

# Garmisch Elementary/Middle School

"We are the GEMS of the Alps - Growing Excellent Motivated Students!"

## Bulletin

# Monday, February 11, 2013

### Announcements

We have rescheduled our Awards assembly, it will be tomorrow, February 12 at 2:00PM

Calling all engineers! If you have an engineering mind (or not) and want to help us plan for our STEM Amazing Race, come to the school tomorrow, February 12<sup>th</sup> @ 1445 for our initial planning meeting. The idea of the event will be for students to use 21<sup>st</sup> century skills of collaboration, cooperation and problem solving in order to accomplish engineering type tasks as they race around the school community. The event will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at school.

Remember to check out GEMS web page <http://www.garm-es.eu.dodea.edu/> for new pictures of your children and to see what is happening here at the school.

#### School Improvement Goals

Goal 1: All students at Garmisch Elementary Middle School will improve their Math communication.

Goal 2: All students at Garmisch Elementary Middle School will improve their critical reading skills.

### Upcoming Calendar Events

Feb 12	Awards Assembly @ 2:00PM MPR
Feb 18	Presidents' Day - Federal Holiday
Mar 4	PTA Meeting 6:00PM
Mar 6	NAEP testing grades 4 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup>
Mar 11-15	Terra Nova Testing
Mar 18	Teacher Work Day - Continuous school improvement
Apr 1	PTA Meeting 6:00PM
Apr 4	End of 3rd Qtr.(48days of instruction)
Apr 5	No school - teacher work day
Apr 8	Begin Spring Recess

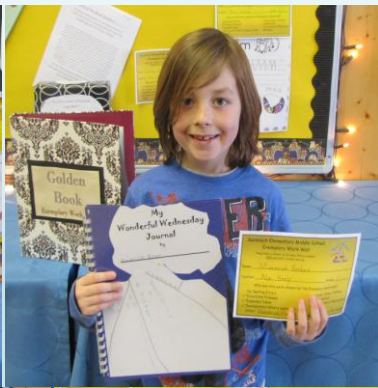
### Quote of the Day

Health is the greatest gift,  
contentment the greatest wealth,  
faithfulness the best relationship.

Buddha







This week, we honor the exemplary work of many of our students at GEMS. Make sure to stop by the Exemplary Work Wall to see all the amazing work that is on display.

# PTA Diary - week beginning 11 February

Supporting the GEMS of the Alps!



## EVENTS

March 4 - PTA meeting  
(6pm at GEMS)

March 6 – End of  
Wonderful Wednesday  
Carnival

**March 23 – Spring  
Community Auction**

April 1 - PTA meeting  
(6pm at GEMS)

May 3 -Amazing Race  
(GEMS)

End of May – Fun run

May 6 – PTA meeting  
(6pm at GEMS)

May 18 – Yard sale (9am  
outside GEMS)

June 3 – PTA meeting  
and elections (6pm at  
GEMS)

June 12 – End of year  
school field day and BBQ

## BOX TOPS!

We had a great month collecting Box Tops in January – with another 700 coming in. Kindergarten collected the most last month – can your class beat them next month? Our total is now more than 4,000 and we are pretty much halfway towards our goal of around 9,000 by the end of the school year.

And remember to shop for our new range of spirit wear via the Box Tops website. Go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) search for Garmisch under schools. Once you have registered you can go straight through to the Lands' end website and start shopping there using the school's unique Lands' End number (900154147), earning box tops for GEMS at the same time.

## New Diary date

Following the success of last November's Turkey Trot we are going to hold another Fun run to get students, teachers, staff and parents out enjoying the beautiful fresh Garmisch air.

The Fun run will take place at the end of May - more details to come. We will also need some parents to help man stations round the course and organise the runners. If you can help contact Matt Acuff at [matthew.acuff@hotmail.com](mailto:matthew.acuff@hotmail.com)

## Fundraising Yard Sale – Saturday May 18

The venue for the yard sale will be outside the school from 0900-1300 (wet weather plan will be the school gym)

Space (and tables available on a first come, first served basis) will be priced at \$15 for PTA members and \$20 for non-members. Anything you make in sales is yours!

If you need any more information contact Kelly Rose at [stevenkellyrose@gmail.com](mailto:stevenkellyrose@gmail.com)

Only 6 weeks to go til the Community Spring Auction...

If you can help with a donation of an item or service please contact Mike Vining at [thevinings@gmail.com](mailto:thevinings@gmail.com)

**Remember to Keep Calm and Donate!**