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Next Week at GSFS

Monday, September 22

Innisbrook Wrapping Paper Sale Begins

Hot Dog Monday Begins

Smart Lunches Begins

Tuesday, September 23

3:00pm
Fall Play Auditions
Armat Building Auditorium

Health Advisory: Initiating Precautions for the Enterovirus

There has been a lot of buzz lately about the Enterovirus spreading across the US, now including small numbers in Philadelphia. We have been closely monitoring our students, and we are not aware of any cases at GSFS. The health and safety of our students is our highest priority, and we are initiating precautionary procedures.

The Enterovirus presents like many other viruses: fever, runny nose, wheezing, coughing, and body aches. It can lead to very serious respiratory complications and require hospitalization, especially among children with asthma or other chronic conditions.

What is GSFS doing to keep our students healthy?

Because the outbreak in the US has reached Philadelphia, we will switch from our morning handshakes to the South Asian gesture of greeting accompanied by "Namaste" (Nah-mahs-tay).

We already have hand sanitizer in every homeroom and hands-free hand dryers in every heavily used bathroom. Hand washing is extremely important for prevention and we are making increased hygiene a priority.

Your help is crucial to fight the spread of germs. Please review these easy tips with your children:

- Wash hands often for at least 20 seconds (sing "Happy Birthday" twice);
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth; and
- Don't share utensils, cups, and food.

Most importantly, if your student is exhibiting

7:00pm
Middle School Back to School
Night
Armat Building Auditorium

**Wednesday, September
24**

8:30am
Meeting for Worship
Green Street Meetinghouse

Thursday, September 25

Rosh Hashana

Friday, September 26

Rosh Hashana

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symptoms of the Enterovirus, please keep them at home.

For more information, [please read this Q&A](#) prepared by the Centers for Disease Control.

Innisbrook Wrapping Paper Sale Begins on Monday

The Innisbrook Fall Fundraiser for the Costa Rica Exchange Program starts this Monday, September 22.



The 2014 catalog has lots of great gifts, wrapping paper options, chocolates, and other festive items. Please support the 7th grade students' trip to Costa Rica by shopping and sharing the catalog with friends and family. Ordering information will be included with the catalog and are available [on the GSFS website](#).

All orders are due by Friday, October 10.

For more information on the Costa Rica Exchange Program, please click [here](#).

Fall Play Auditions: Tuesday, September 23

Students in Grades 3-5 are encouraged to audition for this year's Fall Play! Auditions will be held from 3:00pm to 5:00pm on Tuesday, September 23 in the Music Room.

Parents must submit a signed permission slip for any student who wishes to be in the play by Tuesday. If you have any questions, [please contact 3rd grade teacher and Fall Play Director Erica](#).

Middle School Back to School Night: Tuesday, September 23

Back to School Night for Grades 5 to 8 will be held in the Green Street Meetinghouse next Tuesday, September 23 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm . Spend time in your child's classroom, meet lead teachers, advisors, homeroom teachers, and specialists, and connect with parents in your grade.



Childcare will be provided for school-aged children.

Picture Day: Monday, September 29



Picture Day will be on Monday, September 29. Payment envelopes were already sent home and should be returned no later than Picture Day to your student's homeroom teacher or to Syreeta Bacon in Hargroves House.

Please [contact Syreeta](#) if you have any questions.

Photos from the Back to School Family Dinner

The PA would like to thank Jill Gurvey, Gretchen Trefny, and all of the volunteers who made this year's Back to School Family Dinner a huge success! It was great to see our families come together in the name of spirit and community as we embark on another wonderful school year. Additional pictures are on the GSFS website [here](#).



One bowl remains! If you left a ceramic green serving bowl behind on Friday night, please stop by the Development Office behind the Music Room in the Armat Street Building in the next week.

The next PA Meeting will be held from 7:00pm to 8:00pm on [Thursday, October 2](#). Spanish teacher, Maestra Sandra Rodriguez, will give an overview on the Costa Rica Exchange Program, including pictures, stories, and

itineraries, and we will hear from 7th grade parent volunteers leading the school-wide fundraising effort. Save the date!

Middle School "Choices"



This week, Middle School students began "Choices," an elective activity that happens every Wednesday afternoon. It's a wonderful time to dive into a new skill or challenge and to get to know fellow Greene Street Friends students.

Selections this year include rock band, line dancing, Greene Street Radio, art, basket weaving, and lacrosse.

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Have You Seen the Art Blog?

Do you love art? Want to know what your child is up to in art class? Then check out the [Art Blog](#)! There are pictures from art class as well as links to great projects, museums, learning resources, and videos.



The blog is updated every week so don't forget to check back soon!

Introducing...Your 2014-15 Room Parents!

Room parents are the leaders of their child's class and a critical part of the Parents Association. The primary role of Room Parents is to build relationships with and among the families in their child's class.

Room Parents are organized by a volunteer Room Parent Coordinator. This year we are pleased that Jacqui Rick is volunteering in this role.

Get to know your 2014-15 Room Parents:

- Pre-K Kathie: Biz Magarity and Rosie MacDonald
- Pre-K Roe: Jacqui Rick and Beth Silver

- K Lois: Alison Wojtkowiak
- K Steve: Isabelle Barker and Cara Palladino
- 1 April: Lisa Britton
- 1 Lori: Crystal Jean
- 2 Nita: Hope Yusem
- 2 Sandie: Beth Vaccaro and Landon Jones
- 3 Anna: Cheyenne DeMulder
- 3 Erica: Jodi Bornstein
- 4 Emma: Open
- 4 Maggie: Amy Helstrom
- 5 Kate: Nadja Peter, Amber Parker, and Katharina Mach
- 5 Peale: Lisa Haskell
- 6 Becky: Leslie Klinefelter
- 6 Laura: Jean Miller and Craig Heim
- Grade 7: Rachel Malloy-Good

For more information on Room Parents, please click [here](#).

GSFS School Committee (similar to a non-profit Board of Directors) toured the new 6th grade and After School Program space at their first meeting of the year on September 17.



The 2014-15 Greene Street Friends School Committee visits new classrooms space in the Lower Level of Armat Street Building.

Left to right: Kiri Harris, Megan Kafer, David Moos, Bob Dockhorn, Sharon Mullally, Jason Sears, Margie Felton, Frank Zadlo, Jen Kolker, Koof Kalkstein '68, Leanne CLancy, Teri Buda, Melogy reino, CHip Linehan, Anne Bayless, Ryan Kimmnett, Anthony DiGiovanni, Ed Marshall, and Maani Waldor.