Message from the Principal...

Dear Green Gables Families,

Happy Fall! I want to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude for supporting with all of the changes at the beginning of the school year. Thank you for reaching out with questions and concerns, as well as celebrations. It helps to hear what is going well and what we can work to improve and/or communicate better. We care about our Green Gables community and are here to help our students not only make academic and social learning progress, but to help them engage in a new way of learning.

It’s been a busy time and teachers have been gathering information about where students are in regard to their academic and social needs. They have also been building classroom communities and learning more about their students as unique individuals and a collective crew who can support one another.

Family-School Conferences are coming up this month and it is an important time to check in with your child’s teacher. It is also a valuable way for teachers to learn more about students from their families. For some of our students, home is at school right now and families are playing a new role. The conference can help you and your child’s teacher work together to develop a shared understanding around where the student is showing strengths and what next steps may be needed to support with progress. I encourage you to sign up for a time to touch base. Conferences will take place virtually and you can find the sign up genius on the school website, school messenger, or by emailing your child’s teacher.

I look forward to a great October!

With Gratitude,

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**WORKING REMOTELY**

Children learning from home while teachers instruct from school is a new concept for everyone, and it’s essential to a child’s success that parents and teachers work collaboratively to help them during these brand new times. It’s also important to remember that elementary-aged children have not yet developed all of the executive functioning skills needed to manage the tasks that teachers would typically assist with at school in-person. We will all be working on these skills throughout the school year to help children with organizational strategies, work habits, and managing school during these unprecedented times. We continue to learn and grow together, and we wanted to share a few tips that families might find helpful.

- Dedicate a space for your child to work when they are home. Open spaces in view of adults are ideal when possible so that a glance or reminder can be provided if and when necessary.
- Set out supplies like notebooks, pencils, computers, etc. in the sequence of the child’s day so that he/she knows what’s needed as the day progresses. For example, if math is the first subject of the day, put the math materials first.
- We would prefer that cameras remain on during instruction unless the teacher directs the child to turn it off or ask permission. This allows the teacher to monitor from school and engage with the child as needed.
- If you are home with multiple children/adults working remotely, it’s OK for the child to use headphones to login to the classroom. This may be helpful to help them stay focused.
- And, remember, anything new takes time. Be patient while encouraging. Don’t worry if your child doesn’t get something right away. This is actually a natural part of the learning process and they will continue to practice new skills over and over.
- Finally, please reach out to your child’s teacher so they know what might be challenging so we can work together to problem solve.
October 1st – October Count Day - ATTENDANCE MATTERS!!
October 6th — Individual Student Picture Day
October 7th – Walk/Bike To School Day
October 8th – Online Book Fair Opens
October 13th & 14th – Parent Teacher Conferences via Zoom 3:30-7:30pm
October 15th – NO SCHOOL – Staff Professional Learning Day
October 16th – NO SCHOOL – FALL BREAK
October 19th – Read-A-Thon Begins
October 19th – School Accountability Meeting via Zoom 4:30-5:30pm
October 19th – PTA Meeting via Zoom 6:00-7:00pm
October 20th—PTA Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser 5:00-8:00pm
(Belmar location, drive through only!)
October 21st – Online Book Fair Ends
October 22nd – School Circle via Zoom 8:30 - 9:00 AM

Earn cash for your school! Save Longmont Dairy Milk Caps.
Longmont Dairy Farm will donate 5¢ per LDF produced product bottle cap. Schools are free to spend these funds as they wish to benefit students.

To sign up, go to LongmontDairy.com/savecaps or click here.
Become a member of PTA—here is the link to join.

Mark Your Calendars

October 19: 6 p.m.
October PTA meeting via Zoom (watch for Zoom link in Weekly Messengers). (Note—we had to change the date for October since conferences are on the original date. All other PTA meetings will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.)

October 20, 5-8 pm:
Chick-fil-A Spirit Night Drive-Through Fundraiser at the Belmar Chick-fil-A. Mention Green Gables to your order-taker in the drive-through. (Mobile app or curbside pickup orders CANNOT count for this fundraiser, so please be sure to go to the drive-through).

November 11: Noodles and Company Take-Out Fundraiser (Details coming soon.)

December 2: Chipotle Night Take-Out Fundraiser (Please note the date change--earlier notice said December 3. Details coming soon.)

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Coming Soon
*Supporting and Engaging Families through presentations at our monthly PTA meetings. Complete a survey to tell us which topics you’re most interested in hearing about.

