



Georgetown News

November 7, 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 7 Popcorn Friday
- 12 Marco's Night
- 14 ECSE Field Trip to McDonald's
- 18 PTC Meeting 7:00p
- 20 Wendy's Night
- 26-28 **NO SCHOOL**
THANKSGIVING BREAK

DECEMBER

- 4 Georgetown Holiday Program
6:00 pm
- 8-12 Holiday Gift Shop
- 8-19 3rd and 4th Grade Swimming
(Nancy Flory-3rd, All 4th Grade
classrooms)
- 12 ECSE Christmas Celebration
- 17 M/W Kindergarten Holiday Party
- 19 Holiday Parties
- 22 **NO SCHOOL**—Holiday Break
begins!!

JANUARY

- 5 School Resumes
- 5-16 3rd Grade Swimming
(Mrs. McDonald and Mrs.
Van Arkel)

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A Note from Mrs. Reagan

Dear Parents,
All of our MEAP assessments have been completed! We are well aware of the importance of sleep, diet and attendance during this period of time and we thank you for supporting us.

This year's testing cycle was a new experience for us. Tests had to be administered on specific dates. In addition, the tests were longer with shorter breaks allowed. Our students did an outstanding job focusing on the questions and respecting their peers by creating a quiet and respectful climate—in the classrooms and hallways.

We hope to have the test results returned to us in early January so that we can use the results to improve instruction in the second half of the year. As soon as the results are made public, I will make you aware via our school blog.

TAIWAN VISIT

On Wednesday, October 22, we welcomed a group of 24 school administrators from Taiwan, Republic of China. This partnership with the Taiwan educational system was formed last year when our Roxanne DeWeerd, Superintendent, and Sue Curro, Assistant Superintendent, visited Taiwan with a group of administrators from Michigan. The goal of each visit being to promote international education and appreciation for the culture in both school communities.

The Taiwanese visitors were given a true Georgetown welcome with a welcome song by Ms. VanArkel's class (led by Mrs. Bretz) and display of art work created by our students with the guidance of Mrs. Brouwer, and also received an official welcome in Chinese by Tessa from Mr. Bowen's classroom!

During the visit, Georgetown Elementary was invited to be a "sister school" with Raey Guang Elementary which resides in the city of Pingtung, Taiwan. Principal Chung Wen Yu would like to collaborate (students and staff) over email to learn about one another's education programs and cultures. Some interesting information about our sister school: Raey Guang Elementary School is located in Pingtung, a city in the southern portion of Taiwan. The school is situated in an urban area, and considered to be "medium" sized. There are 36 classes, grades 1-6. A total of 1,200 students attend the school, taught by a faculty of 64. (Comparison to Georgetown....20 classes, grades PK-5, 571 students, 20 Pk-5 teachers.)

Enjoy your weekend,

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SNOW DAY PROCEDURE FOR HOT LUNCH

With snow just around the corner, the food service program would like to remind parents and students about what will happen if school is closed due to weather. If your district is closed, the menu that was supposed to be served on the snow day will be moved to the next school day. An example: if school is canceled on Tuesday due to weather, Tuesday's menu will be served on Wednesday and the menu that was scheduled for Wednesday will be completely canceled. Because of our computer lunch account system, there will be no need to issue credits and your student will still be able to order a lunch if they need one. The only exception to this policy is if school is canceled on Friday. In this case, Friday's menu will be completely canceled and we will continue with the regular menu on Monday. Information on what menu will be served on the day you return will be available on the food service web page at www.jenhudfood.org. Please feel free to contact the food service department at 457-2400 if you have any questions or are unsure of what the menu will be. Thank you!

