


“Kindness is like snow, it beautifies everything it covers.” ~ Kahil Gibran

Thank you to ...

 Once again ~YOU! Thanks to your support with Boosterthon~ 93% of all students at Penn Brook were registered, and because of your generosity and from family and friends far and wide (33 states!), ***we made a profit of \$58,189!***

 The Georgetown community for the *fabulous support* at the GYCC Fall Fest fundraiser!

**“October”
The month is amber,
Gold, and brown.
Blue ghosts of smoke
Float through the town,**

**Great V's of geese
Honk overhead,
And maples turn
A fiery red.**

**Frost bites the lawn.
The stars are slits
In a black cat's eye
Before she spits**

**At last, small witches,
Goblins, hags
And pirates armed
With paper bags,**

**Their costumes hinged
On safety pins,
Go haunt a night
Of pumpkin grins**

~ John Updike

Please see the attached information regarding Halloween at Penn Brook.

Hope you have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Maher

Penn Brook CARES (Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy, Self-Control)

Looking Ahead in October:

Monday, 10/25	10:15- 11:15 Ms. Connors' and Mr. Ford's Class to Camp Denison ~ Rain or Shine!
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Tuesday, 10/26	6:00 p.m. GYCC Community Coalition at Perley
Tuesday, 10/26	10:15- 11:15 Ms. McGee's and Mrs. Valorz's Class to Camp Denison ~ Rain or Shine!
Wednesday, 10/27	6:30- 7:00 p.m. Kieve Parent Chaperone Meeting (a zoom link will be sent)
Thursday, 10/28	UPDATED INFORMATION: 6:00- 7:30 p.m. GRADE 6 HALLOWEEN DANCE- (Rain Date- Friday, 10/29 See attached flyer for details)
Friday, 10/29	KINDERGARTEN- GRADE 2 HALLOWEEN PARADE! GRADE 3- 5 -- HALLOWEEN PARTIES (See attached flyer for details)

Looking ahead in November:

Monday, 11/1	No School- Professional Development Day Ski Club Sign Ups- One Night Only (See attached letter)
Tuesday, 11/2	Book Fair all Week!
Wednesday, 11/3	8:00 a.m. School Council
Thursday, 11/4	Grade 3 to Plimoth Patuxet
Monday, 11/8	Grade 6 to Kieve
Saturday, 11/6	Holiday Fair, 9:00- 2:00
Thursday, 11/11	Veterans Day- No School
Wednesday, 11/17	12:00 Early Release for Conferences- No Lunch
Thursday, 11/18	6:30 p.m. School Committee
Wednesday, 11/24	12:00 Early Release- No Lunch
Thursday, 11/25	Thanksgiving

Friday, 11/26	No School
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If your child is out of school due to illness, please call the school at 978-352-5785 to report your child absent, even if you have notified your child's teacher.

Penn Brook Handbook:

<https://www.gssapp.org/GeorgetownPublicSchools/pennbrook/penn-brook-handbook/> .

Please see attached information for:

2021 Penn Brook Halloween Information

NEW Food Service Letter

GYCC Community Collaboration

Scholastic Book Fair

It's Not Too Late to Sign Up for Chorus! (See attached letter) ~

The deadline of 10/18 has been extended

GEF Calendar Fundraiser

Scholastic Book Fair:

Hello Everyone!

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. Hosted by the PTA, this event is an opportunity for students of all ages to build their home libraries and further their love of reading. As always, all purchases benefit our school.

After missing out on many beloved traditions, our fall Book Fair will be a familiar, welcome, and safe event for our students. Here's what you need to know about the Fair:

- Our Book Fair offers a cash-free payment option called eWallet. It's a convenient digital account that your child can use for shopping at our Fair. Grandparents, friends, and others can contribute, too!

- If you can't make it to the Fair, then shop online at our school's Virtual Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/pennbrookeleme>

On our book fair home page, you will be able to sign up to volunteer, see when your child's class will be visiting the fair and set up eWallets.

Hello Georgetown Public School Community -

Do you have, or know somebody who has, an idea for a project that will make Georgetown more AWESOME? Perhaps a teacher, staff member, parent group, school club or student? Do you know somebody that is in need of funding for this type of project? If so, please keep on reading!!!!

Awesome Georgetown will award ten, \$1,000 grants throughout the calendar year (grants will not be awarded in July and August). The group gives “no strings attached” grants to applicants deemed to have the most awesome idea to enhance the Georgetown community in some positive way. So where does the money come from? Each of our 20 Trustees donates \$50 each month to give back to the community for a project that is considered the most AWESOME! **In November we will be awarding a \$1,000 grant specifically to a member of the Georgetown Public School system!**

We will award grants to members of the Georgetown Public schools four times per year (February, April, June and November) and to the entire Georgetown community six times per year (January, March, May, September, October and December). Members of the Georgetown Public School system are eligible for the community awards as well.

