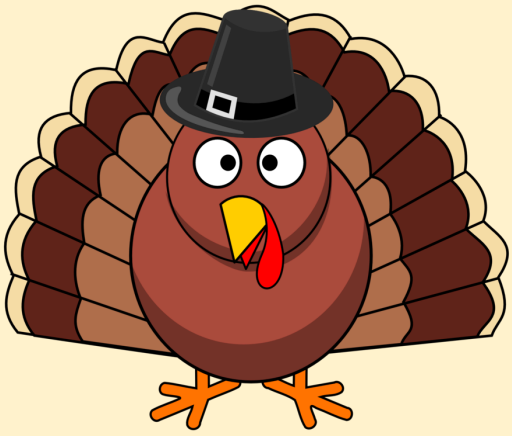


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Dr. Jon Stenger, Principal

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2026-2027 District Calendar

2026-2027 Student/Parent Handbook

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

3 - No School (Act 80)
4 - Picture Retake Day 📸
- GVHSA Meeting - 7:00 PM - GV Library
11 - Veteran's Day Ceremony
13 - HSA Pretzel Day 🥨
13 - Spirit Day: Dress as Your Favorite Holiday
18 - 24 - Unified Club Pet Food Drive 🐾
20 - End of 1st Trimester
23 & 24 - Half Day of School
- 11:45 AM Dismissal
- Parent Teacher Conferences
25 - 30 - No School - Thanksgiving Break 🦃

December

3 - Winter Concert (Grades 4 & 5) (PAC) 🎶
8 - Winter Concert (2nd & 3rd Grade) 🎶
*GV Cafeteria 9:30 AM
9 - Winter Concert (K & 1st Grade) 🎶
*GV Cafeteria 9:30 AM
14 - 18 - Holiday Shoppe 🎁
23 - Jan. 1 - NO SCHOOL ❄️ *Winter Break

School Resumes Jan. 4, 2027

Wilson Community Info

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.

Reminders from the Office

- If your child's dismissal plan changes, please notify the main office of the change as soon as possible. This information should not be left on the teacher's voicemail, teacher email, or through Dojo accounts.
- Please ensure that your contact information in Skyward is accurate to avoid missing any important communications from the office.

Handbook Highlights

2026 - 2027 Student/Parent Handbook

VOLUNTEERS/VISITORS

All visitors must report to the school office and **present a valid ID** to be scanned using our electronic visitor management system. Upon check-in, a visitor badge will be printed and must be worn at all times while in the school building.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) requires mandatory background checks for anyone who may have direct, unsupervised contact with students.

REQUIRED BACKGROUND CLEARANCES:

- FBI Criminal Clearance Form (Act 114) **Service Code: 1KG6XN**
- PA State Police Background Check Website (Act 34)
- Child Abuse Form (Act 151)

All clearances are valid for 5 years and should be submitted to your child's building office.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION: https://www.wilsonsd.org/o/wsd/page/volunteer-information

Parent-Teacher Conferences

All Wilson elementary schools will host parent-teacher conferences on November 23rd, from 12:40 to 3:40 pm and 5:00 to 8:00 pm, and on November 24th, from 12:40 to 3:40 pm. Parents will have the option of attending in-person or virtual conferences. Please sign up for a conference time using the sign up genius links. **Green Valley's links can be found on the GV Website starting Monday, November 2nd, by 9:00 am.**

1st Trimester Progress Reports

Elementary Progress Reports will be available starting at 8:00 AM on 11/23/26. A reminder that documents will only be accessible to parents through the Skyward Family Access site.

⚠️ Energy Drinks and Kids: What Parents Need to Know

Resources for our Spanish-speaking Community

We are grateful for the support of our District Liaison, **Isuara Garcia**, who helps ensure our Spanish-speaking families stay connected and informed. To make communication easier, Isuara shares important updates through WhatsApp and provides a space for families to connect with one another. Families can text 484-963-7471 to join the community group chat. Please note: this number is for text messages only.

Wilson now has a section on the district website dedicated to Spanish-speaking families, with resources created directly in Spanish, including videos, documents, and other helpful information. See the link below to access this new webpage!

