Outreach Timeline 2009-2010

July 2009—Outreach list updated—the distribution list was updated to verify whether the sites were still open and to determine the contact person for the sites.

August 2009—Developed flyers, PSAs, newspaper ads, press releases, and cover letters for flyers for the 2010-2011 school year.

September 2009—submitted all documentation about outreach/enrollment plan to ISBE.

October/November 2009—Developed updated power point presentation for the outreach open houses to be held in January and February 2010. Additions to the distribution list were made, with calls made to apartment complexes and real estate offices. Additionally, contact was made with apartment complexes, real estate offices and specific day cares (within the targeted outlying areas of Mundelein and Park City) to distribute flyers and brochures and possibly set up open houses at their facilities. The KinderCare in Grayslake and Round Lake Beach were specifically contacted due to their location and declined having an open house at their facilities; they stated that their parents tend not to attend parent-teacher conferences so it was unlikely they would attend an open house. Preschools also declined the open house idea. Apartment complex representatives stated that their residents tended not to attend meetings; additionally, many of the complexes did not have a clubhouse or meeting space where residents typically congregate. During this time, the Outreach Administrative Taskforce was established, which included members of school administration, parents, and community members of Woodland (Park City) and Fremont school districts. This committee was established to meet monthly to assess strategies that had already been employed for outreach and determine new strategies and locations to direct information about the school.

November/December 2009—Contacted Pioneer Press and Reflejos newspapers to send ads to them for submission and to verify rates. Initially, looked at El Conquistador but determined that Reflejos’ circulation is much higher. Completed School Digests for the January Open Houses to the Pioneer Press editions serving Mundelein, Gurnee, Grayslake, and Libertyville. Contacted Park City Teen Center, Fremont Public Library, and Warren-Newport Public Library about holding open houses at their sites. Fremont Public Library consented to allowing PCCS to have an event at their library on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 7pm. Ads were sent to Reflejos and Pioneer Press to announce our open house at Fremont Public Library. Pioneer Press put the ad on the front cover of the Mundelein Review. Additionally, flyers were made and given to Fremont to pass on to library patrons. Contact was made with Kristin Nelson of the Park City Teen Center to hold an Open House at the Teen Center. A date of Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 7pm was set. Flyers were sent out to Park City in English and Spanish. Ads were placed in Reflejos and with the Lake County News-Sun to advertise the Park City open house.
Additionally, the open houses at Park City and Fremont were mentioned in the cover letter sent to all day cares and distribution sites PCCS had identified along with the flyers for the January and February 2010 open houses. Warren Newport Public Library (WNPL) declined allowing PCCS to attend their preschool open house, citing that it was for preschool admission only, not K-8. Additionally, WNPL declined to allow PCCS to hold an open house at WNPL on their own because PCCS is located in Grayslake, not Gurnee. Despite learning that 40% of the students at PCCS were WNPL residents, the library held firm to their decision.

January 2010—The Mayor of Park City instructed his staff to pass out the flyers and they were distributed to all of the constituents of Park City, alerting them of the PCCS Open House. Cover letters and flyers were sent out to those listed on the distribution list in the first week in January. Additionally, personal visits were made to local apartment buildings in Park City, Waukegan and Gurnee; at that time, flyers and brochures were provided the apartment managers and a brief overview of the school was given. Open Houses were held at the Park City Teen Center on January 13, 2010 (attended by staff Myron Dagley, Dil Dybas, Kathy Beyer, Kelly Smith and Ray Martinez) and at the Fremont Public Library on January 14, 2010 (attended by staff Myron Dagley, Dil Dybas and Kathy Beyer). No attendees were present at the Open House at either location. This is the first year we have attempted such an endeavor in several years. We were successful in our ability to secure open house locations free of charge from facilities/entities that were willing for us to present to their community members. Additionally, an updated and community-directed presentation was planned, with handouts available to attendees in English and Spanish. As discussed previously, many locations were agreeable to disseminating flyers and brochures about the school so that their tenants/members were aware of the school. At the open houses, PCCS staff representation was good, including bilingual staff. The sole obstacle we confronted was that no one attended either open house. It is clear that all residents of Park City were given flyers informing them of the date and location of the open house and newspaper ads were placed in English and Spanish for both open houses. Moving forward, it will be important to assess why there was an attendance issue and how to overcome that for future open houses held off-site. Plans have been made to hold an additional open house this year off-site, this time at the Mundelein Cooperative Preschool in Mundelein. The majority of preschool students at this preschool are Fremont residents; PCCS has secured permission from the director of the school and their board of directors to hold an open house. The date for the open house is Friday, February 5, 2010 at 11am. Per the request of the Director of the Mundelein Cooperative Preschool, an open house flyer has been created, asking that interested parties contact Laura Davenport, the Preschool Director, to let her know that they are planning to attend the Open House. She will, in turn, contact me to let me know whether there is sufficient interest to hold this open house.

