

The Green Valley Gazette

SEPTEMBER 2026

Dr. Stenger, Principal

www.wilsonsd.org/greenvalley

2026-2027 District Calendar

2026-2027 Student/Parent Handbook

610-670-0180 - **x2810** *Mrs. Dunlap* - Building Secretary
- **x2820** *Miss Ennis* - Attendance Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER
1- GVHSA Meeting at 7:00pm- GV Library
3- Spirit Day- Aloha Day: Wear Hawaiian gear
4- No School (Labor Day Holiday)
7- No School (Labor Day Holiday)
11- Wear Red, White, & Blue: 9/11 Patriot Day
18- No School- (Act 80)
23- Fall Picture Day
23- Watch Dog Dad sign-ups: 6:00pm @ GV cafeteria

October
1- Literacy Under the Lights: 6:00-7:30 at Gurski Stadium
6- GVHSA Meeting 7:00pm- GV Library
9- No School (Act 80)
12- No School (Act 80)
16- Color Run
23- Spirit Day: Wear teal or yellow for Spina Bifida Awareness
26-30: GV Book Fair
29- GV Fall Family Night
30- Fall Parade and Classroom Parties

News from the Office

Attendance

A note is required for all absences within 3 days of return to school.

Any day we do not receive an excuse will be marked unlawful. Accumulation of 3 unlawful days (consecutively or not) will result in a letter warning stating that each additional day will result in a referral to the District Magistrate, which could result in a fine. Truant students may be placed on a Truancy Elimination Plan.

If your child is missing due to a doctor's appointment, please send in a copy of the doctor's note for our records. Doctor's notes may also be faxed to 484-334-6442 or emailed to ennzoe@wilsonsd.org

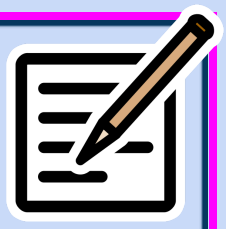
Green Valley Website

Here is the link to the Green Valley website: www.wilsonsd.org/o/gves

You will find the student handbook, trip form, breakfast/lunch menu, and many other useful links here. There is also a faculty directory!

Handbook Highlights

2026-2027 Student/Parent Handbook



Cell Phones & Personal Electronic Devices

To support a focused, distraction-free learning environment, personal electronic devices are **not** permitted to be used or visible during the school day (8:30 AM-3:25 PM).

This includes cell phones, smartwatches, earbuds/AirPods, electronic games, laptops, and other personal electronic devices.

- Cell phones and smartwatches must remain stored in students' backpacks throughout the school day.
- Devices should not be worn or carried on students' person, including when visiting the restroom or nurse.
- If you need to reach your child during the school day, please contact the main office.

LUNCH

The district does not permit outside food to be delivered or brought from restaurants or other outside establishments beyond the home.

Picture Day

Mark your calendars! Our Fall School Pictures are scheduled for September 23rd. Information on how to purchase photo packages will be coming home soon. Be on the lookout for ordering information.

9/11 Patriot Day & Constitution Day

- GV has an annual 9/11 Ceremony on the morning of September 11th. Students are encouraged to wear Red, White, & Blue. Students who participate in Scouts can wear their uniforms.
- Constitution Day is on September 17th. This day commemorates the signing of the United States Constitution on September 17, 1787. Lessons and activities will provide students with opportunities to learn about the Constitution.

Volunteering

Up-to-date clearances are **required** for all individuals who want to volunteer at the school for events such as field trips, Watchdog Dads, and any other time you would have direct contact/supervision with students. **Obtaining clearances is the volunteer's responsibility**. Please keep in mind that some clearances take several weeks to be processed. For more information on why clearances are required and how to obtain them, please visit the district page here.

From the Cafeteria

Breakfast is FREE for the 2026-2027 school year and is being served in the cafeteria during student arrival (8:30 - 8:50). We hope to see some smiling faces in the morning!!!

Wilson Community Info and Flyers

For information on Wilson Community events, programs, and organizations, please visit the community resource section on the district website. Here, you will find the Bulldog Blitz, PeachJar, information on volunteer clearance requirements, and many other informative links.

WatchDOG Dads

We will have the WatchDOG Information & Sign-Up Night on **Wednesday, September 23rd, @ 6:00 pm** in the GV Cafeteria. This event will take approximately half an hour. We will begin with a brief presentation that provides information about the program. Dads can then sign up for a specific date to be a WatchDOG Dad. (We will again host two dads on most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from mid-October through May.)

*For any dads who are unable to attend the evening of September 23rd, an email will follow the presentation with information on how to sign up for any remaining dates.

It is important to remember you MUST have all of your clearances up to date and on file with the office and school district to participate. More information about clearances is available on the district HR website. ***We encourage you to verify that your clearances are up-to-date. You can contact Miss Ennis in the office at extension x2820 to verify your clearances. If we do not have your clearances by your scheduled date, we must cancel your participation for that day, as clearances are required for volunteering.

