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NEWSLETTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF GGSA

November 2011

GGSA Thank Parents for a Successful Open House

It is November and that time of the year that most people give thanks, although we should be doing it all the time. GGSA would like to thank all the families profusely for sending caring, inquisitive, and respectful children to us.

It is clear that they are ready to embark upon the challenge that will set before them this year. What a joy it is to interact with them, listen to them, watch them, and support them learn and grow.

The role that you as parents have in influencing your child's learning is such a critical one, and we appreciate all that you do in supporting our efforts to nurture each child's curiosity, and love for learning.

We had an incredible Open House with an extremely large number of parents in attendance. This day provided an opportunity for parents to receive information regarding expectation, curriculum, and how parents can work with GGSA as partners in their child's education.

While no one expected that we would have snow in October! We hope you all have a wonderful, warm Thanksgiving Holiday.

GGSA Students Take Pride in Teaching their Younger Peers

While the parents and faculty attended Open House, students from 10th to 12th grades took charge of teaching their younger peers.

"We were amazed at how our teachers of the day were having conversation of how to plan the 45 minutes [lesson plan], ask questions, homework, etc. They took charge of Assembly also," said Narvin Kaur, one of the administrators of GGSA.

She also noted that it was a big test for the teachers to prepare a lesson plan which the students could teach.



Hebini Kaur and Sharan Kaur take an opportunity to teach their younger peers while the faculty participate in Open House

Happy Birthday!!

Anokh Singh Nov 2nd

Anshvir Singh Nov 4th

Kabir Singh Nov 7th

Japna Kaur Nov 9th

Saihajdeep Singh Nov 15th

Kiran Kaur Nov 30th

"I thought it was helpful for some kids to learn from their peers," Yuvraj Singh



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It is Time to Share with the Needy.....

By Reena Kaur

In conjunction with Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Parkash Diwas, a Food and Coat Drive is being launched effective November 6th.

We will collect any Vegetarian canned or boxed non perishable food items. As winter is approaching fast, the Norwalk Shelter would like any donations such as (new or gently used): Winter Coats, jackets, sweaters, hats, gloves, scarves, clothes and shoes.

Please bring your items by **November 27**.

This year, we are also launching a Toy Drive since there are almost 2,500 kids in our area who are unable to afford a gift this holiday season.

We would like to share toys and bring a smile, so children are encouraged to bring new or unopened boxed toy to give to the needy. Details to follow. Please save the date for a Gift Wrapping Party at St. Luke's shelter in Stamford on **December 10**.

Please donate generously and we look forward to a 100% GGSA participation!

For further details, please contact any of the program coordinators: Reena Kaur (203) 595 9642, Manmeet Kaur, Neena Kaur (203)563 9737 & Tejinder Kau (203) 219 3167.

Announcements

- All excused absence email to ggsa-parents-owner@yahoo.com by 8:00 a.m. Sunday.
- GGSA website will be updated regularly including newsletter <http://www.gtbf.org/ggsa>
- If you have any objections to your children's pictures in the newsletter or the website, please let the school administrators know.

NOVEMBER GURPURABS

NOV 5TH **Bandi Chor Divas**

NOV 21ST **Prakash Shri guru Granth Sahib Ji**

NOV 24TH **Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Jyoti Jot**

Library Hours: Come and inspire yourselves and your children by checking out a book from the school library. Open Sundays 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm (except the 1st Sunday of the month).

Book of the Month is: *Farmer Duck* by Martin Waddell and Helen Oxenbury

An expressive picturesque book, translated in Punjabi, about a lazy farmer and a hard working duck...

Important Dates to Remember.....

Sunday, November 5th: **Children's Diwan**

Please encourage your kids to participate in kid's diwan every first Sunday of the month. Please get your child ready with Bani, Shabads or Speeches. We will focus on themes for the months.

Location: Norwalk Gurdwara at 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

Every 1st Sunday of the month is Half day at Guru Gobind Singh Ji Academy followed by Children's Diwan. Please send an email to neena2007@gmail.com, or call at [203-563-9737](tel:203-563-9737) for any questions.

Pump up the Vaja!

Saturday, November 19th: **Stamford Women's Shelter Sewa**

by Sikh Community 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Location: The Women's Shelter Stamford Street: 8 Woodland Place, Stamford CT

Preparation at Norwalk Gurdwara: 4-5pm

Serving at Women's Shelter: 5:30-6:30pm Contacts: Reena Kaur (203) 595 9642 or Tejinder Kaur (203) 219 3167

Sewadaars Welcome!