January 2010—Tally of expected attendees at the Mundelein Cooperative Preschool is 3 at this time. Ms. Davenport will provide an updated tally the first week in February. On January 28, 2010, an Open House took place at PCCS. 17 families were in attendance to learn more about the school. A presentation was given as well as an explanation of the lottery process, followed by an extensive question and answer period and a brief informal tour of the classrooms. School policies in English and Spanish regarding Admission, Transportation, Fee Waiver and Volunteering were available for those interested. Also provided were enrollment forms for any who needed a copy. Some time was spent discussing the important policies; emphasis was placed on explaining the transportation plan the school has in place as well as the willingness of the school in purchasing transportation services for those unable to provide transportation. The volunteer policy was also discussed at great length, with an emphasis placed on the fact that no one is compelled to volunteer at any time at the school in order for their child to attend the school or remain at the school. Staff in attendance included: Dil Dybas, Kathy Beyer, Yvonne Schaefer, Christine Jeffery and Chris Hershiser. This open house was a big success, with the event running for 90 minutes in length due to the questions and comments from those in attendance.
January 2010—Two parents have stepped forward, offering to help “spread the word” about PCCS. One had offered to forward the flyer to the Gurnee Park District preschool program—she wanted to pass it out to all parents in the 4-year-old program but the Gurnee Park District told her she was not permitted to do that. She is verbally spreading the word about the current registration period for the 2010-2011 school year and letting all parents in her child’s class know that residents of District 50 are eligible to attend PCCS.

February 5, 2010—held an outreach committee. As the last one did not occur due to a lack of quorum, this one was attended by all members. Following that meeting, Dil Dybas went to the Mundelein Cooperative Preschool and held an Open House there for interested Fremont parents. Three parents attended the open house—a fourth was unable to because of their child’s illness. The Open House included a power point and a question and answer period. The event lasted close to one hour.

February 9, 2010—One of the parents interested in “spreading the word” planned to put up flyers in every eatery she attends as well as the local gym (with permission). The goal is to encourage parents who have established relationships with local businesses to use that familiarity to encourage the support of those businesses.

February 26, 2010—The last open house was held on February 25, 2010 at 7pm at PCCS. There were 40 families in attendance during this open house. Staff in attendance at the Open House included Myron Dagley, Brian Greene, Dil Dybas, Chris Hershiser, Cynthia McGovern, and Yvonne Schaefer. Staff provided prospective parents with a PowerPoint presentation, discussion about the lottery process, followed by an extensive Q & A session and brief tours of the classroom. School policies in English and Spanish regarding Admission, Transportation, Fee Waiver and Volunteering were available for those interested. Also provided were enrollment forms for any who needed a copy. Some time was spent discussing the important policies; emphasis was placed on explaining the transportation plan the school has in place as well as the willingness of the school in purchasing transportation services for those unable to provide transportation. The volunteer policy was also discussed at great length, with an emphasis placed on the fact that no one is compelled to volunteer at any time at the school in order for their child to attend the school or remain at the school.

The lottery was held on March 1, 2010. Staff in attendance included Myron Dagley, Brian Greene, Dil Dybas, Yvonne Schaefer and Kathy Beyer. Board members in attendance included Barbara Provost, VP of the Board and Dean Thorson. In total, PCCS received 198 student registration forms for the 2010-2011 school year. The procedure for the lottery process was that Kathy Beyer logged the names on the computer in the order they were announced; board VP Barbara Provost verified the computer logging as it occurred; board member Dean Thorson drew the names; Dil Dybas read the names; and Yvonne Schaefer took the cards drawn and wrote the number in which they were drawn on the cards. The process was also monitored by Brian Greene and Myron Dagley, with a number of observers in attendance.