A typical day as a Watchdog Dad will run from approximately 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. A schedule of your participation will be provided upon arrival at GV.

Please contact our program coordinator, Mrs. Jennifer Reese (reejen@wilsonsd.org), if you have any questions about the WatchDOGS program.

From Mrs. Campbell- Orchestra

ORCHESTRA REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

ATTENTION ALL THIRD GRADE STUDENTS!
This is your opportunity to JOIN THE ORCHESTRA and be a part of our music-making TEAM!

Learn to play the VIOLIN, VIOLA, or CELLO! You'll have the chance to experience these instruments up close!

SIGN UP NOW to reserve your spot!

The deadline to register is September 3, 2026.

If you already know how the Orchestra Program works and which instrument you're interested in, please use this Google Form to register now:
ORCHESTRA REGISTRATION FORM

If you're new to the Orchestra Program and need more information to make the right choice, please visit my website: CAMPBELL WEBSITE

GVHSA News & Updates - *gvhsaboard@gmail.com - website - facebook*

👋 Hey GV! HSA has a NEW WEBSITE. Our new site is a one-stop-shop for all things HSA 🎉
https://sites.google.com/view/gv-hsa/home

🚨 You can already sign up to volunteer for the upcoming year. Once on the site, click on the volunteer tab and scroll down to the 26-27 Volunteer Interest form!

🔔 You can also sign up for our 26-27 Student Directory by clicking on the directory tab on the website. The directory is a great way to share your information with other parents for play dates, etc. *We will only share this information with parents who opt to fill out the directory form*

📰 Be sure to check out our first HSA Newsletter (located on the newsletter page of the website) to learn more about what our HSA has been up to this summer.

🗓️ Join us for the first meeting of the year to learn about all of the opportunities to volunteer at GV! Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, September 1st at 7:00 pm** in the Green Valley Elementary library. If you cannot join in person, you can join us virtually by clicking this link.





GV Spirit Wear Sale

Aloha GV! We are excited to ride the wave of learning this year, so let's celebrate our school 'Ohana with themed t-shirts!

ALL shirts are available in both adult and youth sizes and the store is open until September 10! For delivery to GV, be sure to choose the "Green Valley Elementary Pick-Up" option at checkout, and if you could put your child's homeroom teacher in the comments, that would be helpful for us!

Shop the store here: https://rockhoundapparel.squarespace.com/gve



Green Valley Elementary Library

At a Glance



Meet Your Library Staff



Mrs. Lisa Goehler - Teacher-Librarian
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Mrs. Holly Neupauer - Library Assistant
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610-670-0180, ext. 2620

Visit Our Library Website

Visit our library website to use our digital resources and to search the catalog. Check out the Family page!

bit.ly/gvreads

Get Connected!

We use ClassDojo School Story to share info and library news!

What Do We Learn in Library Class?

- How to use the library
- How to find books to read
- How to LOVE Reading
- How to do Research
- How to use Information
- How to Create and Share, Cooperate, and Solve Problems
- And, much, much more!

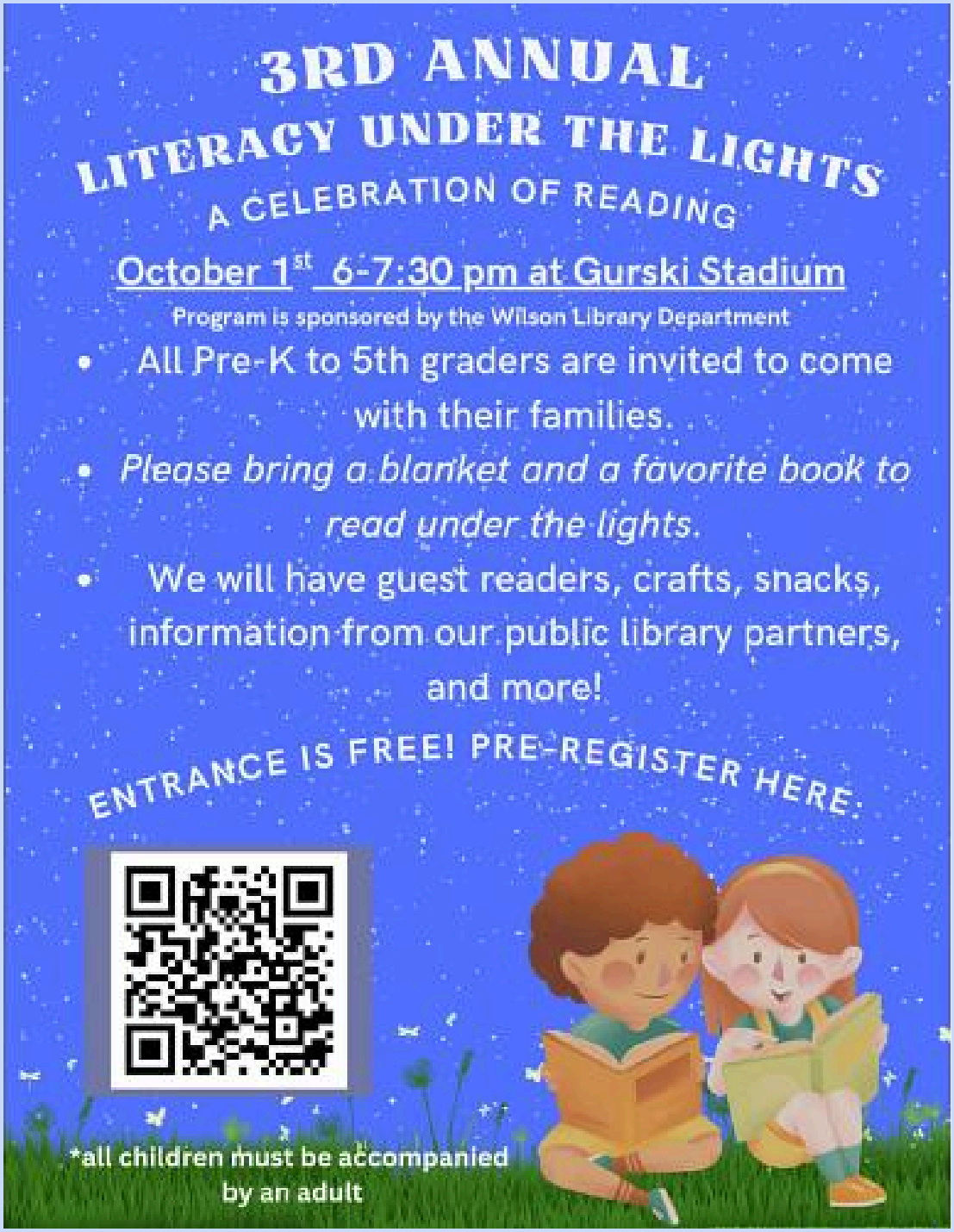


Check Out Our Policies

- Students will visit the library with their class once every 6 cycle days as part of the Specials schedule.
- They can also visit the library ANY school day to exchange books, even if it's not their library day.
- There is a replacement fee for lost or damaged books. Please contact Mrs. Goehler or Mrs. Neupauer for more information if a library book is lost or damaged.

We look forward to working with you and your child!

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3RD ANNUAL
LITERACY UNDER THE LIGHTS
A CELEBRATION OF READING
October 1st 6-7:30 pm at Gurski Stadium
Program is sponsored by the Wilson Library Department
All Pre-K to 5th graders are invited to come with their families.
Please bring a blanket and a favorite book to read under the lights.
We will have guest readers, crafts, snacks, information from our public library partners, and more!
ENTRANCE IS FREE! PRE-REGISTER HERE.
*all children must be accompanied by an adult


Council on Chemical Abuse
YOUR BRIDGE TO ADDICTION RESOURCES
WILSON MENTAL HEALTH SERIES
KIDS AND TECH
SEPTEMBER 24
2601 GRANDVIEW BLVD, WEST LAWN
BRING YOUR KIDS FOR A FUN NIGHT OF CRAFTS, FUN ACTIVITIES, MOVIE AND PIZZA WHILE YOU ATTEND THE SESSION.
6:30-7:00PM: PIZZA AND REFRESHMENTS
7:00-8:00PM: PARENT SESSION/CHILD CARE

SCIENCE EXPLORERS®

Green Valley Elementary

Wednesday Afternoons - 3:40-4:40 - Grades 1-5

Pick-up Location: Parent Pick Up Door

After-School SCIENCE CLUBS

610-816-5047 SCIENCEEXPLORERS.COM

Club Tuition per Topic: $125
3-Week Fidget Factory Tuition: $99

There is an additional fee of $10 if you register on or after start date.
Many schools do not allow registrations on the same day that a club starts so please register early.

