Message from the Principal...

Dear Green Gables Families,

Happy Fall Y’all! One item I’d like to share this month is in regard to our School Performance Framework (SPF), which was recently released to the public. The SPF is a document that is released by the Colorado Department of Education each year and is used as part of the school accountability process. The SPF shows a district and school’s academic achievement and growth and provides a school rating based on that information. Our school rating based on last year’s data (2018-2019) was Performance Plan. This is the highest rating a school can achieve (see below).

1. **Performance Plan** - The school meets or exceeds statewide attainment on the performance indicators and is required to adopt and implement a Performance Plan.

2. **Improvement Plan** - The school is required to adopt and implement an Improvement Plan.

3. **Priority Improvement Plan** - The school is required to adopt and implement a Priority Improvement Plan.

4. **Turnaround Plan** - The school is required to adopt and implement a Turnaround Plan.

The SPF, along with other academic, growth, and demographic data is used to write our Unified Improvement Plan (UIP). Every public school in the state of Colorado is responsible for writing a UIP, which includes goals and action steps that align with the school’s most urgent needs. Our students made tremendous growth, and outperformed the district and state overall in reading and math growth! Here is an overview of our overall achievement and growth, according to the School Performance Framework, over the last four years.

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I contribute this to the hard work of our students, staff, families, and community members who all support the growth of our amazing students. I believe it takes an entire community working together and I am proud of our Green Gables Leprechauns! We will always have work to do within a cycle of continuous improvement and there is always room for improvement. If you would like to hear more about our next steps, please feel free to listen in at our October Accountability Meeting in the library on Tuesday October 8th from 4:00-5:25. We will be going over our school's UIP goals and action steps during this time. Our school's PTA meeting will immediately follow the School Accountability Meeting at 5:30.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. Happy October!

Warm Regards,

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Important Dates

October 1st—Individual Student Picture Day
October 2nd—October Count Day
October 2nd—Walk/Bike To School Day
October 4th—PJ’s and Pastries 7:45-8:10am
October 8th—Accountability Meeting 4:00-5:25pm
October 8th—PTA Meeting 5:30-6:30pm
October 9th—1st Grade Field Trip To Denver Zoo 9:00-1:45pm
October 10th—4th Grade Field Trip To Clifford Steal Museum 10:30-1:30pm
October 16th—Hearing and Vision Screenings
October 18th—3rd Grade Field Trip To Plains Conservation 9:15-2:00pm
October 22nd—Kindergarten Field Trip to Anderson Farms 9:00-1:40pm
October 23rd—Conferences 3:30-7:30pm
October 24th—Conferences 3:30-7:30pm
October 25th—NO School- Fall Break
October 28th—NO School-Fall Break/ Professional Learning Day
October 31st—Halloween Parade and Party 8:30-9:30am

*Running Club is on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:10-3:55pm
*No Running Club on Thursday, October 24th
PTA News

Our next PTA meeting is October 8, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the library. Join us for pizza as we learn more about what’s happening at Green Gables and in our community. Children are welcome.

Coming in October is our annual Read-a-thon fundraiser! From October 7 – 20 our Leprechauns will have a great time reading and raising funds towards new library books and improving the outdoor area around the school! Look for more info coming soon.

PTA on Facebook

Join PTAs everywhere!

It’s never too late to grab a membership form from the front office or go to https://www.memberplanet.com/cpta-green-gables-elementary and click “Pay PTA Dues Online”

Contact Us: greengablesptaco@gmail.com

Ongoing Fundraisers

Box Tops

Have you tried the new app? Easily scan your receipt and credit for qualified items is instantly added to our school tally!

Some items still have physical Box Tops, and each one is worth 10 cents. Clip Box Tops and return to school.

Amazon Smile

Amazon will donate .5% of your order to the PTA when you make a purchase through our Amazon Smile account https://smile.amazon.com/c/h/84-6111907

Milk Caps for Mooola

Longmont Dairy milk caps are worth $.5 each. Bring your Longmont Dairy milk caps to the collection box in the school’s front office.

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October 2nd is the Day!

The day to be sure your student attends school… It’s October Count Day! Attending school that day is the most important action you can take to support school funding. Public education funding from the State of Colorado is based on student count taken on this one official count day. So mark your calendars and be counted!

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@tsccolorado.com or (720) 878-4107.

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National Walk/Bike to School is on Wednesday, October 2nd. Please join us on the front lawn for our celebration at 8:00am.
Parent volunteers are needed for our yearly hearing and vision screening on October 16th 8:45-12:00pm. Please call or email Kristy at 303-982-8314 or Kristy.babish@jeffco.k12.co.us if you are able to help!

