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Happy Thanksgiving!

School Closed

Offices Closed

After School Program  
Closed

## **What Did the Costa Rican Exchange Students Do This Week?**

The GSFS community was thrilled that the Costa Rican exchange students arrived in Philadelphia last week. Their time has so far been split between exploring throughout the East Coast and being in the classroom teaching and sharing with GSFS students of all ages.

The Costa Rican students have visited every classroom. One activity taught Costa Rican geography to Sandie's 2nd grade, including that there are five active volcanoes in the country. After learning about volcanoes they created their own using dirt, baking soda, and vinegar.



### **CONTINUE READING**

## **Save the Date: the Costa Rica Dinner will be on Saturday, January 17**

The annual Costa Rica Dinner is coming up soon!

The Costa Rica Dinner is a fundraiser for the [Costa Rica Exchange Program at Greene Street Friends School](#). Students, parents, and teachers cook and serve (en español!) a traditional Costa Rican meal.

**This year there will be only one seating at 6pm.**

Keep your eyes out for an invitation in mid-December with

**Friday, November 28**

School Closed

Offices Closed

After School Program Closed

**Saturday, November 29**

7:00pm

Parents Association 76ers  
Game

Wells Fargo Center

**Tuesday, December 2**

#GivingTuesday  
GreeneStreetFriends  
.org/Giving

Costa Rican Student Visit  
Ends

6:00pm

Pre-K Movie Premiere

**Wednesday, December 3**

8:30am

Meeting for Worship  
Green Street Meetinghouse

4:00pm

School Committee Meeting

**Thursday, December 4**

9:30am

The Whale Lady Visits Pre-K

7:00pm

Parents Association Meeting  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
of Service Planning Meeting  
Armat Building Auditorium

**Keep Connected**



more details!



*The Class of 2015 and their Costa Rican friends in Central Park on Sunday.*

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**Celebrate Community This #GivingTuesday**

We have a day for giving thanks. Two days for sales. Now there's a day for giving back.

**Join GSFS in celebrating our all-school theme, Community, [by making your gift to the school on or before #GivingTuesday, December 2.](#)**

To learn more about #GivingTuesday at GSFS, please click [here](#).

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**5th Grade Canned Food Drive Deadline Extended to Wednesday, December 3**

GSFS is collecting non-perishable foods to donate to St. Vincent's Food Cupboard from now **until Wednesday, December 3**. There is a collection box in every classroom.

In previous years, our community has donated over 900 items. Help us break the 1,000 mark!

This effort is part of the 5th grade's class service project. Students will organize and collect the cans, then deliver them and take a tour of St. Vincent's on Friday, December 5.

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**Catch a Snowflake During the WINGS and PA Holiday Gift Drive Next Week**

The GSFS Middle School community service group, [WINGS](#), and the Parents Association are co-sponsoring a special way to support children in need this holiday season.



Starting Tuesday, December 2, families can "catch" a snowflake with a child's name on it. The snowflake will contain the child's age and gender.

*Snowflakes made by Middle School WINGS members.*

We are asking families to join this special holiday drive by purchasing \$15 to \$25 worth of gifts for a child. To take part in this holiday gift drive, you can "catch" a snowflake at the following times:

- Tuesday, December 2 7:45am to 8:15am
- Tuesday, December 2 2:45pm to 3:15pm
- If there are extra snowflakes, they will be available at the same times in the morning and afternoon of Wednesday, December 3

Gifts will be collected on Monday, December 15 and delivered to a nearby shelter that serves mothers and children.

If you would like to participate, but can't be at GSFS to make a "catch" at those times, please contact [Melody Regino](#).

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## **Looking for Volunteers for the I [heart] Books Festival**

The I [heart] Books Festival (formerly known as the Holiday Book Fair) is returning this holiday season: Monday, December 15 to Friday, December 19.



Our library and media specialist Chris Rogers is looking for parent volunteers to help with the register, maintain and reorder books, assist younger students in making smart choices, and set up the stage venue. For more information or questions, please contact [Chris](#).

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## **Planning for the Holidays?**

Let GSFS make your holiday shopping easier with these gift suggestions that benefit our School, our students, our teachers, and our programs.

### **Give the Gift of Education**

Give back this holiday season by supporting the children and

teachers of Greene Street Friends School. [Make a gift](#) in a loved one's honor. Supporting your community is a gift that will never go out of style!

### AmazonSmile

When you visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose Greene Street Friends School as your preferred organization, a percentage of your purchase will be donated to GSFS!

### Shop the New GSFS School Store

Show your Hawks pride by ordering GSFS gear for the kids and adults on your shopping list through our [new online school store](#). Choose your style, size, color, and logo on hundreds of items.

### December at a Glance

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 #GivingTuesday  Costa Rican Student Visit Ends  6:00pm Pre-K Movie Premiere	3 5th Grade Food Drive Deadline  4:00pm School Committee Meeting	4 9:00am The Whale Lady Visits Roe's Pre-K  7:00pm PA Meeting	5	6
8	9 8:30am Winter Concert for Pre-K and K  9:00am Picture Retake Day	10 1:00pm Early Dismissal  1:00pm After School Program Open	11 5:00pm Pre-Concert Dinner  7:00pm Winter Concert for Grades 1-8	12	13 8:00am PA Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
15 I [heart] Books Festival Begins  Grades 7 & 8 Exam Week	16	17	18 9:15am 3rd Grade Trip to the Nutcracker	19 I [heart] Books Festival Ends  8:30am All School Peace Assembly	20  <b>Have a great and safe Winter Break!</b>
22 <b>Winter</b>	23 <b>Break!</b>	24 <b>School</b>	25 <b>ASP and</b>	26 <b>Offices</b>	27 <b>Closed</b>
29 <b>Winter</b>  Offices Open	30 <b>Break!</b>  Offices Open	31 <b>School</b>  Offices Open	1 <b>and</b>  Offices Closed	2 <b>ASP</b>  Offices Open	3 <b>Closed</b>