



# The Greenwood School Newsletter



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

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## Mid-term Exams



will continue through  
Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Please do not schedule appointments or trips  
for your student during this time.**

There will be no newsletter next  
Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.



The Greenwood staff wishes all  
our students and their families a



**Merry Christmas**

and a

**Happy Hanukkah.**



We hope our students have a wonderful  
break from school and come back  
refreshed, rested and ready  
to work hard at school.



## Early Dismissal!

Students will be dismissed at the following times on  
Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>:

**Middle School at 12:30**

**High School at 12:40**

and will return to school on **Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**.

## Important Dates

**Friday, December 11**

No Extended Care

Office Closed at 4:00

**Friday, December 18**

End of Second Grading Period

**Friday, December 18**

12:30 p.m. Early Dismissal

No Extended Care

**Saturday, December 19 -**

**Friday, January 1**

Winter Break

**Monday & Tuesday, January 4 & 5**

Teacher Inservice/Planning Days

No School for Students

**Wednesday, January 6**

Classes Resume,

Third Grading Period begins

**Tuesday, January 12**

1:30 p.m. PTO Meeting

Greenwood School Conference Room

**Monday, January 18**

M. L. K. Birthday - School Closed

**Tuesday, February 2**

1:30 p.m. PTO Meeting

Place to be announced

**Friday, February 12**

Parent Conferences

No School for Students

**Monday, February 15**

Presidents' Day - School Closed

**Tuesday, March 2**

1:30 p.m. PTO Meeting

Place to be announced

**Thursday, March 11**

End of Third Grading Period

## Acts of Kindness

We are very proud of these students who have shown kindness to others in November:

Michael Adkins  
Brian Adkison  
Jailyn Alleyne  
Walter Basore  
Alex Bongers  
Denver Flintom  
Adam Forest  
Blair Gordon  
Zachary Hendricks  
Abigail Kenney  
William Marcum  
Avery Mercer  
Cody Mitchell  
Chip Mountan  
Kelly Murphy  
Justin O'Dell  
Johnny Piselli  
Chad Porter  
Zachary Roche  
Brooklyn Rossi  
Jasmine Touray  
Jessica Wiles

## Clinic Wish List

Our clinic supplies are running low and we would really appreciate some donations of the following items:

- \* Band-aids (all sizes)
- \* Tylenol (adult, junior chewable, and liquid)
- \* Alcohol swabs
- \* Small Dixie cups
- \* Gauze pads
- \* Kleenex
- \* Masks
- \* Small cans of ginger ale

If you can help, please send donated items to the front office.

**Thank you so much!**

## AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK HELP!

Any High School student who wants to attend after school homework help during

**Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> -**

**Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> (exam days)**

must sign up on the sign-up sheet on Mrs. Gilliard's classroom door at least one day before. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Gilliard.

## Haikus

*From Mrs. Murray's Creative Writing Class*

Lightning struck the wood  
It brought fire to raid the wood  
The sky cried for it  
**by Kenneth Morrison**

**The Air I Breathe**  
Fall--not hot nor cold  
I breathe, it smells crisp and clean  
I can smell the leaves  
**by Lainey Prather**

**Frosted Window**  
Ice forms on window  
A white silk across the glass  
Winter is coming  
**by James Westbrook**

## PTO Savings Tip

When you leave your house, always make certain all blinds and curtains are closed. This can make a significant reduction in electricity costs over the course of a year. And take advantage of your local electric company's free energy saving home inspection and free online home energy audit. These will help you find ways to lower your energy costs.

**Subject to Change Greenwood School  
Basketball Schedule 2009-2010**

Date	Home/Away	Their Team	Our Team	Time
Thursday, December 17 <sup>th</sup>	A	Grace	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Girls 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Boys	4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
Friday, January 8 <sup>th</sup>	A	Grace	Middle Girls Middle Boys	4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
Monday, January 11 <sup>th</sup>	H	Success Bible	Mid/High Girls High Boys	4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.

**Attention:  
All High School  
Students  
Taking PE**

Make sure to come to school on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> with the PE Uniform, white bottom court shoes and 3 ring binder.

**Attention: 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

All 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have PE starting on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Make sure your student brings the following items to school beginning Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

1. Greenwood PE uniform purchased from RC Uniforms
2. White bottom court shoes
3. 3 ring binder

Please put your student's name on all uniform clothing and shoes as well as on their binder.

## TOPSoccer

Greater Arlington Soccer Club has added TOPSoccer to its association. TOPSoccer is an outreach program for children with learning differences or special needs who are ages 4-19.

The program gives these children the same opportunity to play soccer through games and activities adapted in ways that will ensure each player learns at his/her own ability. The emphasis is on development, training and meaningful participation rather than competition.

TOPSoccer will run for six weeks on Sundays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. starting January 24, 2010.

There are no fees, but a parent or legal guardian must be present for practices and games. Practices and games will be held at Ed Austin Regional Park, 11751 McCormick Rd, 32225.

For more information, send an email to

[ronda.sisk@gascoccer.com](mailto:ronda.sisk@gascoccer.com) or call 904-608-6319.

You may also visit [www.gascoccer.com](http://www.gascoccer.com) and click TOPSoccer under the program link for more information.

## Swine Flu Update

The DOH recommends the following 4 steps travelers should take to stay healthy this holiday season:

- \* Travel only when you feel well. Wait to travel until at least 24 hours after fever has subsided without using fever-reducing medicines. If you get sick while traveling, postpone traveling home until well.
- \* Wash hands often.
- \* Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve.
- \* Get vaccinated for flu (both seasonal and H1N1 if in a recommended group).