An outreach committee meeting was held on March 5, 2010 to discuss future efforts with outreach as well as discuss strategies implemented this year that were successful and unsuccessful. Tools used to provide outreach to the community about PCCS included: paid advertisements to local newspapers in both English and Spanish; PSAs to local radio stations in the area; flyers disseminated to an outreach distribution list of over one hundred locations, including day cares, libraries, realtors, apartment complexes, and many other local community organizations; brochures to accompany the flyers; open houses held at PCCS as well as within the community; and the use of Parent Ambassadors in spreading the word about PCCS. Potential outreach opportunities discussed for next year included: posting flyers to Laundromats; independent grocery stores, including ethnic groceries; gyms/health clubs; doctors’ offices and minute clinics; the Great Lakes Naval Base; home schooling networks; and MLS books. The February open house held at PCCS was discussed as was the Lottery, in which
198 enrollment forms were submitted to PCCS by 5pm on March 1st. A brief time was spent discussing the out of district applications submitted for each grade; in particular, there was some discussion about 10 enrollment forms completed for Kindergarten despite the extreme unlikelihood that an out-of-district student would obtain a seat for Kindergarten. Dil Dybas shared with the committee an email that was sent to Principal Brian Greene by a prospective parent, whose child was placed on the wait list. This parent shared her impression of the lottery experience (this email is included, Attachment A). This parent was an attendee at the Open House held at the Mundelein Cooperative Preschool. The meeting concluded with a brief discussion of the possibility of meeting on a bimonthly basis to continue to provide outreach and promote the school to the community.

Attached are copies of the outreach agendas for the year as well as minutes for those meetings. Additionally, a copy of an email verifying circulation of the Pioneer Press ads is enclosed. An email from Kristin Arnold, Head of Children’s & Programming for Warren Newport Public Library is included as well; Ms. Arnold’s email is in response to a request for PCCS to hold an Open House at that library. The library declined, stating that as PCCS is located in Grayslake, they would be unable to allow the charter school to hold an open house at the library, despite the fact that over 40% of PCCS students reside within the Warren Newport Public Library boundaries. A copy of a local preschool’s newsletter is also attached, highlighting open houses for next year including PCCS’ open house.

At this time, PCCS’ outreach plan includes holding bi-monthly outreach taskforce committee meetings and working with local realtors, the US Navy, and apartment complexes to ensure that new families are cognizant that Prairie Crossing Charter School is an option for their children. Plans are also currently being made to reach out to some additional community members to serve on the Outreach Taskforce.

Submitted by:

Dilrukshi Dybas
PR/Community Relations
Call to order

Discussion Items
- Mission Of Committee
- Open Meetings Act (OMA)
- Goals

Public Comment

Action Items
- Goals
- Discussion of Future Meeting Dates

Public Comment

Future Agenda Items

Adjourn

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Grayslake, IL 60030-3536
847-543-9722 Phone
847-543-9744 Fax
School Director: Myron Dagley
Principal: Brian Greene

Visit us at prairiecrossingcharterschool.org
Call to order

• The meeting was called to order at 10:03am.

Discussion Items
Mission of Committee:
• Dil Dybas reported to the committee members the mission of this committee is to develop a comprehensive strategy for disseminating information about PCCS to community members of Fremont District 79 and Woodland District 50.

Open Meetings Act (OMA)
• Myron Dagley explained the rules that committee members need to follow under the Open Meetings Act

Goals
• To review the updated Power Point presentation

Public Comment

Action Items
• Goals
  • The Committee agreed that the next step necessary was to review the updated Power Point presentation.