Link to Spanish Resources

Winter Concerts - Save the Dates!



The GV Music Department will present the Winter Concerts in December.

Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

December 3: 4th & 5th Grade Orchestra, 5th Grade Band, and the 4th & 5th Grade Vocal Music Classes will be performing.

Wilson High Performing Arts Center

Concert at 7:00 PM

Dress Rehearsal from 9:00 - 11:00 AM (Grades 4 - 5)

December 8th, 9:30 AM at Green Valley (Grades 2 - 3)

December 9th, 9:30 AM at Green Valley (Grades K-1)

**Additional information will be sent by each director.

If you have any pressing questions, please email Kim Nelson, Vocal Music Teacher, at nelkim@share.wilsonsd.org

GVHSA News & Updates - *Connect with GVHSA - HSA Website*



The GV HSA Website

We want to make sure you get a chance to check out the GV HSA WEBSITE. Our website is a one-stop shop for all things HSA. You can sign up to volunteer, find Staff Favorites, learn about Box Tops/Redner's Receipts, check dates for upcoming HSA meetings & events, and SO much more. Visit here: https://sites.google.com/view/gv-hsa/home

2026 Color Run 🌈

On behalf of the GVHSA, we sincerely thank everyone who volunteered and donated to our annual Color Run. It was a tremendous success! The students had a blast, and we are all so grateful to our community for supporting everything the GVHSA does for Green Valley Elementary! Our gross total was $33,000+. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



Angel Tree

The annual Salvation Army Angel Tree offers a wonderful opportunity to bring a smile to the faces of underprivileged children in Berks County. The Angel Tree will be set up in the Green Valley school vestibule and decorated with 80 paper angel tags. Each tag includes the first name, age, and gender of a child in need of presents. Parents may remove one or more tags and purchase appropriate gifts for the child described on the tag. Instructions for returning the gifts will be included on the tags.

The tags are available starting November 16th and can be picked up at parent/teacher conferences. Please email KaitInn Vecchio at kmvacchio@gmail.com if you are not attending a conference and would like a tag.

2026/27 GV Yearbook 📖

The Green Valley yearbook can now be preordered! Yearbooks can be purchased online for students in grades K-4. All 5th-grade students will receive one free yearbook courtesy of the HSA in May.
Yearbooks can be purchased HERE: Ordering Link (School Code: 25377)

Price: $22

Send Photos to the Yearbook Committee at this link, or by emailing gvelementaryyearbook@gmail.com.



We are planning a Veterans Day celebration on Tuesday, November 11, and we need your help identifying veterans connected to our Green Valley students.

If a student's parent, grandparent, sibling, or other family member is a veteran, we would be honored to include them. The morning will include a small assembly followed by breakfast.

Please have participating veterans complete the event FORM so we can plan seating, recognition, and breakfast accordingly.

If you have photos of veterans you would like us to share as part of the celebration, please send them to GVHSAboard@gmail.com.

Thank you for helping us honor those who have served. We look forward to celebrating with your families on November 11th.

PARENT GUIDANCE.ORG
MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

WILSON MENTAL HEALTH SERIES

TOOLS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH

NOVEMBER 9, 2026
2601 GRANDVIEW BLVD, WEST LAWN

BRING YOUR KIDS FOR A FUN NIGHT OF CRAFTS, GAMES, MOVIE AND SNACKS WHILE YOU ATTEND THE SESSION.

PIZZA AND REFRESHMENTS FROM 6:30 - 7 P.M.
PARENT VIEWING/CHILD CARE BEGINS AT 7 - 8 P.M.

