



# 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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## Welcome!

We extend warmest greetings to all students, their parents and families, and Greenwood Staff and Faculty as we begin this exciting 2009-2010 academic year. In addition to our returning Greenwood students and faculty, we have additional new students and faculty members that will enhance our very special Greenwood community. If you have any questions, or if we can be of any help, please let us know. We want to make this the very best year yet at Greenwood in providing the highest quality education and in serving your best interests.

Sincerely,

**Beverly**

Beverly D. Connell  
Head of School

**Bob**

Robert A. Zlockie  
Associate Head of School

## Important Dates

### Monday, August 10

Parent/Student Orientation  
(Mandatory)

10:30 a.m. Middle School (5-8)

1:30 p.m. High School (9-12)

### Wednesday, August 12

Classes Begin

### Tuesday, August 18

1:30 p.m. PTO Meeting

Greenwood School Conference Room

### Thursday, September 3

Open House

College/Career/Community Resources

### Monday, September 7

Labor Day - School Closed

### Tuesday, September 8

1:30 p.m. PTO Meeting

Greenwood School Conference Room

### Monday, September 14

Teacher Planning Day

No School for Students

### Friday, September 25

7:00 p.m.

Frog Race

### Tuesday, October 6

1:30 p.m. PTO Meeting

Greenwood School Conference Room

### Monday, October 12

Teacher Workday

No School for students

### Tuesday, October 13

Second Grading Period begins

### Thursday, October 29

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Blood Drive

## Reminder - Driving Safety:

- \* No cell phones are to be used when driving on Greenwood Campus. This includes students, parents and staff.
- \* Parking lot speed is 10 mph.
- \* The driveway is one lane; no passing.
- \* Please pull to the far end of the driveway when dropping off or picking up.
- \* Please pull into a parking space if you arrive before your student's dismissal time.
- \* No one behind you can move if you are blocking the driveway.
- \* Students must enter and exit the vehicle on the passenger side only.
- \* If you don't drop your student off at the building drop off point, they must be escorted across the driveway.

## Greenwood's Newsletter

Our newsletter is published weekly during the school year, and can be viewed on our website, [www.greenwoodjax.org](http://www.greenwoodjax.org).

There will be no hard copy of the newsletter since The Greenwood School has gone Green.

## Lunch Options

Due to declining orders last year, we will not order from Subway this year. Our Wednesday lunch delivery will come from The Sheik. Below are the menu choices:

### The Sheik on Wednesdays

Camel Rider - \$4.00

Tuna Pita - \$4.00

Turkey Pita - \$4.00

Large Hamburger - \$4.00

Hot dog - \$2.00

### Domino's on Thursdays

Cheese pizza - \$1.00 per slice

Pepperoni pizza - \$1.00 per slice

8 piece Plain breadsticks w/sauce - \$3.00

8 piece cheesy bread - \$3.00

8 piece Cinnamon Stix w/icing - \$3.00

10 piece plain wings w/Ranch - \$6.00

### Chick-Fil-A on Fridays

Chicken sandwich - \$3.00

8 nuggets - \$3.00

3 strips - \$3.00

Cool Wrap Sandwich - \$4.50

Fresh fruit cup - \$1.50

Chargrilled chicken salad - \$5.00

Chargrilled Caesar Salad - \$5.00

Tossed side salad - \$2.00

All orders must be placed and paid for during Homeroom on Monday mornings beginning Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Please send exact change. **CASH ONLY** - No checks

Sorry, but we cannot give credit for absences

## 2009 - 2010

### PTO Officers

President - Bill McCoy

Vice President - Rebecca Dill

Secretary - Tracy Gilbert

Treasurer - Kay Carver

## FAQ's

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Question:

Why does Greenwood School start earlier than other schools?

#### Answer:

- \* The state's requirements to earn high school credits affect the number of days per semester.
- \* Experience and professional recommendations indicate it is in our students' best interests to complete the first semester prior to an extended holiday break.



## Save the Date

Greenwood will sponsor a Blood Drive here at the school on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.



## Weather Alerts

Greenwood School follows the same early dismissal closing decisions as Duval County Public Schools. Please listen to the local news for announcements or check our announcement banner on HomeworkNow.com for updates between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

## Community Service Hours

High School students can get community service hours by volunteering at BEAM (Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry) on August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> for their annual "Back to School with BEAM". Information and sign up forms are available from Mr. James.

## Stay tuned!



August is the Kick-Off for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual FROG Race!

Details to be announced.

## Box Tops for Education

Save those box tops for the Box Tops Bake Sale coming in the first few weeks of school.

The exact dates of the sale will be announced soon.

No cash needed.

Baked goods will be purchased with Box Tops.

Greenwood also collects Campbell's, Pure life, and Tyson labels.

**So keep on collecting.**

Our school is able to buy sports equipment and other items with points earned from these labels.

## Medicine Safety:

**All** medicine, prescription or over the counter, must be brought to school by the parent. **DO NOT** send your student to school with medicine. Parents should bring any medicine to the front office in the original container with a current date and detailed instructions.

Parents will fill out a "Administration of Medication" form specifying the time and exact dosage to be given. All medicine is kept in a locked closet and a log is updated each time a student is given medicine.

## Do you have old cans of house paint you need to get rid of?

Send them to the Art Room!  
Any color!  
Any Amount!



The Greenwood School is aware of the possible spread of the H1N1 virus (swine flu) now that school is starting. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that schools focus on early identification of sick students and staff, staying home when sick, follow cough etiquette and hand hygiene practices. Please be reminded of the following to help our students and staff:

- \* Check the CDC H1N1 website regularly for updates.
- \* Since influenza is thought to be spread mainly through coughing or sneezing, cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose. Then discard the tissue in the trash.
- \* Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.
- \* Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- \* Stay home if you are sick and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- \* Students, faculty and staff who have a fever with cough or sore throat should stay home and not go out in the community except to seek medical care for at least 7 days, even if symptoms resolve sooner.
- \* Students, faculty and staff who appear to have flu like illness at arrival or who become ill during the day, will be isolated in a room separate from others and then sent home.

## Prevent the Spread of Germs

Here are some simple tips to help keep respiratory infections and many other contagious diseases from spreading, especially during the cough, cold and "flu" season.

Respiratory infections affect the nose, throat and lungs; they include influenza (the "flu"), colds and pertussis (whooping cough). The germs (viruses and bacteria) that cause these infections are spread from person to person in droplets from the nose, throat and lungs of someone who is sick.

You can help stop the spread of these germs by practicing "respiratory etiquette," or good health manners.

Here are some tips to help prevent spreading your germs to others, and to avoid catching someone else's germs.

### Keep your germs to yourself

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when sneezing, coughing or blowing your nose.
- Discard used tissues in the trash as soon as you can.
- Always wash your hands after sneezing, blowing your nose, or coughing, or after touching used tissues or handkerchiefs. Wash hands often if you are sick.
- Use warm water and soap or alcohol-based hand sanitizers to wash your hands.
- Try to stay home if you have a cough and fever.
- See your doctor as soon as you can if you have a cough and fever, and follow their instructions. Take medicine as prescribed and get lots of rest.
- If asked, use face masks provided in your doctor's office or clinic's waiting room. Follow office and clinic staff's instructions to help stop the spread of germs.

### Keep the germs away

- Wash your hands before eating, or touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Wash your hands after touching anyone who is sneezing, coughing or blowing their nose.
- Don't share things like towels, lipstick, toys, or anything else that might be contaminated with respiratory germs.
- Don't share food, utensils or beverage containers with others.

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