• Discussion of Future Meeting Dates
  • It was agreed by the committee that the first Friday of each month at 10am was a convenient time to meet.
  • Next meeting will be November 6, 2009 at 10AM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dil Dybas
PR/Community Relations
OUTREACH COMMITTEE AGENDA
Friday, November 13, 2009
10:00am
Kennicott Building
1531 Jones Point Road
Grayslake, IL 60030

Call to order

Discussion Items
- Power Point Presentation
- Review outreach distribution list
- Review minutes from previous meeting

Public Comment

Action Items
- Approve minutes from previous meeting

Future Agenda Items

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PCCS ADMINISTRATION
OUTREACH COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Friday, November 13, 2009
10:00am
Kennisott Building
1531 Jones Point Road
Grayslake, IL 60030
Approved December 4, 2009

Call to order
• The meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

Discussion Items
Power Point Presentation
• Dil Dybas reviewed the power point presentation with the committee members and sought feedback. Several suggestions were given, including a request for more pictures, giving attendees a history of PCCS and its mission; mention of the charter school vision; learning and teaching styles; size of school/classes. Dil will update the power point and present it again at the next outreach committee meeting.

Review Outreach Distribution List
• Janette Siegel suggested we add apartment complexes to our distribution list. Dil had already added the Park City Manufactured Home Communities but will look for apartment complexes in district.
• Each committee member was asked to review the list and identify a couple of locations that we should target for intensive outreach (open houses, larger flyers, etc.)
• Dil had compiled a short list of facilities she will call over the next couple of weeks to arrange for an outreach presentation.
• Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed by the committee members prior to the meeting

Public Comment
• There was no public comment

Action Items
• Minutes from the October meeting were approved by the committee through a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dil Dybas
PR/Community Relations
OUTREACH COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Friday, December 4, 2009
10:00am
Kennicott Building
1531 Jones Point Road
Grayslake, IL 60030

Call to order

Discussion Items
  • Power Point Presentation
  • Review open house dates
  • Review minutes from previous meeting

Public Comment

Action Items
  • Approve minutes from previous meeting

Future Agenda Items

Adjourn
OUTREACH COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Friday, December 4, 2009
10:00am
Kennicott Building
1531 Jones Point Road
Grayslake, IL 60030
Approved February 5, 2010

Call to order

Discussion Items
• Reviewed power point presentation; the committee agreed on the changes made
• The committee reviewed the dates for the upcoming open houses at Park City Teen Center, Fremont Public Library and at PCCS. Discussed having our next outreach meeting after the first two off-site open houses.

Public Comment

Action Items
• Approved minutes from previous meeting

Submitted by:

Dil Dybas
PR/Community Relations

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OUTREACH TASKFORCE
AGENDA
Friday, January 15, 2010
10:00am
Kennicott Building
1531 Jones Point Road
Grayslake, IL 60030

Call to order

Discussion Items
- Review Park City and Fremont Open Houses
- Review possible date for future open house at Mundelein Cooperative Preschool
- Review minutes from previous meeting

Public Comment

Action Items
- Approve minutes from previous meeting

Future Agenda Items

Adjourn

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OUTREACH TASKFORCE
AGENDA
Friday, January 15, 2010
10:00am
Kennicott Building
1531 Jones Point Road
Grayslake, IL 60030

Cancelled due to lack of a quorum

Discussion Items
- Review Park City and Fremont Open Houses
- Review possible date for future open house at Mundelein Cooperative Preschool
- Review minutes from previous meeting

Public Comment

Action Items
- Approve minutes from previous meeting

Future Agenda Items

Adjourn

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE AGENDA  
Friday, February 5, 2010  
9:30am  
Kennicott Building  
1531 Jones Point Road  
Grayslake, IL 60030

Call to order

Discussion Items
- Review Park City and Fremont Open Houses
- Review PCCS Open House
- Review minutes from previous meeting

Public Comment

Action Items
- Approve minutes from previous meeting

Future Agenda Items

Adjourn

Prairie Crossing Charter School is a public school that transforms our children through academic discovery and interaction with our unique natural, ecological, and community resources.
Call to order
Committee members present: Janette Siegel, Amy Hernandez, Carol Flaig, Dil Dybas, Laura Davenport, Myron Dagley
Committee members absent: None

Discussion Items
- Review Park City and Fremont Open Houses—Dil reported that there were no attendees at either open house. The same publicity used for advertising open houses held at PCCS were employed for these open houses (i.e. paid newspaper ads, flyers at the location, and community calendar postings for the newspapers). In addition, in Park City, the Mayor’s office had disseminated flyers to every residence in Park City. Despite these outreach/advertising attempts, no one attended either open house.

