



The Greenwood School Newsletter



The Greenwood School provides a challenging and supportive education for average to above-average middle through high school students who have learning differences and/or ADHD.

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Dear Greenwood Parents, Guardians, and Students:

Welcome to the 2011-2012 academic year! This will be another tremendous year for student growth and accomplishment! The connections between our students' ways of learning and our faculty's ways of teaching ensure academic growth and success when students, parents, and faculty work together.

In addition to our continued focus on curricular excellence, we will also follow through on implementing our Strategic Plan's vision and goals. We will also attempt to increase the timeliness and efficiency of communication between school and home by implementing Google Education Applications (Apps.).

Two years ago, our faculty received extensive training in attuning to individual learning styles of students. We continue with this training for new faculty members. Our staff will recognize and teach to the differing learning styles of your children.

As we begin this new school year, we ask all parents and families to bring along the same enthusiastic levels of volunteering time and/or talents as last year. Greenwood's high quality programs reached new levels last year because of the increased involvement of parents and family. This showed our students that we are truly a team united behind them and that we truly care and work together for them.

In summary, let's keep in mind that clear, timely, and respectful communication is most important in our working together for our students. Let us know whenever we can be better communicators or of greater service.

Again, welcome to the 2011-2012 school year!

Sincerely,

Beverly D. Connell

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Head of School

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Important Dates

Monday, August 8
Mandatory Parent/Student
Orientation/Open House

Wednesday, August 10
First Day of School

Tuesday, August 16
PTO Meeting

Friday, August 26
Paper Drive

Monday, September 5
Labor Day - School Closed

Tuesday, September 6
Drive One for your School
Drive Event

Friday, September 16
Parent Conferences
No School for Students

Tuesday, September 20
PTO Meeting

Thursday, September 22
3rd Annual Frog Race

Wednesday, October 12
End of First Grading Period

Thursday, October 13
Second Grading Period Begins

Friday, October 14
Teacher Planning Day
No School for Students

Tuesday, October 18
PTO Meeting

Wednesday, October 19
Book Fair Starts

Dear Parents and Students,

On behalf of the Greenwood Board of Trustees, I want to welcome everyone to the Greenwood School. I think we're going to have a great year!

For those of you who are new to the Greenwood family, I feel sure you will like it here. At Greenwood, we take great pride and pleasure in offering a truly different learning experience. We're delighted to have you join this close-knit family. For our returning students, welcome back! We have some exciting and challenging projects in store for us this year! Finally, welcome back to our seniors – the Class of 2012! It's a brand new year with fresh, new experiences that will move you forward to graduation from high school and on to the next chapter of your life.

We're glad to have you here and we wish all of you a great year!

Bill McCoy
President, The Greenwood School Board of Trustees

Dear Parents,

As PTO President, I would like to welcome you to a new year at Greenwood School, and take a minute of your time to give you a little information about your PTO.

The sole purpose and goal of the Greenwood School PTO is your student. We are not political; we have no hidden agenda; we do not get involved in school academic or administrative matters; we only work to help provide education enhancements which will directly benefit Greenwood students.

Our funds come from your membership dues, sales of gently used uniforms twice per year, and various recycling programs. Virtually every penny that comes in to the PTO goes to buy items to help set Greenwood School apart from and ahead of other schools. Among other things, last year the PTO helped to purchase a large projection screen for the media center, Livescribe Echo Smartpens for use in the classrooms, outside umbrellas and stands, microscopes for the science department, and new P.E. equipment. These sorts of items are not covered by tuition.

Additionally, the PTO manages the cleared volunteer pool which staffs school functions ranging from operating the concession stand at sports events, to providing labor for grounds beautification, to chaperoning field trips and cooking at outdoor functions.

We are always open to new ideas and welcome any questions and/or suggestions you may have which would help better our PTO.

Your support is essential. Please help us continue to make your student's experience at Greenwood better by joining and supporting your PTO.

Thank you and welcome to (or back to) Greenwood School.

Sincerely,

Ruth Wade
PTO President

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

The first bell rings at 8:10 a.m. and students have to be in their seats and ready to learn at 8:20 a.m.

High School students have the option to go to Homework Help beginning at 7:00 a.m. each morning and Middle School students beginning at 7:30 a.m.

After School Homework help is available to High School students from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and for Middle School students on Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Students must be picked up promptly at 4:30 p.m.

There is an optional Activity Session for Middle School students each afternoon from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. These are organized activities with one of our teachers and the cost is \$5.00 per day, payable at the beginning of the week.

Photography items needed

Our photography class is in need of the following items. Any items you can donate to our class will be greatly appreciated.

- * DSLR Cameras
- * SLR or DSLR Lenses (AF or MF)
- * Tripods
- * Flashes (working)
- * Any other photo equipment

Paper Drive

On Friday, August 26th Greenwood will have a Paper Retriever Paper Drive. Bring in all your newspapers, computer paper, notebook paper, junk mail, magazines, and paperback books and drop them off in the front of the school.

There will be a designated drop-off point for each homeroom.

The homeroom that donates the most paper wins a ice cream social.

Recycling programs

Greenwood recycles paper, ink cartridges, plastic bottle caps (from water, soft drinks, shampoo, laundry detergent, mayonnaise jars, etc.), and cell phones. The PTO collects Box Tops, Campbell's Labels for Education, and Tyson Chicken labels. These items are redeemed for equipment to be used by our students in their classrooms.

The PTO will hold a Box Tops bake sale in the next couple months, so save those Box Tops to trade for home baked goodies.

The date will be announced.

Medicine

If your student needs to take medicine at school, it must be brought into the front office by the parent. Students should never have medicine in their possession at school. The medicine must be in the original container, whether prescription or over-the-counter, and must have a current date on the bottle.

Parents will fill out and sign a "Administration of Medication" form giving office personnel permission to administer the medicine to the student.

Place this menu on your refrigerator or tape it inside a cabinet for future reference.

Lunch Options

Students have the option of ordering lunch from three different vendors on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

The orders must be placed and paid for (in cash) on Monday mornings during homeroom.

No orders can be accepted after 9:00 a.m. on Monday mornings.

Below is the menu:

Wednesday



Crunch Taco	\$1.00	*Mexican Rice	\$1.00
Soft Taco	\$1.00	*Cheesy Fiesta Potatoes	\$1.25
Crunchy Supreme Taco	\$1.50	*Pintos & Cheese	\$1.00
Soft Supreme	\$1.50	Mexican Pizza	\$3.00
*Bean Burrito	\$1.25	Chicken Quesadilla	\$3.00
Burrito Supreme	\$2.75	*Cheesy Roll-up	\$1.00
*7 Layer Burrito	\$2.00	* vegetarian choices	

Thursday



Cheese Pizza	\$1.00	Plain Breadsticks (w/sauce)	\$2.50
Pepperoni Pizza	\$1.00	Cheesy Bread	\$2.50

Friday



Chick-fil-A Chicken Sandwich	\$3.00	Fresh Fruit Cup - small	\$2.00
Chick-fil-A Chicken Nuggets (8)	\$3.00	Chargrilled Chicken Sandwich	\$5.00
Chick-fil-A Chicken strips (3)	\$3.00	Chargrilled Caesar Salad	\$5.00
Chargrilled Cool Wrap	\$5.00	Tossed Side Salad	\$2.00