We will be having a Mobile Art Gallery at our school from October 22nd – November 5th.

Students are actively engaged in the Mobile Art Gallery from its installation, to handling the art and to dismantling the exhibition. Student docents are trained to give tours of the Gallery to the student body and school community. More information about tours coming soon.

Please join us the week of October 21st through October 24th for our Arctic Adventure book fair in the library.

Shop Online 10/13-10/26

Advertising in this newsletter does not imply endorsement by the school or district.
*Student School Fees Are Due*

School fees can be paid in our office with cash, check or credit/debit card. Fees can also be paid online with the following link using a debit/credit card:

https://jeffcoconnect.jeffco.k12.co.us/

Cold and Flu Season is coming up. Help keep our students healthy at school. Please keep your student home from school if they have the following symptoms:

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fever over 100 degrees (must be fever free without medications for 24 hours)
- Rash
- Strep throat (must have been on antibiotics for 12 hours prior to returning to school)

***All over the counter medications such as cough drops, ibuprofen and Tylenol will need a medication form filled out by your physician.***
Green Gables Halloween Costume Parade and Parties

You may wear your costumes to school and bring a change of clothes to change into after the festivities.

The Parade begins at approximately 8:30am with classroom parties to follow until 9:30am.

Costumes should be “G” rated to ensure appropriateness for setting and audience. Please remember that everyone will observe the parade, and we need to present ourselves appropriately for our youngest of viewers. Costumes must be safe and not encourage violence. Weapons (toy or real) are not allowed at school under any circumstances. If a toy weapon is part of your costume, please leave it at home.

Safety is always our primary concern. No masks will be allowed. Make-up is not advisable as your student will not be able to wash it off after the parties.

Parents and family are welcome to come and view our parade. Please leave pets at home for the safety of all students. Weather permitting; the parade will take place on the basketball court outside on the north side of the school. If weather does not permit an outdoor parade, it will take place in the gym. Should this happen, please stand along the walls of the hallways and you will be able to view students as they walk around.

Please park cars in the parking lot on Woodard. Crosswalks and driving lanes must be kept open for emergency vehicles. Also, do not park directly in front of the school. That lane is reserved for the Jeffco bus, Daycare buses and Hug and Go.

Per Jeffco’s Wellness Policy, half of food offered at celebrations should include health options. Ideas include fresh fruit, bagels and cream cheese, cheese and crackers, and other non-sugary items.
Culture and Climate

This year, our school is implementing monthly school wide circles. This gives our school an opportunity to connect in a unique way once per month. Our school will be focusing on one of our Habits of Character each month. The Habits of Character are: Responsibility, Collaborate, Initiative, Persevere, Empathy, Compassion, Integrity, and Respect. During school wide circles, each staff member will recognize one student for a Lucky Leaders Recognition. Lucky Leaders are students who have shown positive behavior for the character trait of the month. Students will participate in social/emotional learning in their classroom each month to continue learning about the Habits of Character. Ask your student about Lucky Leaders and the Habits of Character at home!

Join Our Birthday Book Club!

The cost is $15 and allows us to purchase new books for the library. Students will get to select which book they would like to donate for their birthdays and also receive a birthday goodie bag. Students will also have their picture both in the book and on our bulletin board. You can sign up by paying online by logging in to JeffcoConnect and selecting Jeffco Student Fee Payment. You can also pay Ms. Seltz in the main office.
Dear Families,

Today, we live in a world overflowing with digital media and technology. All of us -- adults and kids -- have constant access to real-time information from around the globe. But do the benefits of being ever-connected also come with risks to our mental health? It's an important question to ask -- especially for our kids.

During the month of October, classrooms will engage in digital citizenship learning related to Media Balance and Well Being. Our lessons focus on agency, not addiction, and quality time, not screen time. This means encouraging students to reflect on their own media diets and to develop individual plans for healthy media balance that consider both how media contributes productively and unproductively to their lives and relationships, and to grow the former and reduce the latter.

**Monthly Motto:** We find balance in our digital lives.

**Discussion Question for School and Home:** How do we find a happy balance between our online and offline activities.

**Media Balance and Well-Being Family Activities:**

- **Kindergarten**
- **Grade 1**
- **Grade 2**
- **Grades 3-5**

**Family Tips Sheet**

- **Grades K-12**

**Additional Family Engagement Resources**

Common Sense Media also provides Family Media Agreement and Device Contracts which highlight a healthy media diet:

1. What kids do.
2. How much time they spend doing it.
   Age appropriate content choices.

[Printable Family Media Agreement from Common Sense Media](#)