The committee members provided some suggestions about ways in which PCCS can advertise in the future. Amy suggested that the current flyer has too much information. She said that some of the constituents she works with wouldn’t read all of that information. She suggests we include the most pertinent details on the flyer and no extraneous information. Janette suggested that we may want to place open house information in “coupon clipper” next year. Dil will look into the cost and circulation numbers for this option. Some people reported that community members still are unclear that we are a free and public school. This became a prolonged discussion as it was one of the topics that was addressed at the PCCS open house. After giving the presentation and emphasizing several times that PCCS was a free public school, an interested parent asked if PCCS was a public school. Carol suggested that Spanish language flyers may be effectively disseminated to Spanish speakers by giving bulk flyers to Mexican grocery stores and asking that they put them in shopping bags. This is another idea that will be looked into for next year. A suggestion was made to ask people to state how they heard about PCCS in the Open House sign-in sheet so we learn how we are attracting parents. Carol will also check out the viability of posting flyers in Minute Clinics and at local Laundromats.

- Review PCCS Open House—17 families attended the Open House held at PCCS. Staff members Christine Jeffery, Chris Hershiser, Yvonne Schaefer, Kathy Beyer and Dil Dybas were in attendance and presented information. A question and answer segment followed—the open house ran 90 minutes in length.
• Review minutes from previous meeting—the committee members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting, held in December 2009.

Public Comment
No public comment

Action Items
• Approve minutes from previous meeting—Amy made a motion and Laura seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. All agreed. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items—discuss Fremont open house

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am

Submitted by:

Dilrukshi Dybas
PR/Community Relations
OUTREACH TASKFORCE
AGENDA
Friday, March 5, 2010
10:00am
Kennicott Building
1531 Jones Point Road
Grayslake, IL 60030

Call to order

Discussion Items
- Review February PCCS Open House
- Review Lottery numbers and results
- Review methods used to reach residents of Districts 50 & 79 and recommendations for next year
- Review minutes from previous meeting

Public Comment

Action Items
- Approve minutes from previous meeting

Future Agenda Items

Adjourn
Dil Dybas

From: Hanahan, Brad [BHanahan@PioneerLocal.Com]
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 11:32 AM
To: Dil Dybas
Subject: Advertisements January and February 2010
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

Hi Dil,

It was great to meet you in person last week!

Hope you had a nice weekend.

Per our conversation, here is a list of all of the publications of which your advertisements ran in.

I had produced tear sheets of just single newspapers and I not deliver multiple newspaper titles to you as I felt like it was a lot of duplication (and I did not want to waste any extra newsprint!)

1/7/10
Front Cover Ad
Mundelein Review
Mundelein Review delivered

1/9/0
Quarter Page Ad
Lake County News-Sun
Lake County News-Sun delivered

1/14/10
1/6 Page Ad
Just the Grayslake Review delivered

1/21/10
1/6 Page Ad
Just the Grayslake Review delivered

2/11/10
1/6 Page Ad
Just the Grayslake Review delivered

2/18/10
1/6 Page Ad
Just the Grayslake Review delivered

I hope this all helps.

2/24/2010
Please let me know if you have any questions at all.

Take Care!

Brad Hanahan
Advertising Executive

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2/24/2010
Dil Dybas

From: Kristin Arnold [karnold@wnpl.info]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 1:03 PM
To: Dil Dybas
Subject: RE: WNPL Preschool Fair

Hi there,

Will this email suffice? I am Patty’s direct Supervisor, and I feel more comfortable going on record. Please let me know if there is a form to fill out.

