

GREENWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT Newsletter



We Are Many Faces...But One Family...

Stewartsville, NJ 08886

September 26, 2008

The rotating schedule for the next two weeks is as follows:

9/29 - "F"	10/6 - "E"
9/30 - "A"	10/7 - "F"
10/1 - "B"	10/8 - "A"
10/2 - "C"	10/9 - "B"
10/3 - "D"	10/10 - "C"



Board of Education Meetings Your Support is Needed!

The regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on **October 22nd at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at the Greenwich School.** Public is welcome.

Early Dismissals on and October 2nd

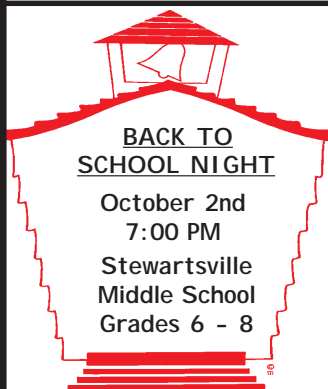
Due to "Back to School Nights" **October 2nd**, the Stewartsville and Greenwich Schools will have an early dismissal. Please follow the schedule below:

Stewartsville School will dismiss at 12:45 and the **Greenwich School** will dismiss at 1:25.

AM Kindergarten will attend school from 8:55 - 10:55.

PM Kindergarten will attend school from 11:25 - 1:25.

AM Growing Stars and AM Partners Preschool will attend school from 9:00 - 11:00, **PM Growing Stars and PM Partners Preschool** will attend school from 11:30 - 1:25.



SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON OCTOBER 13TH, DUE TO A TEACHER INSERVICE

Parking at the Greenwich School

As you are aware, beginning with the first day of school, the parking lots at the Greenwich School have been reconfigured. The **lower parking** lot is designated for teachers while the **upper lot** is reserved for parents, handicapped spaces and traveling teacher spaces.

For the safety of our students, it is critical that parents **walk their child/ren** from the parking area to the established walkways. Students may not walk into school from the parking lot without an adult escorting them.

Please remember that cars are not permitted into the area where busses are dropping off or picking up children. Police are monitoring the situation more closely this year.

We hope you find these procedures helpful when dropping your child/ren off at school. We appreciate the cooperation that we have observed so far this school year. If you have any questions, or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

PTO News

PTO Believe Gift Wrap Fund-raiser - Orders with payment due by September 29th.

Market Day Pickup - October 23rd - Market Day Pickup will be held in the cafeteria at the Greenwich School. Pickup time is from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

PTO Sponsored Scholastic Book Fair at the Greenwich School - Monday, September 29th - Friday, October 3rd. Students will purchase books during the school day. More information will be forthcoming.

PTO Clothing Drive - Saturday, October 25th, 9AM - 2:30PM, at the Stewartsville Middle School.

4th & 5th Grade Fall Masquerade Party - Friday, October 24th, from 7-9PM. at the Greenwich School.

Change in PTO Chairpersons - Please note the following changes in PTO Chairpersons. Diane Delgado (479-4709) Market Day Chairperson, Terry Lynn Dudek (347-8272) and Linda Mangiola (213-3225) Book Fair Chairpersons .

Do You Ever Feel Like A Nut?

There is a designated "nut-free" table in the Greenwich School cafeteria. Children who have severe allergies to nuts may have lunch at the table and be safe from contamination of nuts or nut products. Anyone is invited to sit at the nut-free table but, it is imperative that no nuts in any shape or form be brought to the "nut-free zone" (this includes peanut butter and coconut.)

Special Needs Parent Network Presents: Homework Strategies for the Reluctant Child Presented by Molly Marinaccio, LDTC

Mrs. Marinaccio will be discussing strategies for positively engaging students in homework activities, keeping assignments organized, and helping students become more independent. All parents are encouraged to attend this workshop.

September 30, 2008, 7:00 pm, Greenwich School
October 7, 2008, 7:00 pm, Stewartsville Middle School