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PE NEWS

Parents and students, thank you so much for supporting our Trick or Trot Race. We had 913 runners all together that participated!! Wow! These were our runners that placed and won either a Turkey, apple cider, or a pumpkin: Makenna Overweg (3rd place), Anna Sullivan (2nd place), Brayden Vredeveld (1st place), Joshua Hoekstra (3rd place), Dylan Lame (1st place), Jack Mandryk (1st place), Paige Terpstra (3rd place and it is her 5th year in a row placing!!), and Mike Maleski (adult 2nd place)! Congratulations to all of our runners, it is so wonderful to see all of those smiling faces!!

Your child should have come home with a bright yellow piece of paper explaining our **P.E. C.A.R.E.S.** (collecting and regiving edible supplies) program this past week. We will begin taking donations on **Monday Nov. 3 - Nov. 20**. The class with the most food items will receive a PE CARES T-shirt and a class field trip to the Hudsonville Bowling Lanes. We thank Hudsonville Lanes for continuing to support us in this way! This is a great opportunity to give of ourselves to families in the area that need our help. Please help support your child in this endeavor. Sincerely, Mrs. Nienhuis and Mrs. VanKoeving.

LATE STARTS

Attention parents please read the following: Secondary students are the only students that will be having scheduled "Late Start" mornings. There was a little confusion at the elementary level with the last late start we had as a district. The next late start for **Middle/High School students** will be **Wednesday, NOVEMBER 12**. **Elementary students will start at the normal scheduled time of 8:45am**. Thank you for making note of this.

HUDSONVILLE HOLIDAY PARADE

We are pleased to announce we have a 1st place winner for the Hudsonville Holiday Parade!! Jacob Bouma (1st grade, Mrs. Stadt) will be riding on the float in the parade for winning the holiday poster competition.

PTC News

2008-09 Board Members: Kristi Fellows, Carrie Clark-Berry, Jamie Ham, Krista Lawrence

Chair person needed! We are in need of someone to help with Teacher Appreciation week. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Kristi Fellows at 669-1054 or ioniagal@att.net.

Box Tops -

Our October Webkinz collection was a great success!! The following upper and lower elementary students were given their reward on October 27th for their collection efforts. Alex Richardson (4th) with 304 Box Tops and Marris Bekkering(4th) with 293 Box Tops as well as Jada Murphy(2nd) with 414 Box Tops and Carson Bretz with 385 Box Tops. Our total collection to date is over \$1500.00. Thank you Georgetown students and parents for making our first submission an outstanding one!!

November's Box Top competition will be a donut/cupcake **classroom** competition. All box tops for November's competition need to be turned in by **November 21st**.

Cash for Cash - Don't forget to purchase your gift cards through our cash for cash program, some cards are available to purchase on the spot **Fridays from 3:15-4:00**. We challenge each family to buy four \$25 gas cards before the end of the school year. This is a great way to make \$\$ for our school!

Paper Gator - Don't forget to fill the Paper Gator. If the bin is full, please don't leave your papers next to it, there is another Gator by the Middle School (near the tennis courts).

Community News

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1ST ANNUAL GRACE THATCHER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

When:

November 15, 2008

Time:

6:00 pm-12:00 am

Where:

Porto Bello/Harbourfront Grand Hall, 41 Washington, Grand Haven

Why:

To raise college scholarship funds to be awarded to high school seniors pursuing a major in biology or physiology, beginning in 2016 (the year Grace could have graduation from high school).

Tickets can be obtained by contacting Amy Smith at 669-2010 or Dottie Bishop at 842-8824. Cost of the tickets is a minimum donation of \$25 per person. More information is posted on the community bulletin board or for more information, including a complete list of auction items, visit www.gracethatcher.org

HUDSONVILLE HOOPS BASKETBALL FOR GIRLS

Girls in grades 4-8 interested in playing basketball this winter have the opportunity through Hudsonville Hoops. All registrations will be done online. Registration deadline is November 14. **Please visit the website at <http://eteamz.com/hudsonvillehoops> or call JASON BUSH AT 616-822-3027 OR email at hudsonvillehoops@yahoo.com.**

