



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- May 1, 2015



Dear Parents,

Next week (May 4-May10) is National Screen-Free Week (formerly known as “TV-Turnoff Week”), an annual event when children and families are encouraged to unplug from digital entertainment and spend time playing, reading, creating, exploring, and connecting with each other.

While technology is a powerful and important tool, we need to be mindful of the need for balance in children’s lives. As a school community, we appreciate the benefits of technology. In fact, we support the position statement of *The National Association for the Education of Young Children*, which concludes that “when used properly and sparingly by trained adults so as not to replace activities such as creative play, real-life exploration, physical activity, outdoor experiences, conversation, and social interactions,” technology can enhance children’s learning and development.

The most important thing is for parents to be aware of how much time their children spend using tablets, e-books, TV, apps, digital games, and videos. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends limiting screen time for young children to no more than one to two hours a day. (None for children under 2)

I hope you’ll consider taking the “screen-free” challenge in some form next week. You might decide as a family to be screen-free for a few days, or limit screens to 30 minutes a day. Don’t worry that your children may be bored if they have nothing to do. Having “nothing” to do is actually good for children! They need time to doodle on the driveway with sidewalk chalk, build a tent with sheets in the living room, make mud pies, or create a kingdom with cardboard boxes. Give your children the gift of time...to explore, play, and even daydream.

Enjoy the beautiful weekend!

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein

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Super Character Day!

I received a persuasive letter from Edgar and Connor from Mrs. Gonzalez-Condell's class, asking that we have a Super Hero Day when students could wear tee shirts depicting their favorite Super Heroes. We decided that since some people may not be "into" super heroes, we'd expand the idea to include favorite characters from books or movies. **Super Character Day is scheduled for Friday, May 15th!**

Notes from the GPFA

The Goosehill Yearbook has been submitted for print! Order forms were placed in your child's backpack on Thursday. You will also receive an email from your class parent this weekend with the order form attached. The yearbook is \$30 and **payment is due on Monday, May 4th**. (We greatly appreciate timely payments, as late payments create extra work for your teacher and the office staff). Checks can be made out to the GPFA. If you have any questions contact Mel Saladino, mel.saladino@yahoo.com

Calling all volunteers! The GPFA is organizing a plant sale to take place May 9th from 10-4 at Goosehill Primary School. Please contact Kaitlin Eisenegger (kcarrollx3@gmail.com) or Maureen Chapey (mnbritt30@aol.com) if you'd like to help out!

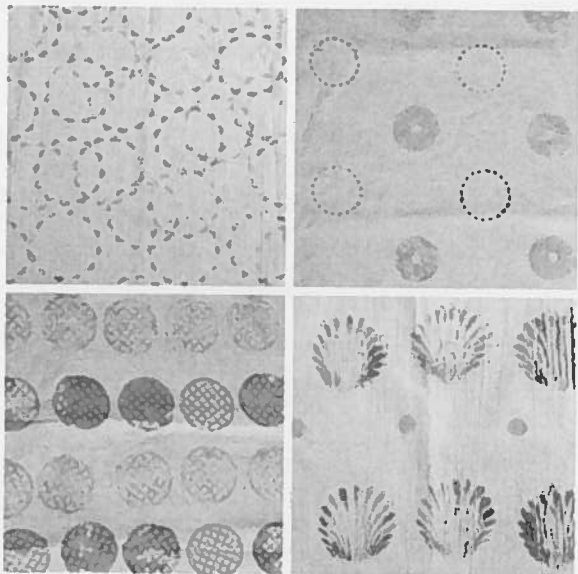
We are in need of volunteers to represent Goosehill as Central Parents Council (CPC) and FOCUS members. Please contact Kaitlin Eisenegger to volunteer.

The GPFA raised nearly \$1,000 from this year's Work of Art Fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts. We hope you are enjoying your original works of art! Special thanks to our committee chair, Maryann Lombardo, and volunteers: Erin Amadori, Geraldine Ficara, Melissa Leopard, Jill Seiman-Mayer, and Tami Wood.

Thank you to all parent volunteers who made the Goosehill Dance a success. Gabrielle Garra, Melissa Leopard, Susan Madigan, Karen Hinphy, Kim Testa, Erin Talamas, Erin Tara Kaufman, Nicole Prizzi, Lisa Olson.

Did you hear the news? Seahawks Sports Camps created a special mini-camp for all Goosehill School students based on parents' requests. There is still time to sign up! Don't miss out! For more information, go to: <http://www.seahawkssportscamps.com>

MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS



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PRINTED TEA TOWELS

Monday, May 4 & Tuesday May 5

4:30 p.m.

For children in grades K-6

Create your own stamps and make a special gift for someone you love!

Registration required.

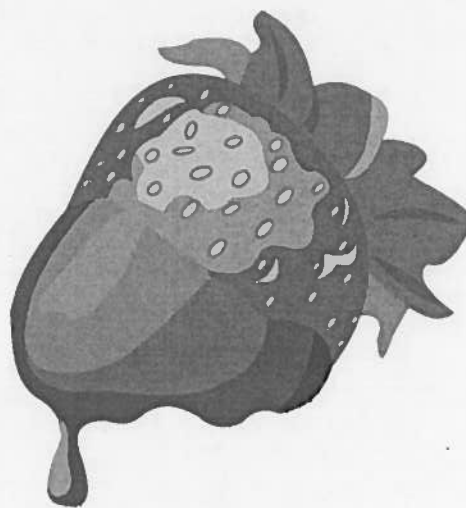
MOTHER'S DAY CHOCOLATE

Friday, May 8, 3:30 p.m.

For children of all ages

Dip treats in chocolate for a sweet Mother's Day gift.

Registration required.



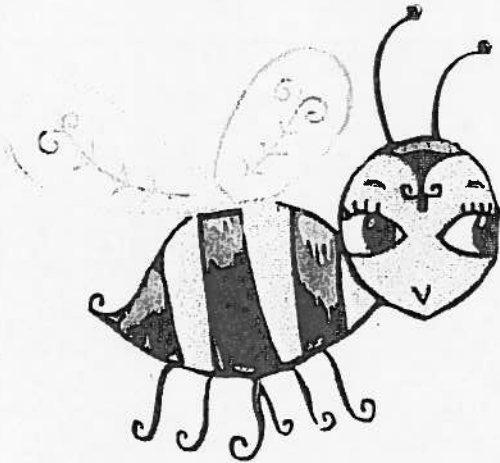
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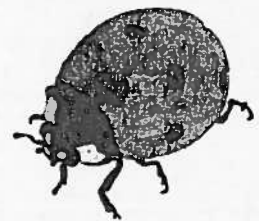
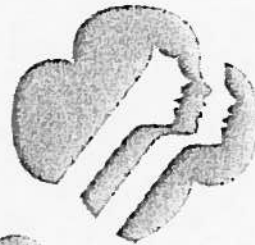
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