Thank you,

Kristin

Kristin Arnold
Head of Children’s & Programming
Warren-Newport Public Library
karnold@wnpl.info
Office: 847-244-5150 ext. 3040
Fax: 847-775-7055

From: Dil Dybas [mailto:ddybas@pccs.ws]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 3:00 PM
To: Kristin Arnold
Subject: RE: WNPL Preschool Fair

Hi Kristin,

Thanks you for your note. I am also wondering if Patty can write me a note about the library’s decision to decline PCCS’ request to hold an open house at the library. She had left me a voice mail at home, but the Illinois State Board would like us to keep a record of our efforts at outreach. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks,

Dil Dybas

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From: Kristin Arnold [mailto:karnold@wnpl.info]

2/26/2010
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 1:16 PM  
To: Dil Dybas  
Subject: WNPL Preschool Fair

Dear Ms. Dybas,

Thank you for your interest in participating in our Preschool Open House. Unfortunately, we cannot include Prairie Crossing Charter School because this event is focused solely on Preschools within our Library District boundaries. I have given your Open House flyers to the person in charge of posting things on our Community Bulletin Board. Please let me know if you have any further questions about this issue.

Best of luck to you-

Sincerely,

Kristin

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2/26/2010
Dil Dybas

From: Brian Greene
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2010 1:31 PM
To: Rick and Jeannine Minehart
Cc: Dil Dybas; Myron Dagley; Kathy Beyer; PCCS Office; bprovostpccs@comcast.net; dthorson.pccs@gmail.com

Subject: RE: lottery

Thank you for taking the time to send this email. The team you saw last night as well as others that did work behind the scenes, is a representation of the dedication given at PCCS. It was equally difficult for us last night to watch the waiting list grow. As the principal, seeing the numbers reach over 200 hopefully reflects the academic and stewardship success we are having year after year. As a part of our charter documentation, class/enrollment size has to be strictly adhered to. We appreciate your interest in joining the PCCS family and hope that someone, someday we are able to extend an opening to your family. Please keep in touch as we monitor the lists every day. If there is anything I can do to familiarize you and your family with PCCS, please do not hesitate to call.

Thanks again,

Brian Greene

______________________________________________________________

From: Rick and Jeannine Minehart [mailto:themineharts@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2010 12:06 PM
To: Brian Greene
Subject: lottery

Hi Mr. Greene,

I was at the lottery last night and I must say that I was very impressed on how it was run. I was shocked at how many people are interested and the length of the waiting lists. Even out of district families still try to become enrolled. I guess you guys must be doing something right :)

Anyway, I was wondering if you would ever consider adding a class to each grade. You clearly have the numbers to support it. I realize this is a public school and this would require more funding, teachers, space etc. All of which you probably do not have. I felt like I had to mention it though, because I was among a decent group of parents who were disappointed that our kids won't be able to attend.

Thanks for listening and feel free to let me know if there is someway I can help.

Thanks again,
Jeannine Minehart
which you will receive prior to the event. And please remember to bring this flyer with you! Anyone purchasing food or booking a catering event on these dates will have to present the flyer in order to have the 10% go to GCNS.

Check out their website www.divinoaebato.com or call (847) 223-2500 for menu and location.

Welcome!
Please join us in welcoming Hollis Mann, Hugh Weatherly, and their families to GCNS. Hollis is joining us in our 2/3 class, and Hugh the 4/5 class. We're happy to have you as part of the GCNS family!

Area Kindergarten 2010-2011 Info
Consolidated District 46
Kindergarten Meet and Greet: Tues., March 9th 6:30 - 7:30 pm at all elementary schools.
Registration: Wed., March 17th 4:00 - 7:00 pm at Frederick
Fremont District 79
Registration: Tues., February 2nd, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Prairie Crossing Charter School
Kindergarten Information Session: Thurs., February 25th, 7:00 pm
March 1st is the Lottery for new students
St. Gilbert's
Registration: Fri., February 5th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Woodlands District 50
Primary School Open House:
Wed., April 14 for Kindergarten East
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Thurs., April 15 for Kindergarten West
6:30 - 8:00 pm

4/5 Class Search for Groundhog
Winter just wouldn't be complete without a search for that furry weather forecaster known as the groundhog! So, that's just what the GCNS 4/5 class will seek out on Feb. 1st as they venture to Ryerson Woods for a pre-Groundhog Day field trip.

The field trip will consist of an entertaining attempt to wake the human-sized groundhog, followed by an indoor presentation on groundhog life. The entire presentation lasts about 45 minutes. The class will meet at Ryerson Woods at 9:45 am for a 10:00 am start to the presentation. Please dress children appropriately for the weather. Much of this field trip is outside.
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