Greetings Green Gables Families,

Happy November. The months are already flying by. The Read-a-Thon was a great success and as a school we logged over 108,000 minutes of reading and raised over $6,000! I would like to give a special shout out to our PTA for sponsoring the Read-a-Thon, to our students for logging all the reading time which helps you grow as readers, to our staff for supporting this event, and to the entire school community for all your fundraising efforts. What a difference this event makes for our Green Gables students!

On another note, did you know that November is National Gratitude Month? In the midst of a pandemic and many unknowns, practicing gratitude is important, now more than ever. I recently started a personal gratitude journal and it’s amazing how often my daily gratitude leads back to being part of such an amazing school community with the best kiddos, staff, and families. I am truly grateful.

From the Greater Good Science Center at the University of California, Berkeley, the practitioners of gratitude have:

- Stronger immune systems and lower blood pressure
- Higher levels of positive emotions
- More joy, optimism, and happiness
- More generosity and compassion
- Less feelings of loneliness and isolation

For some easy to implement ideas for showing gratitude together as a family, follow this link: https://sunshine-parenting.com/a-grateful-family-is-a-happy-family-5-practices/ I would love to hear how it goes.

Sincerely,

Suanne Hawley
Green Gables Principal
November 10th    Jeans for Troops Day
November 10th    Accountability Meeting via Zoom 4:30-5:30pm
November 10th    PTA Meeting via Zoom 6:00-7:00pm
November 11th    PTA Noodles Fundraiser
November 12th    World Kindness Day
November 13th    NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - Professional Learning Day
November 13th    End of First Trimester
November 16th    Spirit Gear Deadline
November 18th    Picture Retakes
November 19th    School Circle via Zoom 8:30-9:00am
November 20th    Report Cards Go Home

November 23rd through November 27th
NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

Earn cash for your school! Save Longmont Dairy Milk Caps.
Longmont Dairy Farm will donate 5C per LDF produced product bottle cap. Schools are free to spend these funds as they wish to benefit students.
SAE Full Days: November 13th & November 23rd – 25th

Contact Sal Prado at Salvador.Prado@jeffco.k12.co.us for more information.

Visit Our Spirit Gear Store

https://greengables2020.itemorder.com/sale

Westrail Tap & Grill

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- Large Patio
- Burgers, Wings, Tacos, Mac n Cheese
- Online ordering and curbside available

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Next virtual PTA meeting is November 10, at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. Check the weekly messenger for the link to learn more about what’s happening at Green Gables and in our community.

Contact us: greengablesptaco@gmail.com

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Greener Green Gables

In the family interest survey distributed in the messenger last month, many Green Gables families expressed an interest in making our school “greener” or more environmentally friendly. So some PTA volunteers have formed a new committee to work toward that goal— the "Greener Green Gables Committee". We hope to have a remote after-school club in the spring for students to get involved in this effort! Meanwhile, to get things started, we would like to introduce a recycling program here at Green Gables. TerraCycle is a private US recycling business that recycles many forms of waste that would otherwise be trash at our local recycling centers. One brand that TerraCycle takes to recycle is Simple Truth. Because Simple Truth products are found at King Soopers, this is a great place to start. Please send your packaging from Simple Truth brand products to school with your students. We will then box them up and send them in to be recycled. The school will start to earn points to go toward a charitable gift or money toward our school-- and better yet, we will begin to reduce the plastic waste going into our landfills.
Wednesday, November 10th our school is participating in “Jeans for Troops”. Please remember to wear your jeans and bring a $1 to donate to our courageous troops. (You may donate even if you don’t have jeans to wear.) You can also donate online by going to https://gigo.org/teams/index.html and selecting Green Gables as the team! Thank you for supporting this important cause!

**Wall of Honor At Green Gables**

Every year we have students, staff, and their families complete the following form to honor our active service members and veterans. Please encourage your student to fill out one or multiple forms to hang on our Wall of Honor that will be on display throughout November. Forms will be returned in December. If you need additional copies please reach out to the main office and we can send more home or download one by clicking here: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1guusPJE9VjFofnGAn2qw-F5Jnamq2PnJ/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1guusPJE9VjFofnGAn2qw-F5Jnamq2PnJ/view?usp=sharing). Remote learners can return a hard copy to school or scan and email to Jennifer.Seltz@jeffco.k12.co.us

Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable! Reach parents in your local community & a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school! Want to sponsor this school? Please contact Rob Mangelson at Rob@tscacolorado.com or (720) 878-4107.
It is getting colder outside, please remember to send your student to school with a jacket. Please also remember to write your child’s name in their jacket. Students go out for recess unless the temperature is below 20 degrees or there are unsafe weather conditions.