PET FOOD Drive

11/18-11/24

Bring in:

Canned or dry cat/kitten or dog food

Soft dog treats/spray cheese/peanut butter

Benefits Animal Rescue League



GV UNIFIED CLUB




Wilson Mini-THON
Kids
NIGHT
OUT
(K-5)
Come join us for a Kids Night Out filled with fun, fall activities! Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be served.
Entrance: Upper House 2nd entrance on Grandview Blvd
$20 for the 1st child
$15 for each additional child
DROP-OFF STARTS AT 5!
NOVEMBER 6TH
5:30-8:30 PM


Wilson Mini-THON
Kids
NIGHT
OUT
(¡Una noche para los niños!)
(K-5)
¡Ven a disfrutar de una noche para niños y de divertidas actividades de otoño! Habrá pizza, bocadillos y bebidas.
Entrada: Segunda entrada del Upper House, sobre Grandview Blvd.
$20 por el primer niño
$15 por cada niño adicional
¡PUEDES TRAER A TUS NIÑOS A PARTIR DE LAS 5:00 P. M.!
6 DE NOVIEMBRE
5:30-8:30 PM

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After-School SCIENCE CLUBS

610-816-5047 SCIENCEEXPLORERS.COM

Green Valley Elementary

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

Pick-up Location: Parent Pick Up Door

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

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**

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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What is SAP?

SAP stands for "Student Assistance Program".

The Student Assistance Program (SAP) is a PA state mandated program that provides school and community referrals to students and their families regarding emotional and behavioral needs that may interfere with a student's success in school.

The SAP team will help find services and assistance within the school, and if needed, in the community. SAP does not diagnose, treat, or refer a child for treatment. The goal of the program is to provide information and recommendations to help each child succeed in school by addressing any barriers to learning.

Who can refer students to SAP?

Anyone can refer a student they are concerned about to the SAP team. School staff members, friends, family of the student, and even students themselves can go to a SAP team member to ask for help.

SAP team members include:

- Parent/guardian
- Teachers
- Administrators
- School Counselors
- School Nurse
- School Social Worker
- Counselors from Caron

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Green Valley Elementary School



Are you worried about your child or student?

The SAP team might be able to help!

SAP's Mission

The SAP Mission is to work with students and their families by providing any necessary information, prevention, and intervention services.

These services assist in breaking down barriers that may interfere with students' success in school, at home, or in the community.

What kinds of behaviors MIGHT signal SAP involvement?

- Withdrawing from family, friends and/or school
- Changing friends abruptly; no longer spending time with old friends
- Unexplained physical injuries •

Talking about suicide

- Frequent crying or outbursts of anger
- Defying authority, both at home and at school
- Frequent visits to nurse or school counselor
- Fighting
- Attendance concerns
- Sudden changes in grades, eating or sleeping

What types of supports are available?

The SAP team may recommend a variety of interventions, including a comprehensive assessment to assist in finding community mental health based services and/or school based support groups. This may include groups geared towards:

- social skills
- grief & loss
- changing families
- anger management
- drug & alcohol insight
- siblings of children with special circumstances
- and more

All SAP referrals are confidential. It is NOT a disciplinary action; it is a supportive approach to help students and their families work through any barriers that may interfere with their ability to learn.

The Process

1. A student is referred to the team.
2. The team gathers objective information.
3. The team develops a plan of action.
4. The team and parents meet to discuss and implement a plan of action.
5. The team secures parent permission to proceed.
6. Follow up meetings are held at regular intervals to track progress and offer additional aid as needed.



SCHOOL COUNSELING CONNECTION

Green Valley Elementary
November 2026

CONNECTION POINT

Have you noticed your child doing something kind or helpful? Saying it out loud helps them see it, too. You might say, "I saw you hold the door open for your sister," "You were really patient when I was on the phone," or "I noticed you gave your friend a turn without being asked." These everyday moments might feel small, but noticing and naming them helps your child build a habit of kindness and see themselves as someone who cares for others.

GUIDING WORDS

For Caregivers: I choose to notice and name the good I see in myself and my child.

For Students: I feel proud when someone sees the kind things I do.

THIS MONTH AT GV

K-2 Classroom Lessons

- KG - Sharing/Taking Turns and I-Messages
- 1st - What does it mean to be a friend?
- 2nd - Friendship Recipe

3-5 Classroom Lessons

- 3rd - Gratitude
- 4th - Gratitude
- 5th - Gratitude

JUST A NOTE

We're More Than Just Guidance! Did you know that *guidance counselor* is an outdated title? Today's **school counselors** do so much more, supporting the academic, social-emotional, and career development of ALL students!



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