice	17 Crispy chicken sandwich sweet potato waffle fries	18 Ham and cheese croissant Peas	19 Turkey dinner: Stuffing, gravy mashed potato, local butternut squash,cranberry sauce, roll	20 Wild Mike's pizza salad
23 Crispy & spicy Tofu bowl with brown rice, fresh cut veggies	24 Hamburger on whole grain bun baked fries	25 Early release Bag lunch- Deli sandwich, apple, carrots, fun chips	26 No School	27 No school
30 Grilled cheese sandwich tomato soup				

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ALL STUDENTS RECEIVE FREE MEALS UNDER THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION

Every student may have 1 free lunch & 1 free breakfast each day

Alternative Meals available every day:
Sunbutter & Jelly or Cheese sandwich

Daily alternates
Monday: Nacho kit

Tues: DIY Pizza Kit

Wed:Breakfast Sandwich

Thurs:Bagel and Yogurt

Friday: Chicken Patty sandwich

All meals served with assorted fruit, vegetables, milk

-A milk with no meal: $0.60

Project Bread Food Resource hotline: 1-800-645-8333

Harvest of the Month- Butternut squash

Every Day Counts!



Thank you for sharing your students with us each day. In the month of September FSS had 98% attendance percentage! This was the highest percentaage since pre-covid. Our goal for October is 97%.

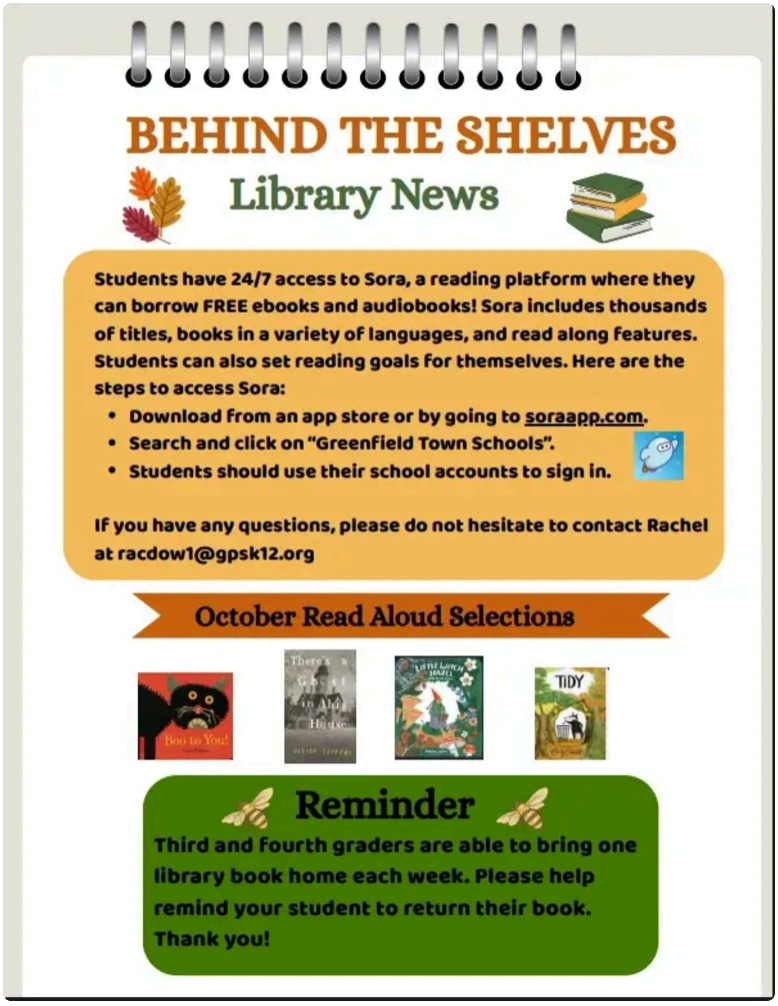
Regular school attendance is essential to your child's academic success and social development. Missing just **2 days a month** can add up quickly and make it harder for students to keep up with learning, build friendships, and feel connected to their school community. Every day in school matters! **If your child will be absent, please remember to call the school's attendance line to report the absence**. Thank you for helping your child build strong attendance habits and a successful school year!

Loaner Devices

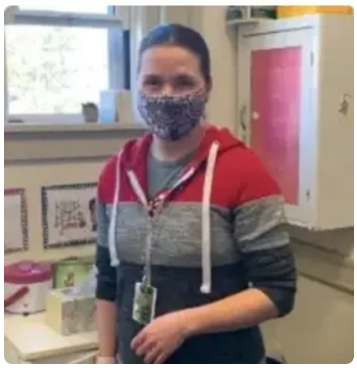
Upcoming holiday breaks are a great time to borrow a device from GPS. Devices are located in the Main Office. These devices are first come first serve. Please see Ms. Whiteman if you are interested.



Library Newsletter - Behind the Shelves



Notes from the Nurse



Dear Federal Street Families,
I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy! As we move further into the school year, I wanted to remind everyone of the guidelines to keep your student home from school.

Your student should stay home from school with a fever of 100 or above, vomiting, or diarrhea. They may return to school when they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications and/or 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea. If you ever have any questions as to whether or not your student should come to school please contact me. Oftentimes, email is the best way to contact me with questions.

If your student requires any medication to be taken during the school day, please contact me, as we will need a medication order and a parental consent form filled out. This includes scheduled medications, inhalers, and EpiPens. Medication should not be sent with your student in their backpack; it needs to be brought to the school and signed in with me. As always, please reach out with any other questions or concerns.

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