

# Green Isle Community School

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**Weekly Newsletter - Friday, January 16, 2009**

**NO SCHOOL/EXTENDED DAY - Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> - Teacher Work Day**

**MN TWINS 2009 WINTER CARAVAN TOUR - Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> - 9:30am**



Autographs



Jesse Crain



Kevin Slowly



T.C. Bear & players photos

On Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:30-10:45am the Minnesota Twins will be stopping by Green Isle Community School during their Winter Caravan Tour! Thanks to a request made by Therese, our Green Isle postmaster! Twins pitchers, Kevin Slowly and Jesse Crain, along with Twins Radio Network's John Gordon, Fox Sports Net's Bert Blyleven and Twins Mascot T.C. will be in attendance for this event. There will be a short program with time for questions. All are invited to attend. Wear your Twins sportswear! What an opportunity for Green Isle! Go Twins!  
[www.twinsbaseball.com/wintercaravan](http://www.twinsbaseball.com/wintercaravan)



## ELDER'S COFFEE/LUNCH



In spite of the cold temperatures, we had 12 elders attend our Elder's Coffee today! The elders met with Ms. Konopacki's homeroom for an activity and joined us for lunch. Our next Elder's Coffee will be held on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-12:50pm. Mr. Alcorn's homeroom will be our hosts. Please mark your calendars and RSVP at the office 507.326.7144 if you are able to attend. (FYI: Anyone adult older than the students counts as an 'elder'!) Invitations will be sent out, as well.

## CVN MEETING - Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00pm (rescheduled)

We will have our next Community Volunteer Network (CVN) meeting following our board meeting at 7pm on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be talking about our next fundraiser, Family Fun Night, and the carnival. Any parents that would like to be involved are welcomed to attend.

## ELDERS' WISDOM, CHILDREN'S SONG - HELP NEEDED!

We are looking for 3 elders to celebrate at our Elders' Wisdom, Children's Song Celebration in May. If you know of an elder that would be available to tell us their story, please let us know. Interviews will be conducted in late February.

## SPONSOR VISIT RESCHEDULED - Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

Families, please mark your calendars for Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Our sponsor liaison, Katie Piehl from Volunteers of America of MN, has rescheduled her visit at GICS for Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. This is an official visit to see how we are serving the children at GICS. She would like to meet with some parents. If you are available any time between 11:30am-12:00pm and would like to meet with our sponsor liaison, please call the office.



<b>GICS CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>	
<b>JANUARY 2009</b>	
Monday, January 19	<b>NO SCHOOL – Teacher Work Day</b>
Wednesday, January 21	<b>MN Twins 2009 Winter Caravan Tour – 9:30-10:45am</b>
Thursday, January 22	GICS Board Meeting – 5:30pm – rescheduled
Thursday, January 22	CVN Meeting – 7pm– rescheduled
Thursday, January 29	Family Fun Night – 6:30-8pm
<b>FEBRUARY 2009</b>	
Monday, February 2	Butterbraid Fundraiser Kick-off
Thursday, February 5	Phy-ed & Entertainment Field Trip - Bowling & a Movie - Hutchinson
Monday, February 9	Elder's Coffee – 11:30am-12:50pm
Thursday, February 12	VOA Sponsor Site Visit
Friday, February 13	End of Trimester 2
Monday, February 16	<b>NO SCHOOL – Teacher Work Day</b>
Wednesday, February 18	Report Cards Sent Home
Thursday, February 19	GICS Board Meeting – 5:30pm
Thursday, February 19	CVN Meeting – 7pm
Friday, February 27	PlayWorks – PE Field Trip
<b>MARCH 2009</b>	
Tuesday, March 3	Conferences 3:30-8pm
Thursday, March 5	Conferences 3:30-8pm
Friday, March 6	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Monday, March 9	Elder's Coffee – 11:30am-12:50pm
Wednesday, March 11	Early Dismissal – 1pm
Friday, March 13	<b>NO SCHOOL – Teacher Work Day</b>
Thursday, March 19	MN Orchestra Hall – Field Trip
Thursday, March 19	GICS Board Meeting – 5:30pm (VOA visit)
Thursday, March 19	CVN Meeting – 7pm
<b>APRIL 2009</b>	
Monday, April 6 – Monday, April 13	<b>NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK</b>



**Don't FORGET TO GOODSEARCH!** It really works! We've already raised \$96.09! Search the web with [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and earn money for Green Isle Community School! Tell everyone you know to use GoodSearch for GICS (powered by Yahoo!).

<b>* GREEN ISLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL STAFF *</b>	
Administrative Assistant	Jo Liebhard
Director	Kirsten Kinzler
Kindergarten	Terry Kroehler
Grades 1-3 - Meath	Julie Grams
Grades 1-3 - Meath	Kristy Konopacki
Grades 4-6 - County Cork	James Alcorn
Reading/Math/Phy-ed Specialist	Kristen Strauss
Special Education	Kristine Schwartz
Library/School Volunteer	Mary Kay Donnay
Library	Holly Harjes
Extended Day	Ida Dissette
Preschool/Paraprofessional	Kacy (Panning) Honl
Paraprofessional	Karen Ritsema
Paraprofessional	Ashley Danielson
Business Manager	Keith Johnson

**PLEASE SAVE:**  
 Campbell's Labels  
 Boxtops for Education  
 Kemps Milk Lids  
 Our Family UPC's  
 Ink Cartridges  
 Pop Can Tabs  
 Drop off at the school office!

**Extended Day Hours**  
**Grades K-6**  
 6:00am - 8:15am.  
 3:00pm - 6:00pm  
**Come Join Us!**

**Mission:** Green Isle Community School will foster a positive and respectful multiage environment that promotes educational excellence, service learning, community connections, and responsible citizenship.