People of all ages are encouraged to enter project applications for consideration of these grants. Awesome Georgetown is especially looking to fund projects that may not have any other avenue of funding, including project ideas that may be unconventional. Though projects can be awesome in almost any way, Awesome Georgetown seeks to fund ideas that will be significantly enhanced with a \$1,000 cash infusion.

Although certainly not limited, the group is also interested in supporting projects that fall into any of the following categories: (1) Innovation (2) Preservation of Culture and Heritage and (3) Community Appreciation and Togetherness.

To apply, you will need to fill out a very basic application online. In a nutshell, applicants need to answer three main questions:

1. Tell us about yourself.
2. Tell us about your project and how it will make Georgetown more awesome.
3. Tell us how you'll use the money.

The deadline for applications is the last day of each month – October 31st is the deadline for our November Pitch Night. Three finalists each month will be selected and will present their AWESOME idea at our Pitch Night at Flatbread Georgetown the last Wednesday of each month – **the public is welcome!!!**

Awesome Georgetown Website

<https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/georgetown>

Awesome Georgetown Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/Awesome-Georgetown-101663222168760/?ref=page_internal

Awesome Georgetown Instagram page

<https://www.instagram.com/awesomegeorgetown/?hl=en>

Please let me know if you have any questions and please share with entire Georgetown school community!!!

Thanks,
Pete Lucido

GYCC Membership Open: Only \$65 for annual membership: Pay through UniPay directly to town

[MEMBERSHIP FORMS HERE](#)

[PAY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE DIRECT TO TOWN HALL HERE](#)

Having trouble paying through Unigold?

Checks payable to Town of Georgetown can be handed to Coach Avre at the center.

Seeking GYCC Volunteers and Paid Staff:

Looking for community service hours or some extra cash?

Have an idea for programming or an event?

Please reach out to Erin 415.577.4112 directly via text to set up a time to talk.

GEF Calendar Fundraiser: Please help support the GEF by purchasing a calendar for a chance to win one of thirty prizes for the month of November. Calendars can be purchased via VENMO to @Kristen-Macchiavelli. One calendar for \$10 or 3 for \$25. All proceeds raised will help to provide expanded programs and opportunities in the areas of Science, Art, Technology and innovative teaching methods for the Georgetown Public School System. Thank you for the support!

Yearbook Volunteers Needed: Do you enjoy making photo books for your family? If you said yes to this question, becoming a yearbook volunteer might be the right job for you.

Get your 2021-2022 school year pictures ready from the Boosterthon, Pajama Day, Halloween Parade, field trips, sports, etc! Collect pictures from classroom parents or maybe the teacher takes photos in the classroom that they can share for the yearbook?

Yearbook pages are due March 31, 2022. It is never too early to start collecting photos.

Feel free to reach out to Jen Morrissey at jenmorr730@gmail.com with any questions.

Please click the link below to volunteer as a classroom yearbook coordinator!
<https://forms.gle/f4sC5BmwxsSbF5Kq6>

SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council) Awareness Flyers:

In an effort to continue to raise awareness for students who learn in a different way and to celebrate students with different abilities, SEPAC will be sending home flyers with students that raise awareness for special days each month. This provides an opportunity for school and home to continue to develop awareness and empathy that we all have certain needs and abilities.

October is Awareness Month for:

Dyslexia
Down Syndrome
ADHD
Spina Bifida
Pandas/Pans
International Stuttering

PHOTOS: Throughout the year, we will also be taking photos for end-of-the-year presentations, our monthly Penn Brook Perspectives, and other celebrations. Please email your child's teacher if you DO NOT want photos of your child shared in these, and other, opportunities.

From the Nurses' Office:

During the next few months students in Grades K through 6 will be screened for vision and hearing. If parents want to opt out of any screening please contact the nurses.

Thank you for the vigilance you have provided: keeping children home if they are not feeling well and covid-testing; picking children up quickly and without question if they exhibit symptoms during school; and providing masks for your children.

The current Covid-19 symptoms list is below:
COVID-19 symptoms list:

- Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Sore throat, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea when in combination with other symptoms
- Headache when in combination with other symptoms
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms

Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) when in combination with other symptoms

Please contact the nurse's office with any questions or concerns. We will do our best to assist you!

Mary Beth Doherty, MS,RN

Kathy Hatch, BSN, RN, NCSN

Penn Brook School Nurse

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