Welcome Back GWL Families!

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! I look forward to participating with you in another exciting year filled with fun educational experiences, social interactions and community events.

We will be continuing with great programs that our students enjoy and have excelled with including, but not limited to, Readers & Writers Workshop: Grades K-8, Singapore GoMath: Grades K-8, Vocabulary & Grammar Workshop: Grades 1-8, Fundations: Grades K-3, Science 21: Grades K-6, IXL Math: Grades K-8, Project Lead the Way: Grades K-8, Wilson Reading Recovery: Grades K-8 Spanish: Grades K-8, IPads: Grades K-2 (1:1) Student Chromebook Initiative: Grades 2-8 (1:1) and, Cursive Handwriting.

In addition, this year, the Board of Education made it a priority to find a way to fund all shared student supplies, two academic field trips per grade, classroom and infrastructure technology upgrades, school lunch program enhancements and Kick Off to Kindergarten and Pre-K Bridging to Kindergarten Programs. These K Programs are designed to introduce our youngest students to our district.

Lastly, and equally important to the success of our students, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Sarah Hadden as our Superintendent of Schools. Ms. Hadden began working for our District in 2012. She was hired as a Curriculum Specialist, however, over the past six years, Ms. Hadden has proven herself to be an effective communicator, a supporter of teachers, and an advocate for all our students. I look forward to Ms. Hadden being a part of this outstanding District for many years to come.

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Do We Have Your Numbers?

Have you returned your emergency contact forms? It is important the district has the most up-to-date contact information for all families. If you have not returned your forms, please do so today! And, don’t forget to update the school district if you have new contact information during the school year.

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It is important to follow this step-by-step guide in order to effectively and efficiently solve problems, answer questions, and/or make suggestions. The Board of Education Policy Manual and District Administrative Guideline Handbook calls for an orderly and systematic process to address issues following the chain of command. Please follow the chain of command for each type of issue as listed below:

Medical Issues (K-8)
Step 1 – Contact the School Nurse
Step 2 – Contact the Principal
Step 3 – Contact the Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Step 4 – Contact the Superintendent of Schools

School Issues (K-8)
Step 1 – Contact the Teacher
Step 2 – Contact the Guidance Counselor (4-8)
Step 3 – Contact the Principal
Step 4 – Contact the Superintendent of Schools

Transportation Issues (General Level)
Step 1 – Contact the Transportation Supervisor
Step 2 – Contact the Assistant Superintendent for Business
Step 3 – Contact the Superintendent of Schools

Transportation Issues (Student Issues)
Step 1 – Contact the Bus Driver
Step 2 – Contact the Transportation Supervisor
Step 3 – Contact the Principal
Step 4 – Contact the Superintendent of Schools

Issues for Students with Disabilities/Special Needs
Step 1 – Contact the Teacher
Step 2 – Contact the Psychologist
Step 3 – Contact the Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Step 4 – Contact the Superintendent of Schools

Curriculum and/or Instructional Issues
Step 1 – Contact the Teacher
Step 2 – Contact the Guidance Counselor (4-8)
Step 3 – Contact the Principal
Step 4 – Contact the Director of Curriculum and Technology
Step 5 – Contact the Superintendent of Schools

Budget Concerns
Step 1 – Contact the Assistant Superintendent for Business
Step 2 – Contact the Superintendent of Schools

Athletics/Interscholastic Sport Concerns
Step 1 – Contact the Coach
Step 2 – Contact the Athletic Director
Step 3 – Contact the Principal
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An appeal may be made to the Board of Education if a successful resolution of the issue has not occurred after following the appropriate Chain of Command (as listed). Please note that the Public Participation Period portion of the Board of Education meetings is limited to items listed on the Board of Education Meeting Agenda. Also, the Board of Education and Administration are not able to discuss personnel matters during the public portion of the Board Meeting.
FOOD SERVICES

The National School Lunch Program is a federally assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions. It provides nutritionally balanced, low cost or free lunches to children each school day. The program was established under the National School Lunch Act, signed by President Harry Truman in 1946. Applications must be made annually, usually at the beginning of each school year. However, you may apply for school meals at any time throughout the school year by submitting a household application directly to your school. An application is included in this calendar. If you are earning at or below current Income Eligibility Guidelines, we encourage you to contact your school to fill out a school meal application. The school or local education agency will process your application and issue an eligibility determination. Please contact your child’s principal or the Food Services Director if you have questions.

