

Many thanks and much appreciation to...

All the first grade families for their food donations to the Abundant Food Pantry. All the food was dropped off before Thanksgiving and very much appreciated!

Grade 6 students for their wonderful and much appreciated Thanksgiving cards ~ please see the attached letter from Georgetown Council on Aging Director, Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello:

I just want to thank you and the sixth graders for the very special Thanksgiving Day cards. I sent cards home to each of our Meals and Wheels consumers. The cards will absolutely brighten the days for those folks at home! Other cards have gone home with our yoga, lunch and drop-in participants today. People have enjoyed reading through the cards, commenting on the colorful and creative drawings as well as the very thoughtful inscriptions. Lots of smiles generated! Some of my favorite cards included a turkey named "Earl", a card with the inscription "Keep Calm and Eat Turkey", a fabulous drawing of a turkey with a sign over his head noting "Don't Eat Me!" and very sweet messages such as "I hope you have a fun and cheerful Thanksgiving" and "We hope you have a special day with those around."

The cards represent a thoughtful outreach from one age group to another. The colorful messages were well planned and truly sincere in their wish for elders to enjoy Thanksgiving.

I have to share one card that included an acrostic poem:

*Turkey
Holiday
Apple pie
Never hungry
Kindness
Stuffing
Gravy
Ice cream
Violin playing
Iced water
Nice food
Great Thanksgiving*

Doesn't that just say it all?

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Colleen

Monday, 12/3	Hanukkah Begins
Tuesday, 12/4	"December, First snow! The flakes, So few, so light, Remake the world In solid white..." ~ John Updike

Wednesday 12/5	“No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care.” ~ Theodore Roosevelt
Thursday, 12/6	“... December 7th, 1941-- a date which will live in infamy...” ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt
Friday, 12/7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Grades 4,5, and 6 Band Students to the High School Concert

Please check Lost and Found! There is a mound of lost items which will all be donated when we leave for our break on December 21.

Second Step: For the month of December, we will focus on *Empathy*, the “E” from our CARES motto. Getting along with others helps to make Penn Brook a happier place. To get along with others, we need to have empathy. Empathy is feeling or understanding what someone else is feeling. In our morning announcements and Community Gathering we will be reminding students of what *empathy* means at the Penn Brook School.

Second Step lessons teach skills for learning. You’ll be receiving Home Links describing why these skills are important and including fun activities to do with your child to practice them. We hope you enjoy them! Please tell your child’s teacher if you’d like more suggestions about supporting skills for learning at home

Please see the attached information on:

**Letter Regarding Head Lice
Gift Card Fundraiser Order Form**

**Please visit the Parent Backpack:
<http://www.gssapp.org/GeorgetownPublicSchools/pennbrook/parent-backpack/>
for past attachments.**

Announcements

Grade 6 Conferences:

Dear 6th Grade Parents,

Please use the link below if you would like to sign up for a Grade 6 Parent Teacher Conferences on Wednesday December 12th. As each of the 6th grade teachers have 96 students and only 24 time slots, we ask you adhere to the following suggestion: If your child is doing well or you have no major concerns about their academic performance in that specific subject, please consider

leaving that time slot open for another family. If at any point you have a question or concern, you could instead simply email that specific teacher. You will be able to sign up between December 2nd and December 11th. After you sign up, you may cancel or change an appointment until December 11th. You will be reminded two days prior through the email you provide.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FABA629A7F49-6thgrade3>

Sincerely,
6th Grade Teachers

Hat and Mitten Donations: Perley and Penn Brook will continue the tradition of collecting hats and mittens to benefit the children of the Emmaus House in Haverhill. There is a small tree in the Penn Brook lobby on which to hang your donation.

SENIOR CELEBRATION GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

The Senior Celebration Committee is going on now! Buy gift cards for your holiday gifts, holiday shopping, teacher gifts, and routine expenses such as groceries or gas. Help raise money for the Senior Class trip without spending any additional money to do so! Order by December 10th to get your gift cards between December 15th and 17th. Please see the attached files for more information and the order form. Thank you in advance for your support!

Yankee Candle Fundraiser for the Music Program: Check out all that Yankee Candle has to offer. From kitchenware to wrapping paper, you can purchase a whole lot more than just candles. 40% of the sale will benefit the music program! Visit YankeeCandleFundraising.com and enter the Group Number 990009217 to purchase. Your order is also mailed directly to you, so you do not have to pick it up at the school, and purchases made in the next few weeks should arrive before the holidays.

Georgetown Royals Sports Boosters (GRSB)

Our next GRSB meeting is on Tuesday, December 4th at 7PM the GMHS library. Come learn more about the GRSB program and how you can help support the athletic program. The goal of GRSB is to help support the GMHS Athletics Program while enhancing community and school spirit. All welcome! Please contact Shannon Dow at shannon.dow@comcast.net to learn more, share ideas or questions. The goal of GRSB is to help support the GMHS Athletics Program while enhancing community and school spirit.

LET'S GO ROYALS!

Telephone Calls to Front Office: If you are calling the front office and your call is not answered, please leave a message and your call will be returned. If your call is not answered it is most likely because the front office staff are dealing with other immediate issues.

Looking Ahead

12/11	Report Cards Distributed
12/12	7:45 a.m. School Council Peer Mediation Training Fun Day Fundraiser 12:00 Early Release
12/13	6:30 p.m. School Committee
12/19	Winter Concerts: 6:00 p.m. Grades 4 and 5; 7:00 p.m. Grade 6
12/20	6:30 p.m. School Committee
12/21	First Day of Winter
12/24- 1/1	Winter Break
1/2/19	School Reopens

For a look at the year ahead, please see the Penn Brook Events and Activities Calendar under the Quick Links on the Penn Brook website:

<http://www.gssapp.org/GeorgetownPublicSchools/pennbrook/>

2018-2019 School Committee Meetings*

Aug. 30			
Sept. 13 & 27	Oct. 11 & 25	Nov. 15	Dec. 13 & 20
Jan. 10 & 24	Feb. 14 & 28	Mar. 13 & 28	Apr. 11 & 25
May 9 & 23	June 13 & 27		