Sunday, November 26th: **No Sunday School! GGSA Holiday**

Do you have any ideas, stories, or articles you would like to share with your Sikh Community? Please email Gurmeet Kaur @gurmeetnow@gmail.com

All stories and writings subject to GGSA Team approval as contents must be relevant to GGSA and the Sangat.



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Students Attend Sikh Film and Art Foundation

Several of GGSA students attended Sikh Film Festival and Art Foundation/Children Film Festival held at Hofstra University in New York on October 8th, 2011. It was a unique opportunity for all students to learn and watch the variety of Sikh Movies made by talented Sikh Artists.

The Film Festival was held in an auditorium. After watching each movie, the children had a chance to participate in discussions regarding the movie theme. Simran Kaur's favorite movie was, '(EX)Changed', a story about how a Sikh Boy who hesitates having a French exchange student at home, and how he overcomes it. Simran thought it was very interesting to see a different perspective of how this Sikh Boy handles his issues, and it opens up a new world for him.

Other movies included, 'I Will Stand Up,' about a girl struggling to keep her identity: 'Sikh, Rattle and Roll,' about a boy hesitant to have a pagri ceremony: and 'Rap-Let it Out,' a Sikh boy sings the rap to energize the youngsters about keeping the identity.

Other students who participated included Jasmeet Kaur, Rajdeep Singh, Ravtegh Singh, and Sartaj Singh.

Neena Kaur was one of the organizers/parent who took the students to attend this event. She hopes that more members of the GGSA community participate in this inspirational and uplifting outing next year.

Chotey Sahibzadey Members Raise over \$10,000 for Sikh Coalition!

Kavanjot Singh and Devanhar Singh, both ages 3, and students of Chotey Sahibzadey Class, along with their friends raised over \$10,000 for The Sikh Coalition's 2nd annual Bowl-a-Thon.

The team was called 'Gol Ma Bowls,' and it was held in New York on October 23, 2011. The little guys made first place as the highest fundraising team of all the bowlers a part of the magnificent event.

"We had a great time bowling along with the tri-state area Sangat. We are proud of our team's effort and what we can accomplish when brought together. It is truly inspiring," said Bhavna Kaur, proud mother of Kavanjot Singh.

Bhavna Kaur was overwhelmed with how many Sikhs and mostly Non-Sikhs came forward to donate for the cause. She noted that the energy in the bowling alley was "electric."

Other student participants from GGSA included Jeevanjot Singh, Sukhmani Kaur and Kabir Singh.

What Can You Do Next Time to Participate?

Join a bowling team or create your own. Each team should have 7 players and raise a minimum of \$700 to participate.

Funds raised will help to create a Sikh-friendly America and eliminate discrimination against Sikhs. Participate in this fun event to make a difference in your community!

To learn more about the Sikh Coalition, visit www.sikhcoalition.org



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Question of the Month: What are you thankful for?



"Having a wonderful life."

Amrit Kaur



"I am thankful for my Toys." Kabir Singh



"I am thankful for going to California."

Angad Singh



I am thankful for "my

Grandma, my Mom and my Daddy." Karan Singh



"My friends, my family, and everything I have in life."

Nimrat Kaur



"My Educational opportunities....."

Amereen Kaur



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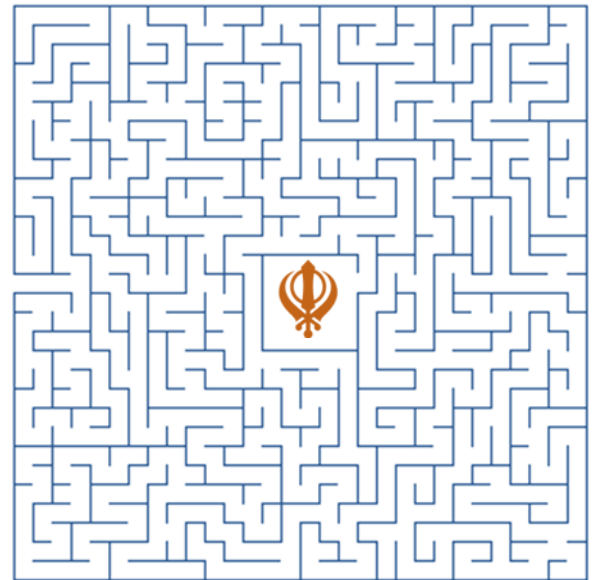
By Sharan Kaur

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*Nanaki, Equality, Japji Sahib, kirat karna, Lakhmi Das,
 Mata Tripta, Mehta Kalu, Naam Japna, Nankana
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Get to the khanda before your friends!

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa,

Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh!