



The Four Corners

~ Where We Come Together ~

Dear Four Corners Families,

October was a whirlwind of exciting events, and we are so grateful for your participation and support! We had our Parent-Teacher Conferences, the Halloween Costume Swap, and the Book Fair, in addition to our first (amazing) all-school meeting and the fire safety presentations. Truly a month full of community and learning! As we look ahead to November, we remain focused on providing enriching experiences for all students and continuing our partnership with all of you. Thank you for being such an integral part of our school community!

Here also is another reminder that we are seeking parent and community members to volunteer or be nominated to participate on our School Council. If you would like to volunteer or nominate someone, please reach out to me directly.

Mr. Potter ☺

Car Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders

For both drop off and pick up: We kindly ask that all adults stay in their vehicle. Please do not get out of your car to unload or load your child.

Car Drop Off:

Please be sure to pull up as far as you can before having your child exit your vehicle. Many cars are stopping right in front of the front door and it is causing drop off to take much longer than necessary.

Pick Up:

Please be mindful of the school bus that tends to arrive in the middle of the pick up time. There is no Stop sign on the side of the bus where the cars are lined up, so please wait for a clear signal from the car line coordinator (usually Mr. Potter) before you pass the bus.



Dates to Remember

- November 4th- No School
 - November 11th- No School
 - November 14th- All School Meeting- Hosted by Grade 4
 - November 26th- Early Release Day
 - November 27th- Thanksgiving- No School
 - November 28th- No School
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Community - Safety - Resilience - Kindness

Here are our 2nd graders presenting at All-School Assembly. This was a fantastic assembly about how school is like a family, with so many adult family members in attendance.



🪄 Mission Moment

Mrs. Barisano & her students working on Human Body learning projects!



Discussing the nerves in a human body!



Making skeletons with Q-tips!

📹 Staff Spotlight



Ms. Dowd

Role: Elementary Librarian at Four Corners, Federal Street, and Newton

Years in the Role: This is my second year in this role

What sports team or entertainment makes you cheer the loudest?: Dog agility!

What is your favorite place you've ever traveled to?: It's a tie between a trip I took to Northern



Mx. Hertz

Role: Band Teacher, 4th and 5th Grade

Years in the Role: This is my 2nd!

What sports team or entertainment makes you cheer the loudest?: I don't follow sports, Go Green Wave!

What is your favorite place you've ever traveled to?: Kyoto, Japan! I loved eating

Italy with my mom (the food and the architecture were incredible), and a trip I took to Iceland with my best friend (the hot springs and natural beauty were out of this world)

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?: I would like the ability to magically heal people and animals

Why do you love being a part of DSFC & the Green Wave Nation?: As a Greenfield resident I love working in the city where I live, and being embedded in the community. The students and staff are wonderful to work with.

sushi/ramen/katsu and seeing Buddhist temples.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?: Teleportation. I could go to Japan for my lunch break and be back in time for more lessons.

Why do you love being a part of DSFC & the Green Wave Nation?: I love that I have the opportunity to contribute to the musical education of the Greenfield community and that it is met with such enthusiasm!

Library News

Please read the flyer below to learn about the SORA Reading App, or click on our link below to download the flyer!



BEHIND THE SHELVES: LIBRARY NEWS



SORA READING APP



Students now have 24/7 access to Sora, a reading platform where they can borrow FREE ebooks and audiobooks! Sora includes thousands of titles, books in a variety of languages, and read along features. Students can also set reading goals for themselves. Here are the steps to access Sora:

- Download from an app store or by going to soraapp.com.
- Search and click on "Greenfield Town Schools".
- Students should use their school accounts to sign in.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rachel at racdow1@gpsk12.org



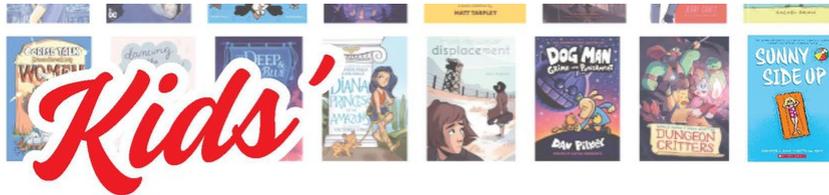
REMINDER



Third and fourth graders are able to bring one library book home each week. Please help remind your student to return their book. Thank you!

News From the Greenfield Public Library

Get involved in the Greenfield community and check out the flyers below from our friends at the Greenfield Public Library!



GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB



This month's book:

Squire and Knight

- Pick up a copy in the Children's Room and meet on 11/20 to talk about the book.
- Club members will choose our next book at each meeting.



Choice selections made for 8-12 year olds.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20
3:45-4:45PM



Not a school sponsored event.



TWEEN ADVISORY BOARD



A monthly meeting for 8-12 year-olds who love the library and want to give their input!

THIS MONTH:



Learn a board game or try a craft from the craft cart.



Sneak preview of upcoming tween books for the collection.

Enjoy a slice of pizza!



Next Meeting:
Wednesday, November 12
at 3:45 pm



Not a school sponsored event.

MEET A THERAPY DOG



IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7
3:30-4:30 PM
(DROP-IN)

Not a school sponsored event.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

AT THE GREENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

A FREE READING PROGRAM FOR NEWBORNS, INFANTS, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOLERS.

(RE)LAUNCH PARTY!
Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025
10am-1pm

BILINGUAL MUSIC & MOVEMENT WITH TOM & LAURIE
ASTRID SHECKELS READING HER NEW BOOK "FLORA AND THE JAZZERS"
WITH BOOK SALE & SIGNING

LIBRARIANS & VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE
TO HELP YOU REGISTER

BRING YOUR PHOTO ID TO GET
A LIBRARY CARD



REGISTRATION • BOOK BAGS • SPECIAL EVENTS • BOOKS • SNACKS
ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 0-5 • SPECIAL EDITION LIBRARY CARDS



PROGRAM IS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE FRIENDS OF THE GPL



YOUTH & TEEN Nutrition Taste Test Activity!

Ages
8-18



Join us for a tasty adventure in food processing! We'll explore how foods go from fresh to ultra-processed.

In this interactive class, students will line up different food samples and discuss how processing affects health and taste. This program is suited for people ages 8-18.

They'll discover the perks of whole and minimally processed foods while sharpening their food detective skills to spot the healthiest options!

Register Here:

<https://greenfieldpl.libcal.com/event/15540453>



Tuesday, November 4th

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Greenfield Public Library

Held in the *Makerspace*



412 Main Street Greenfield, MA

(413) 772-1544

Reservations are required for this event.



Contact us to schedule your free nutrition event!

Abigail Killian, Nutrition Coordinator
abigaik@foodbankwma.org | 413-247-9738 ext# 134
foodbankwma.org/nutrition-program



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FAMILY BOARD GAME NIGHT



Join us for a fun night of board games in our
activity room.

Now with more games for ages 3-5!

November 17
5:30 - 7:30pm



Not a school sponsored event.



Sunday CLOSED	Monday Open 9:30am-8pm	Tuesday Open 9:30am-8pm	Wednesday Open 9:30am-8pm	Thursday Open 9:30am-5pm	Friday Open 9:30am-5pm	Saturday Open 9:30am-2pm
	November Scavenger Hunt: Dinosaurs 	(RE)LAUNCH PARTY!  Sat., Nov. 15, 2025 10am-1pm  A free reading program for families with children ages 0-5 • Program sign-ups • Sign-up swap • Bilingual Music with Tom & Laurie • Ashli Shetty's book reading • MORE! 				1 10am-1pm Friends of the GPL Book Sale
2		4 10am Book Babies 2pm-8pm Kids Vote! (drop-in) 3pm Tween & Teen Nutrition Taste Test (Makerspace)	5 10am Toddler Time	6	7 9:30-11:30am Drop-in playgroup 3:30-4:30pm Meet a Therapy Dog	8  10am-1pm Greenfield Recycling Button Making
9  Read with Books @GPLCMA	10 3:30-5pm Lego Club (drop-in)	11  Library CLOSED	12 10am Toddler Time 3:45pm Tween Advisory Board Meeting (ages 8-12)	13	14 9:30-11:30am Drop-in playgroup	15  10am-1pm 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Relaunch Party!
16	17 3:30-5pm Lego Club (drop-in) 5:30-7:30pm Family Board Game Night (drop-in)	18 10am Book Babies	19 10am Toddler Time	20 3:45pm *NEW* Kids' Graphic Novel Book Club Meeting (ages 8-12)	21 9:30-11:30am Drop-in playgroup	22  10am-1pm Thanksgiving Craft
23	24 3:30-5pm Lego Club (drop-in)	25 10am Book Babies	26 10am Toddler Time	27  Library CLOSED	28  Library CLOSED	29
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An adult is required to be present with children under 8 participating in GPL programs.

These are not school sponsored events.

November Lunch Menu

November 2025 GPS LUNCH MENU Elementary School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pancakes & syrup Egg Patty, home fries orange slices	Election Day- No School 4	Beef hot dog 5 oven fries Baked Beans watermelon	Grilled Chicken sandwich 6 honey glazed local carrot coins, grapes	Pizza 7 salad w local kale and romaine
Mozzarella Sticks 10 mixed vegetables	No School- Veterans Day 11	Chicken enchilada empanada 12 ranchero beans	Orange Chicken w/ 13 Rice, Broccoli, Fortune Cookie, Mandarin Oranges	Meatball Sub w/ Marinara & Mozzarella, 14 green salad
Ciabatta grilled cheese sandwich 17 tomato soup	Hamburger/ black bean burger 18 carrot sticks smiley fries	Chicken Patty Sandwich 19 Assorted vegetables	Turkey, Mashed 20 potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, roll, local cider, apple crisp	French bread pizza 21 Salad and assorted vegetables
Black bean Quesadilla w/ local kale 24 assorted fruit & vegetables	Chicken nuggets, 25 whole grain dinner roll, curly fries, kale chips	Early release K-12 26 Deli wrap apple, carrots & ranch, chocolate chip cookie	No School Thanksgiving Break 27	No School Thanksgiving Break 28
Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5

Daily Alternates

sunbutter & Jelly and Cheese Sandwich available every day

- Monday**
Nacho Kit
- Tuesday**
DIY Pizza Kit
- Wednesday**
Breakfast Sandwich
- Thursday**
Bagel & Yogurt
- Friday**
Chicken Patty Sandwich



Fun Fact: Lacinto kale is also called "Dinosaur" kale, due to its lumpy leaves that resemble reptile skin!

If students do not take a meal, they may purchase milk separately for \$0.60

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. **Menus may contain allergens.**



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- ALL GPS students qualify for FREE breakfast and lunch under CEP through School Year 2026-2027!
- All meals are served with milk and assorted fruits & vegetables
- Menu subject to change

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Health Information from the Nurse

November Nurses Corner

Please click above to see the important information shared from our school nurse!

PTO Preview

Hello DSFC Families! Thank you for supporting our fun filled October! The Costume swap was a great success, and the Trunk or Treat was a lot of fun! Congratulations to our winners for the guessing games and best trunks!

Our Charleston Wrap fundraiser is still going! Orders must be placed by 11/10. This is a great fundraiser with beautiful wrapping paper, delicious candies, and more!

Our next PTO hybrid meeting will be held on Tuesday December 2, 2025 at 5 pm in the library and via Zoom. There is no meeting November! All are welcome to join us! Check out our Facebook

page for more information and meeting link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/discoveryschoolatfourcorners/?ref=share>

Farm to School Partnership with Just Roots

Hello families!

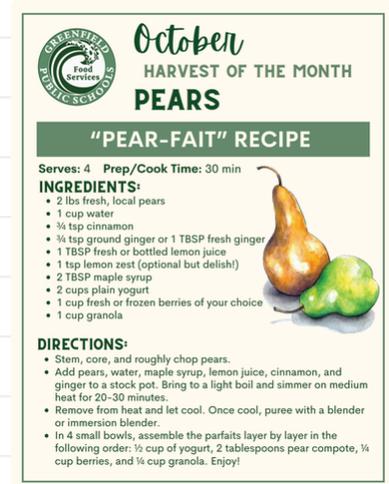
This October, Chef Kyle Zegel facilitated our second cafeteria taste test of the school year here at Four Corners! If you don't already know, during these taste tests Kyle serves up samples of delicious recipes featuring produce from local farms. Students vote on the sample and their feedback determines if the recipe becomes part of the meal rotation, helping Greenfield increase local purchasing, scratch cooking, and encouraging students to try new foods and learn about the local food system.

If you would like to volunteer to help out during these monthly taste tests, please reach out to the PTO for details!

This month's taste test was a pear parfait! The pears were sourced from Fix Brothers Fruit Farm in Hudson, NY and turned into a sweet and flavorful compote with ginger and cinnamon to give it some oomph. Of the 121 students who tried the sample, 69% reported they "loved it" and 20% reported they "liked it". I call that a winner! Check out the recipe card pictured, so you can cook the recipe at home.

Happy cooking!

Chef Kyle



Mr. Potter

Principal

Contact