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Saturday, January 17

3:00pm
All School Art Show
Armat Street Building

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

Monday, January 19

8:00am

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. Their work will be featured at the All School Art Show tomorrow, January 17 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students created illustrations and told stories from their imagination based on their study of Native American art. First and second graders incorporated lessons from their unit on Impressionism, while the fifth and sixth grades created artworks in the style of graphic novels. Seventh and eighth students in Unified Arts researched mythology, then painted scenes from the stories of their choosing.

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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GSFS MLK Day of Service on Monday, January 19: Breakfast at 8:00am, Program at 8:30am

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



- American Red Cross Blood Drive
- Book drive for Tree House Books
- Outdoor clean-up at Linglebach Elementary School
- 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
- Making pet toys for the SPCA

Register Ahead of Time for the Blood Drive

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

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day of Service
Green Street Meetinghouse

School Closed

Offices Closed

After School Program Closed

Wednesday, January 21

8:30am
Meeting for Worship
Green Street Meetinghouse

Friday, January 23

End of Second Quarter

Monday, January 26

School Closed: Report
Writing Day

Offices Open

ASP Open
for Pre-Registered Students

Tuesday, January 27

ERB Testing for Grades 3-8
Begins

Keep Connected



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

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MLK Day of Action, Resistance, and Empowerment

MLK Dare (Martin Luther King Day of Action, Resistance, and Empowerment) is a social action planned in Philadelphia on the afternoon of January 19, after our [GSFS day of service](#) is over. The rally (at 1:30pm) and march (2:00pm) spring from the "Black Lives Matter" protests last month. Participants will include religious leaders, labor unions, parent groups, and students.

"It's all under one tent," said Todd Bernstein '69, founder and director of the Greater Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. "Not only are we supportive, the whole purpose of the King day of celebration is for everyone to claim it."

For more information about the rally and march, please click [here](#).

New Group at GSFS for Families Brought Together by Adoption

At Greene Street Friends School, we believe that students thrive when they find meaningful connections with one another, when they feel safe, and when they are supported in exploring who they are and who they want to be. It has been an ongoing goal to extend these best practices to our largest adult community and find ways to connect with one another.

Last year a few parents came forward to see if it would be possible to start a group for families who have been brought together by adoption. We believe this would be a useful way to create community and support each other.

Our first meeting will serve as a brainstorming session for future topics and agendas. The group will be open to all GSFS community members. If you are interested in being involved, please contact [Melody Regino](#) by **Friday, January 30**. In your message, please indicate what day of the week and time works best for your schedule.

Introducing the Spring Musical...Annie!

We are excited for our students to participate in this year's Middle School Musical...Annie! **Auditions will be held Tuesday, January 27 and Thursday, January 29** from 3:15pm to 5:00pm in the Armat Street Auditorium.



Last year's Spring Musical, Into the Woods.

In order for your child to participate, you must complete and return [this permission form](#) by Monday, January 26 to [Katherine Vidoni](#).

Rehearsals will take place every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3:15pm to 5:00pm starting Monday, February 2 until the show. For more information about rehearsals and schedules, please click [here](#).

Save the date! The Musical will have three performances open to the community:

- Thursday, April 16 at 7:00pm
- Friday, April 17 at 7:00pm
- Saturday, April 18 at 4:30pm

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Middle School Ski Trip: Saturday, January 31



For over 15 years, Middle School students have enjoyed fun, safe, and memorable experiences during the Middle School Ski and Snowboard Trip. We hope that you will join us this year on Saturday, January 31 for fun on the slopes!

To register, please download [these forms](#) and submit the following to the school by **Wednesday, January 21**:

- Ski/Snowboard Package Option Chart
- Signed Permission Slip
- Rental and Helmet Agreement (if applicable)
- Payment

If you have any questions, please contact [Kate Zook-Gibbs](#).

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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](#).

Monday, January 26: School is Closed, but ASP is Open!

GSFS will be closed on Monday, January 26, but the After School Program will be open all day. Students will take a field trip to Legacy Youth Tennis Center for tennis lessons in the morning, then spend the afternoon on campus working on projects and playing games.



Please download [this form](#) to register. Forms and payment must be returned by **Wednesday, January 21.**

If you have any questions, please contact [Amy Fiske](#).

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GSFS Offering New 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.

Anna's Class is 3rd to Reach 100% Annual Giving Parent Participation!

Congratulations to Anna's 3rd grade class! Special thank you to Anna, Laura, and Room Captain Deborah Stern (who led Nita's class to 100% parent participation last school year!). Since both sections of the Class of 2020 reached full parent participation, they will celebrate together with a party that ties into their educational curriculum.

Help your child's class reach 100% parent participation this year! To make your gift to the Annual Fund online, please click [here](#).

Spotlight on Service: Community Service in the Classroom

As we prepare for the [Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on Monday, January 19](#), GSFS students and teachers share and reflect on their community service experiences this school year.

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In the Community: the iMPeRFeCT Gallery

Check out [this wonderful article](#) about GSFS parents Rocio Cabello and Cory Molenaar and their gallery. Then go visit the iMPeRFECT Gallery a few steps away on Greene Street!