Alan Muhlnickel,
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Rosemarie Colban
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**Special Education - General Objectives**

- That every student who is the legal responsibility of Greenwood Lake Union Free School District will receive a free and appropriate education.
- Students are eligible to receive educational services until the completion of the school year of their 21st birthday or until the attainment of a local/regents diploma, whichever occurs earlier.
- That every disabled student will be educated in his/her least restrictive environment, and have access to the full range of programs and services available to their non-disabled peers.
- That every disabled student has the right to participate in extra-curricular activities to the extent appropriate to their individual physical abilities.
- That the determination of the Committee on Special Education/Committee on Preschool Special Education be consistent with the continuum of the services outlined in the Commissioner’s Regulations and be based on such items as: chronological age; learning rate; academic functioning; social/emotional development; physical development; and management needs.
- That every disabled student’s Individual Education Plan (IEP) be reviewed annually.
- That the school will involve students, their parents and staff from both general and special education in the education

**Health Services and Immunizations**

All children entering the Greenwood Lake Union Free School District and/or starting kindergarten, first, third, and seventh grades are required to submit written proof of medical examinations within 30 days of enrollment. Parents may have their children examined by a family physician or have physicals completed in school. State Education Law also mandates that all children entering and attending school must be properly immunized against polio, diphtheria, measles, rubella and mumps. School nurses implement the health service program through counseling, administering first aid, conducting annual screening for hearing, vision and scoliosis, assisting with physical exams and maintaining student health records.

**Response to Intervention (RtI)**

Response to Intervention is the practice of providing high-quality instruction/intervention. This instruction begins in schools’/districts’ general education classrooms and may be provided by a variety of school personnel. Students’ progress is closely monitored to assess their learning rate and performance level (meeting or not meeting established learning goals). For students whose learning rates are below their peers, additional services/supports are provided. These supports are provided in order to increase student learning with the goal of decreasing learning gaps between struggling students and their peers.
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- **No School for Students**
- **7:00 pm PTSA Meeting @ ES**
- **End of 1st 5-Week Progress Period**
- **Yom Kippur**
- **No School for Students**
- **Columbus Day**
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- **7 pm BOE Business Meeting @ ES**
- **ASHOKAN TRIP – GRADES 5 & 6**
- **RED RIBBON WEEK**
- **HARVEST WEEK**
- **GREENWOOD LAKE PINK OUT DAY**
- **2:45 pm Halloween Parade K - 3 @ ES**
- **2:30 - Gr. 4/5 @ MS**
- **6:30 - Gr. 6-8 @ MS**

School Directories are located on the inside back cover.
8th Graders - High School Choice!

Chester Academy High School
64 Hambletonian Avenue, Chester, NY 10918 • (845) 469–2231

Warwick Valley High School
89 Sanfordville Road, Warwick, NY 10990 • (845) 987–3050

The transition to high school is a very exciting time for our 8th grade families. In GWL, our students have the opportunity to attend Chester Academy or Warwick High School. Over the course of the fall semester, 8th grade students will participate in assemblies, informational nights and day visitations to each District to help facilitate the selection process. Students will be invited to events to experience the social culture in each respective high school. In December, students will select their high school of choice with their parents and schedules for 9th grade will be developed with counselors in the spring.
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**WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

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**ES Winter Concert @ ES**

- 12:30 pm  Gr. K-1
- 1:45 pm  Gr. 2-3

**MS Winter Concerts @ MS**

- 5:30 pm  Gr. 4 & 5
- 7:00 pm  Gr. 6-8

End of 2nd 5-Week Progress Period

**7:00 pm  BOE Business Meeting @ MS**

**7:00 pm  PTSA Meeting @ ES**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

“District Closed”

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

“District Closed”

