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Tuesday, January 13

7:00pm
Parents Association and MLK Day Planning Meeting
Armat Street Auditorium

Wednesday, January 14

8:30am
Meeting for Worship
Green Street Meetinghouse

1:00pm
Early Dismissal
After School Program Open

Saturday, January 17

Join the Parents Association MLK Day Prep Meeting: Tuesday, January 13 at 7pm

Please join us on Tuesday, January 13 for this month's Parents Association meeting. We will be planning and preparing for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service at Greene Street Friends School.

Your participation will help ensure that [MLK Day 2015](#) is a success once again! We hope to see you at 7pm in the Armat Street Auditorium.

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All School Art Show Celebrates The Art of the Story: Saturday, January 17

GSFS students have been exploring narrative drawing in art class this winter. Inspired by mythology, fantasy and real life, students created drawings and paintings in a variety of media which will be featured at the All School Art Show on Saturday, January 17. Every student will have a piece of their work in the show!

Calling all adult artists! Share your talents by contributing refreshments. The food theme this year will be Artful Cookies. If you have questions or would like to sign up to make cookies for the All School Art Show, please contact parent volunteer [Gretchen Trefny](#).

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Last Chance to Register for the Annual Costa Rica Dinner: Saturday, January 17

The Costa Rica Dinner is only one week away!

The 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. Register now by completing and returning [this form](#) to the Development Office to secure your seat!

3:00pm
All School Art Show
Armat Street Building

6:00pm
Costa Rica Dinner
Green Street Meetinghouse
Dining Room

Monday, January 19

8:30am
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day of Service
Green Street Meetinghouse

School Closed

Offices Closed

After School Program Closed

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Make Your Day Off a Day On During the GSFS MLK Day of Service: Monday, January 19

Families, alumni, Meeting members, and friends are invited to join us for Greene Street Friends School's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service! Project will include:

- American Red Cross Blood Drive
- Book drive for Tree House Books
- Outdoor clean-up at Linglebach Elementary
- Making birthday bags and sorting clothing for Cradles to Crayons
- Making breakfast bags for Aid for Friends
- Making hygiene bags for the Mennonite Central Committee



Donate Items for MLK Day

Boxes for donations to Tree House Books, Cradles to Crayons, the Mennonite Central Committee, and Aid for Friends are in the lobby of the Armat Street Building. For a list of suggested items to donate, please click [here](#).



Register Now to Donate Blood

Volunteers over the age of 17 can register for the American Red Cross Blood Drive [here](#). Please sign up ahead of time!

Read about blood donor requirements [here](#) and tips for how to prepare for giving blood [here](#).

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Register for After School Middle School Enrichment Classes

Greene Street Friends School is now offering enrichment clubs to Middle School students during after school hours. Students will have the chance to work in small groups, creating in-depth projects, while learning new skills. Enrichment clubs will meet once a week, for a period of 10 weeks, and will be held in classrooms on our campus.

Art Enrichment will be led by GSFS parent and Germantown-based fine artist and teacher Lisa Haskell. Students will explore various materials through creating layered mixed media 2-D and 3-D pieces. Students will work with materials including cardboard, wood, yarn, paint, and ink. Each project will cover several steps ending with a thoughtful finished product.

Music Enrichment will be led by GSFS parent and performer Giovana Robinson. In these classes students will develop improvisation and songwriting skills in a safe and respectful environment.

[Learn more or register now!](#) If you have any questions, please contact [Amy Fiske](#). Classes are currently only open to students in Grades 6-8, but 5th grade parents who are interested are encouraged to reach out to Amy as well.

Online Re-enrollment for the 2015-2016 School Year is Now Open

We are pleased to be offering online re-enrollment for the first time this year! Please click [here](#) to complete your enrollment form for your returning student.



The deadline to re-enroll is Monday, February 2. A deposit of \$500 per student is required at the time of re-enrollment, which can be paid via credit card on the form or a check can be sent directly to the Business Office.

If you have any questions, please contact [Leanne Clancy](#).

7th and 8th Grades Continues Exploring Issues Around Race During Advisory

After discussing the events in Ferguson in December, the 7th and 8th grades continued delving into the topic of race during Friday morning advisory. The theme of this morning's session was "It's Not Racist to Talk About Race."

Building common language, which we highly value at GSFS, is essential to talking about race. Students looked at many key terms, including bias, racial identity, privilege, micro-aggressions, and colorblindness. They applied and connected the terms to mini-scenarios, added vocabulary

words to the list, and generated their own scenarios.

This lesson built on the identity development strand of our Life Skills curriculum. The students did an inspiring job of talking honestly about the issues and teaching each other.

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Erica's 3rd Grade Class Reaches 100% Parent Participation in Annual Giving!

Congratulations to Erica's 3rd grade class, the second class to reach 100% parent participation in Annual Giving! Special thanks to Erica, Eli, and Room Captain Julie Diana. We look forward to organizing an educational celebration for the students soon.

Word of the Month: Witness

The Lower School assembly on Friday focused on January's Quaker Word of the Month: witness. The Quaker Ways Committee of GSFS faculty and staff define witness as a public act to show the world what is right.

Lower School teachers Jen and Kate described how students can be witnesses by using their discernment (a previous Word of the Month!), standing up, and speaking out. They explored the work of famous witnesses including Malala Yousafzai, Nelson Mandela, and Maya Angelou, then shared ways that our students can be witnesses, highlighting the amazing turn-out at last year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and GSFS families that have recently taken part in non-violent marches and protests in the community.

Witness



"I'm convinced of this: Good done anywhere is good done everywhere... As long as you're breathing, it's never too late to do some good."

--Maya Angelou
