

# GREENFIELD HOME AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2009

### JUNE CALENDAR ITEMS

Monday, June 1 – Kindergarten Orientation 9:15-11:45

Tuesday, June 2- Drama Club Performance – Auditorium 6:30pm see below for more details

Thursday, June 4 – Field Trip to Washington, DC Grades 7 & 8

Friday, June 5- Student of the Month Breakfast 7:45am Cafeteria for April/May/June

Wednesday, June 10 – Volunteer Breakfast 8am-9am Library

Thursday, June 11 – Middle School Orientation see below for more details

Thursday, June 11 – Greening Greenfield Groundbreaking 5:30 Play Yard see below for more details

Friday, June 12 - Monthly Home & School Board Meeting 7:45am -9am Library All Invited!

Friday, June 12 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner Dance – see below for more details

Thursday, June 18, Retirement Party – 3pm-4pm- Library see next page for more details

Friday, June 19 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Day – 9am Auditorium Note Change of Date!

Tuesday, June 23 –Last day of school; noon dismissal; report cards issued!

### June 2 - Drama Club Year-End Performance

Please join us in the Auditorium on Tuesday June 2nd at 6:30pm for 2 performances by our very own Greenfield Drama club. ASAP/After School Activities Partnerships has sponsored classes this Fall for grades 1-3 & 4-6, both classes will be performing. Admission is free and we encourage you to bring your family and friends. There will be two performances: "Ms. Nelson Has A Field Day", performed by the 1-3rd grade class, and "The Stinky Cheese Man" performed by the 4th - 6th grade class. We hope to see you there!

### June 11 - Middle School Orientation

All fourth grade parents are welcome to attend a Middle School Orientation on Thursday, June 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the Library. The 5th Grade teachers will make presentations about life in 5th grade along with Dr. Angiolillo, middle school students and Greenfield Middle School parents. The Orientation will end with a tour of the third floor.

### June 12 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner Dance!!!

Don't forget to purchase your ticket to 8th Grade Dinner Dance at the Philadelphia Ethical building on Friday, June 12, 2009. We need additional parent/guardian chaperones. Please contact Nana Goldberg at [g17nana@aol.com](mailto:g17nana@aol.com)

### Second grade class participates in Worldwide Dream Flag Project

This past April Mrs. Summer's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class participated in the Dream Flag Project Celebration at the Philadelphia Kimmel Center of Performing Arts. This project combines the poetry of Langston Hughes and the tradition of Buddhist prayer flags to create a forum for children to write poems that are placed on flags and strung together to encourage children to dream about the future. Each of the students in Mrs. Summer's second grade class wrote an acrostic poem describing their dream for the world. The students wrote and illustrated their poems on cotton panels which were strung together with more than 2000 other dream flags from 18 regional schools, other cities around the country. Children from over 90 countries worldwide participated this year! Children were invited to make Dream Flag buttons and decorate Dream Flag tee shirts with their poems in the lobby of the Kimmel Center. The strings of dream flags were connected and displayed all around the Kimmel Center before they were taken down to be displayed in public places throughout the city. Along with approximately 50 other students from around the region, two of Mrs. Summer's students, Meeghan Kersten and Grant Krain, read their poems on a special stage. To learn more about the Dream Flag Project and see more of this year's festivities go to [www.dreamflags.org](http://www.dreamflags.org).

### CAREER DAY A WONDERFUL SUCCESS!

Thanks to Marge Londergan, Lisa Hoffman, Yvette Nunez, and Gretchen Cowell and over 30 parents who volunteered their time, the 2009 Career Day was a great success. Every student enjoyed hearing from several parents. Many teachers incorporated career lesson plans into their curriculum.

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**MANY THANKS TO OUR DEDICATED STAFF FOR MAKING GREENFIELD  
A GREAT PLACE TO WORK, LEARN AND PLAY!  
BEST WISHES ON A RELAXING, FUN RETIREMENT! YOU WILL BE MISSED!**

The Greenfield Family wishes the following members a very happy retirement, and thanks them for all their hard work, dedication and devotion to Greenfield's students over the years. Our best wishes go out to Ms. Juanita Gransby, Ms. Janice Wurzell, Ms. Roseanne Lemansky, Ms. Jesse Knox, Mrs. Paula Jones and Dr. Angiolillo. Please stop by the Amsterdam Library on June 18 from 3-4 to say good-bye and wish them well!

### **Secret Garden in Full Bloom & See the New Mosaics!**

Moore College of Art students and 4th, 5th and 6th grade Greenfield Students collaborated this Spring to brighten up our Secret Garden with wonderful mosaics on the 23rd Street wall. The Moore and Greenfield students worked together in the afterschool art program for 8 weeks with Lynn Denton, Moore Teacher. In addition, students visited the Secret Garden during recess to see the beautiful flowers and blueberry and raspberry bushes in bloom! The Garden needs volunteers to help water the plants during the summer months; please contact Tom McKeon at [dtmckeon@verizon.net](mailto:dtmckeon@verizon.net) to help out!

### **PARENT SURVEY – HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR RESPONSES YET? PLEASE DO!**

Visit [www.greenfieldhsa.org](http://www.greenfieldhsa.org) to take this very brief survey. Your input is important to help make Greenfield Home and School make an impact on your student's learning experience. The survey takes less than three minutes of your time. We welcome your ideas and input; thank you!

### **GREENING GREENFIELD UPDATES**

The Groundbreaking Ceremony for Greening Greenfield will take place on **Thursday, June 11, at 5:30**, followed by a family picnic. Bring a blanket to sit on and picnic dinner to enjoy in the school yard after the official ceremony. This will be our good-bye party for the old school yard. Next fall when students return there will be a new landscaped rain garden edge inside the school yard along the Sansom Street wall west of the drive way. Construction will start on June 25<sup>th</sup>. We will have a school community planting project next fall lead by our parent Tree Tenders Fred Kaulbach, Marian Kornilowicz, and Patricia Scapellati. Twenty six new trees will be planted. The new shrubs and perennials will be planted soon after the trees. Thank you to everyone who has supported this project through the Silent Auction and the Tee-shirt sales.

Ms. McCarty's class won the tee-shirt sales competition selling 66 shirts, followed by Ms. Crockett's class in second. Congratulations!

### **LOST AND FOUND ITEMS**

During a busy school day, kids easily misplace personal possessions such as jackets, hats, or lunchboxes. If your child has lost anything like that this year, you might find it in the Greenfield Lost and Found, which is on a rack in the basement, down the hall from the cafeteria (by the boys' bathroom). There are coats, hats, hoodies, shirts, and sweaters in many sizes. Please take or look or have your child do so. Items that are not claimed by June 19 will be donated to a local thrift shop, but we'd love to reunite these things with their owners! If you have any questions, please e-mail Jennifer Lane at [burlane2051@comcast.net](mailto:burlane2051@comcast.net).