**ES Winter Concert @ ES**

- 5:30 pm  Gr. K-1
- 7:00 pm  PTSA Meeting @ ES

**WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

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New Year’s Day
District Closed
WINTER RECESS – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

January 2020

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**February 2020**

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- **February 2020**
- **ES SWEETHEART DANCE, K-3**
  - 6:30 - 8:00 PM @ MS
- **End of 2nd Marking Period**

**JANUARY**

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- **District Closed**
- **7:00 pm BOC Meeting @ MS**
- **11:30 am Dismissal @ MS**
- **12:30 am Dismissal @ ES**

**MARCH**

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- **Early Release**
  - Parent/Teacher Conferences
  - Half-Day for Students
- **GWL Community Basketball Game**
  - 6:00 pm @ MS
Project Lead The Way

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) is a project and problem-based STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) curriculum. Mr. Vinelli and Mr. Pignataro attended rigorous professional development sessions at the Rochester Institute of Technology in order to bring our students this engaging, hands-on curriculum.

PLTW Launch program is designed for kindergarten through fifth grade students and teaches them to become problem solvers. They will learn to apply STEM knowledge, skills, and habits to discover that trying different approaches and solutions is an essential part of the learning process.

The Launch program modules include topics such as:
- Pushes and Pulls
- Observing the Sun, Moon, and Stars
- Form and Function (seed dispersal and pollination)
- Science of Flight
- Collisions
- Robotics Challenge

We have added drones to our repertoire of STEM learning and technology. Students will use the various types of drones (rolling and flying) and learn their different abilities. Students will move from rolling drones to hovering and flying drones. All are capable of taking video and pictures. Students will move from physically controlling the drones to automating the drones using computer coding.

Not only have drones been added to the program, an additional 3D printer has been purchased to further enhance 3D print making!

Our 6th-8th grade Middle School Students will be engaged in creative problem solving related to real-world challenges, such as cleaning up oil spills and designing sustainable housing solutions. During the Design and Modeling Modules, students will create virtual images of their designs and then produce portfolios to showcase their innovative solutions. Students will also participate in a unit called Automation & Robotics, where, after learning about the history of automation and robotics, students will use the VEX Robotics software to design, build, and program realworld objects (such as traffic lights, toll booths, and robotic arms).

Students in 3rd grade will have the opportunity to print objects using a 3D printer. Students in grades 4-8 will have the opportunity to use the design process to create projects using a laser engraver and a C&C machine.
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**March 2020**

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**Superintendent’s Conference Day**

No School for Students

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 9:00-11:00 AM & 2:00-3:00 PM @ DISTRICT OFFICE, MS**

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7:00 pm  BOE Business Meeting @ ES

End of 3rd 5-Week Progress Period

7:00 pm  PTSA Meeting @ ES

**ELA STATE ASSESSMENTS GR. 3-8**

7:00 pm  NJHS Induction Ceremony

6:30 pm @ MS

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A community that works, learns and succeeds together.

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May 2020

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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NYSELAT Reading, Writing, Listening Window Opens

8TH GRADE WASHINGTON DC TRIP

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING AT ES

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7:00 pm BOE Business Meeting @ ES

ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE & ELECTION 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM, ES GYM

ES OPEN HOUSE K-3 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

7TH & 8TH GRADE SEMI FORMAL

District Closed

End of 4th 5-Week Progress Period

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July 2020

Independence Day
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At Greenwood Lake Elementary School, students learn in a challenging, safe, and nurturing environment. Our children are part of a respectful and caring community of learners and we pride ourselves on our strong partnership with our families and the extended community. Our students receive a well-rounded educational program that includes core instruction in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies and a weekly rotation of instruction in Art, Music, Spanish, Physical Education, Project Lead the Way (STEAM), and Library/Research skills.

Ms. Dianne Connolly, Elementary School Principal
The Greenwood Lake Middle School is a warm and nurturing community where students are challenged academically on a daily basis. Depending on their grade-level, students at the middle school have a wide array of choice of activities in which they want to participate, such as clubs, sports, and elective classes. A hallmark of our community is that staff members take the time to support the whole child socially/emotionally and academically.

Mr. Jeffrey Golubchick, Middle School Principal

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