*Our Annual School-Wide Fall Read-a-Thon will be October 19th-November 1st. Students can earn some fun prizes for reading lots of minutes and raising funds for Green Gables. Funds raised through the Read-a-Thon this year will provide curriculum support for each teacher, and technology support for the school. Watch for more information coming soon.

King Soopers Rewards
Designate Green Gables to receive a percentage of your purchases by linking your King Soopers card; click here.

Westerra Credit Union
Open a savings account for each member of your family and Westerra will donate $52.80 per account to our school. Learn more, click here.

Box Tops for Education
Clip and send your boxtops with your student to the school office, or scan receipts on the BoxTops for Education app.

Amazon Smile
Amazon will donate .5% of your Amazon purchases when you select Green Gables as your charity to support, click here.

Longmont Dairy Milk Caps for Mooola
Send your Longmont Dairy milk caps inside sealed ziplock bags to the front office. Longmont Dairy donates $.05 per milk cap!
October 1st 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! If your student must be absent from either in person or remote learning please call the attendance line at 303-982-8309 to report the absence.
Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held virtually this year on Tuesday, October 13th and Wednesday, October 14th from 3:30-7:30pm. We will be using SignUpGenius for families to pick a time. Look for the link in the Sunday Messenger.

National Walk/Bike to School is on Wednesday, October 7th. Please join us by walking or biking to school on that day. Look for more information coming soon.

Our Fall Book Fair Will Be Online Only This Year 10/8 – 10/21 Check Our Website For The Link To Shop! All Orders Over $25 Will Ship Directly To Your Home For Free! Green Gables Earns 25% In Scholastic Dollars On All Purchases!
News from the Health Room

Cold & Flu Season Is Here!

Help keep our students healthy and safe at school. Please keep your student home from school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- Sore Throat
- Cough
- Runny Nose
- Loss of Smell or Taste
- Shortness of Breath
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fever over 100 degrees (must be fever free without medications for 24 hours)
- Rash

***All over the counter medications such as cough drops, Ibuprofen and Tylenol will need a medication form filled out by your physician.

Have You Completed Your Free & Reduced Meals Application?

It's More than Just Meals!

We would like to be sure ALL Jeffco families are aware of our free and reduced meals program, the advantages it offers for families who qualify, and how it can affect school funding. If your family is experiencing hardship, this program can provide support for more than just meals. Approval for free and reduced meals may also entitle you to additional supports from the district, including reduced or waived school fees and some activity fees. Your school needs every family who may qualify for free and reduced meals to apply because your school also receives additional resources and funding based on their number of qualified families. Funding for things like family liaisons, mental health support, nursing and medical staff, language resources, and grants for programming and other services are affected by free and reduced meals qualification.

Your application is vital so we can continue to provide free and reduced meals and other services to all qualified families. To learn more, visit our Free and Reduced Meals webpage for details and how to apply. It’s important to start this process now so that your child’s support can start right away. If you have questions about this program, contact Tammy Lundy at 303.982.2396 or Tammy.Lundy@jeffco.k12.co.us.

APPLY TODAY AND ENSURE THAT YOUR SCHOOL FEES ARE WAIVED!

Questions? Call Jennifer Seltz at 303-982-8314
CULTURE AND CLIMATE:

This year, our school is continuing monthly school wide circles virtually. This gives our school an opportunity to connect virtual and in person learners 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. These skills promote positive social emotional learning at school and at home. During school wide circles, each staff member will recognize one student for a Lucky Leader 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! Also, be sure to read the weekly culture and climate focus in the Sunday Messenger. The October focus is RESPECT. This means that students treat themselves, others, and the environment with care.

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,

Did you know that October is National Bullying Prevention Month? Both the overall increased use of social media platforms in our culture and our students' use of the TechForEd 1:1 devices have given us a new perspective on this topic.

During the month of October, many of our fifth and ninth grade classrooms will engage in digital citizenship learning related to **Cyberbullying, Digital Drama & Hate Speech**. Unfortunately, many students will encounter mean behavior at some point in their digital lives. Some of these experiences are easily forgotten, while others can have deep, long-lasting effects. For families, the key is staying involved in your children's lives -- both in the physical and online worlds -- so you can step in and offer help if necessary. This month, you can help your child(ren) learn how to avoid the drama and stand up for others by using these resources:

**Monthly Motto: We are kind & courageous.**

**Discussion Question for School and Home:** How can I connect positively, treat others respectfully, and create a culture of kindness?

**Cyberbullying, Digital Drama & Hate Speech 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**
- Grades K-12  [English](#) [Spanish](#)

**Additional Family Engagement Resources**
Common Sense Media [Resources](#)

[Jeffco’s Tech for Ed Website](#)