Paraprofessional Substitutes Are Needed

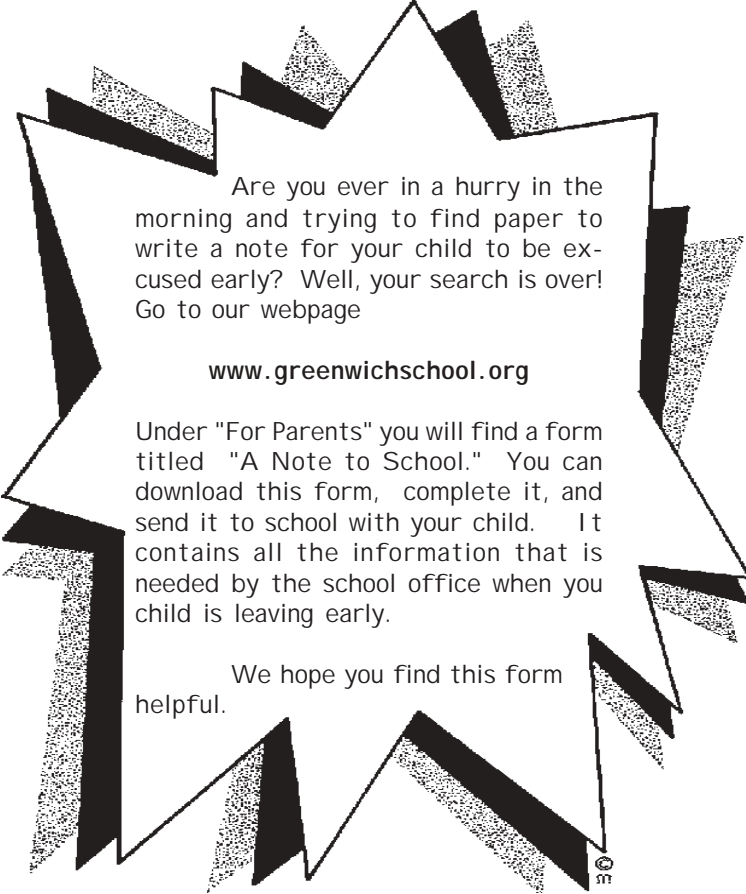
In order to qualify to substitute for a paraprofessional in the Greenwich Township School District you must have at a high school diploma, complete a criminal history background check (cost is \$77.25) and most importantly - love to work with children. Substitute paraprofessionals are paid \$9.00 per hour. If you are interested, please send a letter of interest and a resume to Sarah Bilotti, Assistant Principal/Director of Special Services, at the Greenwich School.

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Are you ever in a hurry in the morning and trying to find paper to write a note for your child to be excused early? Well, your search is over! Go to our webpage

www.greenwickschool.org

Under "For Parents" you will find a form titled "A Note to School." You can download this form, complete it, and send it to school with your child. It contains all the information that is needed by the school office when you child is leaving early.

We hope you find this form helpful.

REMINDER TO PARENTS/STUDENTS

Please note that the Main Doors at both school buildings are locked at 4PM daily. Students are not permitted back in the building after 4PM unless they are attending an after school, supervised function. The custodians are not permitted to let students/parents into the building or classrooms after 4PM unless they are attending a supervised function.

Community News

National Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 5th - 11th
This year's theme is Preventing Home Fires

Given the high cost of home heating fuels many homeowners will be turning to alternative heating sources which may increase the risk of fires in the home.

On **Wednesday, October 8th** the Stewartsville Fire Company will hold a Fire Prevention Week Open House 6 - 8 PM at the firehouse at 321A Greenwich Street. Please join us for an informative evening that may help you prevent a fire in your home.



TO: Greenwich School Parents and Guardians
FROM: Mr. Albert V. Purdy, Interim Superintendent
RE: Fall Festival Costume Parade
Friday, October 31, 2008

On Friday, October 31st, the Greenwich School will be celebrating the fall season with a Fall Festival Costume Parade. Students in pre-K through third grade will be participating in the festivities, including a costume parade. Classroom activities/parties are limited to students, their teachers and the classroom parent(s) who are assisting with the activity/party. Due to limited space and to ensure everyone's safety other participants such as parents, grandparents and siblings are asked not to plan on attending classroom activities/parties.

The week of October 13th is "School Violence Awareness Week", parents are strongly encouraged to assist their sons and daughters in choosing costumes that are sensitive to both the real life issues that we are all facing today and to the messages that we regularly give our children throughout the year about nonviolent or threatening behaviors. Costumes are not to include any props, such as, guns, knives, or any type of weaponry. In light of the pressures, concerns and worries in the world today, this is an opportunity for us to focus on more positive images within our society. Please take a few minutes to consider this matter and to talk with your child. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

The schedule for the parade is:

10:30 a.m. AM Pre-K and AM Kindergarten
2:00 p.m. PM PreK, PM Kindergarten and First through Third Grades

Weather permitting, the parade will be held on the walkway and driveway in the front of the school. In case of inclement weather, the parade will be held in the multipurpose room. Parents are again asked to limit their participation to that room and the parade. I hope that you will be able to join us for the festivities. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the school. Questions concerning any specific class activities should be directed to your child's teacher. Thank you again for your support.