



## Kids Helping Kids at Greenbelt Elementary School

The Greenbelt Elementary School Advisory Board is sponsoring a canned food drive this month for the Maryland Food Bank. But just who is the GAB? What is their purpose?

Organized by Guidance Counselor Donna Behe, the GAB is comprised of two students from each class in grades two through six. One boy and one girl from each class is chosen by their peers, and about once each month, the GAB assembles to talk about ways to help the community at large.

Now that community service and volunteer hours requirements have “trickled down” to sixth graders, it is better to establish the idea of serving others at an early age.

According to sixth grader Clark Reese and fourth grader Alanna Rall, “The canned food drive is an easy way to help people.” Rall added she was glad the food drive was extended so she could

go ask her parents for more stuff.

While GAB does have a strong sense of service to the community, it is also responsible for organizing school events such as spirit weeks and Pennies for Patients.

Parents, please consider these words from our children as you make a donation to the canned food drive and other events sponsored by GAB. Children learn from their first teachers— and that is you.

Remember, snowflakes melt alone, but together, they stop traffic!

### Lost and Found!!! HELP!!

Parents, please take a moment to label your child’s belongings. Ten seconds with a Sharpie marker can save your child hours of “I can’t find my....” Our Lost and Found department has lots of items in it. Please take a moment to look for your child’s posses-

sions. We are also approaching a new season, with new clothing requirements. Please, take the time to label gloves, scarves, and other cold weather apparel. Thank you!

### Canned Food Drive Extended

The Canned Food Drive, sponsored by GAB, has been extended through Friday, Novem-

ber 13. Please send in your non-perishable, non-glass items to school. Thank you for helping the Maryland Food Bank, and for teaching your child about community service.

### Conference Day Coming!

Parent-Teacher Conference Day is next Wednesday, November 11, 2009! See you there!

### Pause with Ms. Seidel

On Tuesday, November 10, 2009, first quarter report cards will be sent home with our students. Consider making a date with your child to talk about his/her progress in the first quarter and develop a plan for success in the second quarter. Come up with a list of questions or concerns to share at the Parent-Teacher Conference Day next Wednesday, November 11, 2009. As you show your child your commitment to his/her academic success, start a partnership now with your child. This is such an important opportunity for you and your child. Thank you.

*Kimberly Seidel, Principal*

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- November 3– Pick up Sally Foster between 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
- November 3– PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- November 5– Community Health Fair, Co-sponsored with Greenbelt Middle School, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- November 9-10– Fifth Grade trip to Camp Schmidt.
- November 10– First Quarter Report Cards released.
- November 11– No school for students. Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- November 24– Thanksgiving Break begins at 3:25 p.m.!
- November 30– School reopens.

## *Parents: Are you Feeling Stressed????*



Come to an Information Session  
on Stress Management and  
Healthy Tips  
Information Booths on  
Health Topics

Thursday, November 5, 2009 5 – 7 PM

Greenbelt Middle School Library

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## **Two Guest Book Reviews! Check out what the sixth grade is reading!**

**Book Title: Dear Dumb Diary Author: Jim Benton**

**Reviewed by: Zoe Davis**

**Who should read this book: I think this is really a book for girls.**

**Two sentences about this book: Jamie tried to dye her hair a different color but when she did, it got messed up. Jamie's dog (Stinker) ate her homework but Angelene helped her with it before she had to turn it in.**

**Book Title: Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key**

**Author: Jack Giantos**

**Reviewed by: Jasmine Goggins**

**Who should read this book: I think anyone in grades 3-6 should read this if you like comedy.**

**Two sentences about this book: Joey Pigza is a book about a fast-moving, hot-wired boy who can't sit still. That's why problems start.**