



## Newsletter September 2013

**School Timings:** School starts at sharp 10:00am.

**GGSA administration is working on the following this year.**

The #1 priority is not surprisingly to secure alternative space (near the Gurudwara) for GGSA.

We are looking for a few volunteers to come forward and form a committee to identify and secure space, please email [ggsa-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ggsa-owner@yahoogroups.com).

Below are the aggregated results from the survey (30 respondents). The average satisfaction score was **4.4** out of 5.

In priority order from the highest to lowest votes, the 2013-14 school year priorities will be:

1. Secure space to improve learning environment - **24 votes**
2. Put more structure and support around extra-curricular/events e.g. Symposium, Kirtan, Field trips etc... - **15 votes**
3. Increase parent volunteering and participation - **12 votes**
4. Focus more on Boli and Virsa - **12 votes**
5. Put more focus on community service & sewa programs - **10 votes**
6. Improve communication and transparency around homework - **8 votes**
7. More social events - **5 votes**

**Sikh Community Outreach Program: August 30<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>**

**School Bag Drive for Economically Disadvantage Kids: Please see attached Document.**

This year again we would like to donate at least 30-35 school bags and continue to support economically disadvantaged families in our local area and help start their kid's school year with a smile and great enthusiasm.

Please help us by donating school bags / supplies. We will collect cash donations starting from Aug 30<sup>th</sup>-Sept 15<sup>th</sup> and purchase bags as per schools requirements. This is also a great way for you to engage in a dialog with your child to help them understand how fortunate they are and how we can help families in need outside of our Gurudwara community by doing this sewa. If you have any further questions, please contact Tejinder Kaur or any of the committee members.

**Sandwich Drive:** On Sunday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 Skunk Lane, Wilton at 2:30- 4:00 pm.

This drive is for Dorothy House in Danbury. We will be making about 200 sandwiches. Kids over 10 yrs can come and participate.



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Someone can volunteer to make cookies at home and bring about 80 apples. Any questions contact Neena Kaur at [203-563-9737](tel:203-563-9737)

**Soup Kitchen:** By Sikh Community Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 2:30 Location: Stamford CT. Contacts: Neena Kaur 203-563-9737

**Kids Divan: School:** Children's Divan

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

**Location:** Norwalk Gurdwara at 11:15 am – 12:30 pm

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month is half-day at GGSA followed by Children's Divan. Please send email to [neena2007@gmail.com](mailto:neena2007@gmail.com) or call at 203-563-9737 for any questions.

**Library Hours:** Come and check out the Library for new books, every Sunday from 12:00 Noon to 12:30 pm except 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

**Picture Day:** On Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> during class group pictures will be taken.