Multi-Club Discount: (Clubs must be in one order)
Register for 3 or 4 clubs: 5% off the total.
Register for 5 or 6 clubs: 10% off the total.
Register for 7 or more clubs: 15% off the total.
USE CODE: **SCIENCE26**

2026-27 School Year:

Club CSI:
September 23, 30, October 7, 14

Science Rocks!
October 28, November 4, 11, 18

Fidget Factory (3-session club)
December 2, 9, 16

Candy Chemistry
January 13, 20, 27, February 3

3-2-1 Blast Off
February 17, 24, March 3, 10

Club Pre-Med
March 31, April 7, 14, 21

SE Super Sampler
May 5, 12, 19, 26

Important Information:

Please Register Early: A minimum number of participants is needed one week prior to the start date in order to run a club. Class size is also limited and many clubs fill quickly. Registrations will only be confirmed via email. There will be a $15 processing fee for all refunds given prior to the club start date. Refunds are not permitted once a session has begun. We are unable to pro-rate for any reason including registering after the start date.
Late Fee Policy: Parent is responsible for child's attendance and prompt pick-up. Late pick-ups are subject to additional fees of $5 at 10 min. late and $1 per min. after.
Cancellations: In the event of inclement weather or other emergencies, Science Explorers will follow your school's dismissal procedure. If a class is cancelled due to weather or other circumstances beyond our control, Science Explorers is unable to provide a refund; however we will make every effort to reschedule, add an extended session or offer a virtual option if possible. We are unable to issue a refund if your child cannot attend a make-up date.
Want to get in on the fun? Many clubs use parent helpers to assist each week in exchange for FREE club tuition. If you are interested and have all of the background checks required by your school, please email us at : parenthelper@scienceexplorers.com (Please make sure you are available to help for each of the dates in any given club topic. Thank you!)
By registering your child you grant permission and release Science Explorers and its affiliates from any and all liability relating to or arising from Science Explorers after-school club program.

REGISTER ONLINE AT: ScienceExplorers.com

After-School Club Topics

2026-2027

Club CSI

Become a Science Explorers CSI! Each week a new suspect will be revealed, and we'll use forensic techniques to solve the mystery of "whodunit." Learn how to lift fingerprints, analyze unknown substances, and use a black light to reveal glowing evidence. Will you be the one to crack the case?

Science Rocks!

Travel back in time to discover the mysteries of the Earth! Become a paleontologist for the day and experience a dinosaur dig, uncover the stories that fossils tell and create your own fossil models. Then become a geologist and enter the hidden world of the geode, use Mohs Scale to test and classify minerals, and explore how rocks can transform from a molten liquid to a solid. You'll be sure to find out what a rockin' place our world can be!

Fidget Factory (3 Weeks)

Get ready to mix, squish, and create! This is the ultimate hands-on club for kids who love to explore textures and get a little messy! Participants will become "fidget engineers" as they design and build their own custom stress balls filled with a variety of fascinating materials—like stretchy slime, soft sand, squishy play dough, and other fun textures.



Candy Chemistry

Discover the sweeter side of science where things will get deliciously wild! Watch Rock Candy crystals grow before your eyes, make Gummy Bears EXPAND like magic, create jaw-dropping Candy Rainbows, and uncover the hidden secrets of candy pH with fizzy, colorful experiments. It's a crazy-cool mix of chemistry, creativity, and candy-fueled fun that you won't want to miss!

3-2-1 Blast Off!

Blast off to an out-of-this-world adventure as you investigate our final frontier. Make a 3-D model of the solar system, have a blast creating a lunar landscape, take on an astronaut challenge, and put your engineering skills to the test by designing and building a protective space capsule to help your brave "eggstronaut" survive a daring return to Earth.

Club Pre-Med

If you have ever wondered what is running through your veins and what happens to your lunch after you eat it, then join Science Explorers for fun filled "office visits" that are guaranteed to kick your senses into high gear and stimulate your mind. We'll create a model of the components of blood, examine the digestive system, build a working lung model, and observe a real sheep brain! Make no bones about it, the doctor is in!

SE Super Sampler

Which science theme do you like best? Space? Chemistry? Geology? Forensics? Give each a whirl with our new sampler club and explore a different topic each week. Demonstrate Newton's 3rd Law of Motion as you launch your own air powered rocket, use chemistry to freeze a slushie treat, become a rock doc for the day, build and erupt your own volcano, and learn how to extract DNA from bananas.

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www.scienceexplorers.com

SCHOOL COUNSELING CONNECTION

Green Valley Elementary

September 2026

CONNECTION POINT

You probably have lots of questions about how your child's new school year is going, but "How was school?" often leads to a one-word answer. Try asking something more specific like, "What felt easy today?" "What's something you learned?" or "Who did you sit with at lunch?" If they're not ready to talk right away, give it time and try again later - maybe while they're having a snack or getting ready for bed - when they may be more open to sharing.

GUIDING WORDS

For Caregivers: I can stay curious about my child's day and make space for connection, one question at a time.
For Students: I can share my thoughts and stories with people who care.

THIS MONTH AT GV

K-2 Classroom Lessons
- Meet the School Counselor (K,1,2)
- Listening (K)
- How Big Is The Problem? (1,2)

3-5 Classroom Lessons
- Meet the School Counselor
- PBIS School Expectations Rotation

JUST A NOTE

Welcome to a new school year! We are excited to see familiar faces and meet all of our new students and families. During September, we will be visiting classrooms to introduce ourselves and teach our first school counseling lessons.



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