Please remember to use the crosswalks when dropping off and picking up your student up from school. This is for the safety of our students as well as for the drivers on our street.
Hello Green Gables Families,

Green Gables families and community members have the opportunity to help students this Holiday Season. We have a virtual Giving Tree which allows families to donate gifts and needed items to our students and their families.

If you would like to adopt a student, use the signup genius link here https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4baca22da0fc1-holiday. We will send you an email with the student’s age, gender, and a few gift ideas. Other donations may include King Soopers gift cards. If you would like to donate financially, please visit https://greengablespta.new.memberhub.store/store/items/215750 to donate to PTA’s Giving Tree Fund.

We ask that gifts be brought to the school by Friday, December 4th, 2020 to ensure we are able to get the gifts to families in time for the Holidays.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the giving tree team.

Charlotte Salerno at csalerno@jeffco.k12.co.us.
Jennifer Seltz at jennifer.seltz@jeffco.k12.co.us

Thank you!
Quarantine Advice from the District Nurse

Now that we are really into this school year and most of us have been directly impacted by Covid-19 within our community, I wanted to take a moment to address some of the most common questions I get regarding COVID-19 and quarantines.

A primary exposure is a person directly exposed to someone who is positive or later tests positive (like a day or two following exposure).

A secondary exposure is anyone else exposed to the one who had a primary exposure.

Those who have had a primary exposure must quarantine 14 days from when they last were exposed to the positive person.

Secondary exposures do NOT have to quarantine. Even if your student has a primary exposure, the rest of the family can carry on with normal activities.

If anyone in the family chooses to get tested, whether symptomatic or not, the entire family should quarantine until results are back. If a family member tests positive, the entire family should quarantine 14 days.

Understanding all of this is a challenge, and as we continue to learn more about this virus, we have to adjust how we are handling it. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions.

Tonya Weaver, RN, MSN

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**Tech For Ed**

Jeffco Public Schools now provides families the ability to monitor and control their student’s Internet and app activity on district devices at home via the Securly Home app. This app offers parents the ability to both monitor and control students’ internet activity outside of the Jeffco Public Schools network.

Families can see their child’s online activity in the Activity Feed. You can create Rules for your child’s device while they are connected to your home WiFi, as well as block categories or specific sites. Flagged Activities will notify you of any potential alarming searches. You also have the ability to Pause Internet and set usage timers on your child’s device.

Once your student is back on Jeffco WiFi, the district filter will override the Home preferences. Reconnecting back at home, the SecurlyHome app setting will begin again.

**To get the app:**
1. Download the SecurlyHome app
2. Enter the email that is registered with Jeffco Connect and tap “Get Instant Access”
3. You will get a confirmation email. Click on the link and you are ready to begin!
4. Apply Rules and use the features as previously mentioned

During the month of November, many of our 5th, 6th, 9th, and 10th grade classrooms will engage in digital citizenship learning related to **Media Literacy**. Media Literacy addresses important concepts such as bias, opinion, author’s purpose, and critical thinking. It also includes asking specific questions and backing up your opinions with facts.

**Monthly Motto:** We are critical thinkers and creators.

**Discussion Question for School and Home:** How can I be a critical consumer and creator of news and media?

**Try these Family Activities:**
- Kindergarten [English](#)
- Grade 1 [English](#)
- Grade 2 [English](#)
- Grades 3-5 [English Spanish](#)
- Grades 6-8 [English Spanish](#)
- Grade 9-12 [English](#)

**Family Tips Sheet**
- Help Kids Spot Fake News and Decode Media Messages: Grades K-12 [English Spanish](#)

**Additional Family Engagement Resources**
- Common Sense Media [Resources](#)
- Jeffco’s Tech for Ed Website

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