



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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The Greenwood School, a School of Excellence Randolph A. Gordon, President of the Board of Trustees

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to let you know that we are off to a great start this school year at The Greenwood School. We welcome 45 new families which account for 49 new students represented in all class levels. We have a total of 198 students this year and are at near capacity in all of our classes. Without a doubt, there is a uniqueness to our school that ensures our standing as one of the top schools in teaching children with learning differences in North Florida.

We entrust our children each and every day to our incredible faculty and staff under the exceptional leadership of Beverly Connell. Each should be recognized for all they do and the significant role they play in the lives of our children today and in the future. As a parent, I am reminded that we chose this school not only for its well rounded academic programs, but also for its caring and loving environment, beautiful surroundings and most importantly for the people who make possible this exceptional learning experience for our children.

FROG RACE

Mrs. Blair has plenty of Frog packets left.
Come on by the front office and get your packet.
Don't miss out on all the fun!



OPEN HOUSE AND COLLEGE/CAREER/COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Thursday, September 3rd

From 6:00 - 7:15 : you will follow your student's class schedule.

From 7:00 - 8:30 : representatives from St. Leo College, Nova Southeastern, UNF, FCCJ, Beacon College, JU, Learning Rx, and many more will be in the gym to answer your questions.
(Look for special treats from the Box Tops lady!)

Thank you to Kay Carver,

one of our wonderful Middle School Parents, for all the work she does with the Labels and Box Tops program. We appreciate you, Kay!

We are collecting Labels for Education,

Box Tops for Education, and Tyson Chicken labels.

Nestle Foods will not have a labels program for the 2009-2010 school year, so we are no longer collecting the Go Play labels.

Important Dates

Thursday, September 3

6:00 p.m.

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

Thursday, September 10

Vision Screening

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

Friday, October 9

End of grading period

Monday, October 12

Teacher Workday

No School for students

Tuesday, October 13

Second Grading Period begins

Thursday, October 15

Picture Day

Thursday, October 29

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Blood Drive

Tuesday, November 3

1:30 p.m. PTO Meeting

Greenwood School Conference Room



Greenwood's 1st Annual Frog Race

is gaining momentum. Our students are really excited about this fun event! While raising awareness of the wonderful wetlands here at Greenwood, the Frog Race also offers great prizes.

- Students sign up to sell Frogs for \$1.00 each.
- The student who sells the most frogs wins a prize.
- Students receive a coupon for a FREE game of mini-golf at Adventure Landing when they turn in their sign-up sheet and money.
- The Frog race will be held on Friday, September 25th.
- Prizes include a laptop computer, a family 4 pack to Adventure Landing's Water Park, restaurant gift certificates, nail spa gift certificates, tanning certificates, and more.
- You do not have to be present to win.



Penny Wars

Penny Wars starts Monday, August 31st through Friday, September 4th.

An action packed war between homerooms and the homeroom that collects the most pennies wins a classroom party. Students throw nickels, dimes and quarters in competing homeroom jugs to sabotage their competition.

FAQ's

Frequently Asked Questions

Question:

How will school closings be determined regarding the swine flu?

Answer:

School closings will be determined on an individual basis. Greenwood School **will not follow the practices of other school closures.** Greenwood will follow the guidelines provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in determining the necessity for closing school. We will notify families via HomeworkNow.com, our website, email and and/or telephone if Greenwood closes due to the flu. The best proactive measure for preventing the need to close the school is for each family to keep students who are ill home from school until free from vomiting, diarrhea and fever without taking fever-reducing medication (acetaminophen or ibuprofen) for at least 24 hours.

Save the Date



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

Savings Corner Courtesy of the PTO

The PTO wanted to share some money saving tips with you. We will feature money saving tips in the next few newsletters.

- Visit manufacturer sites of products you purchase. Many have rewards programs that allow you to enter bar codes from purchased items and when you reach a certain level, you get coupons for free products! Eight O'Clock coffee is one such site. Also, many sites will have downloadable/printable coupons for reduced price or even free items.

Epilepsy Parent Support Group

The Epilepsy Foundation of Florida holds a **Parent Support Group** meeting for families with children that have the disorder.

Meetings are held:

DATE: The 2nd Thursday of each month (Sept-June)

TIME: 6:30 pm.

PLACE: Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church (Room D-4)
4001 Hendricks Avenue

Program for Thursday, September 10th: Seizure Recognition Seminar
RSVP - Rich Hatfield
EFOF-731-3752



To Ms. Cindy Hall, our new Middle School Teacher

I originate from Ohio but have been a resident of Florida for 23 years. For the last 11 years I have been at DePaul School, first as a teacher and later as Dean. I love challenging students, helping them find the skills that will bring them success. I have two daughters. The oldest is in her 5th year of teaching.

I was blessed with my first grandchild this past spring.

I love the outdoors, canoeing and snorkeling, swimming, watercolor painting, reading and singing in the choir. I am the proud owner of a retired greyhound racer.

For four years I have been a sponsor for a Scholastic Chess Club. We will be starting an after-school Chess Club here at Greenwood. I am excited to be here at Greenwood School and I look forward to working with this talented and dedicated staff to serve our students and their families.



McKay Checks are here!
If your student is on the McKay Scholarship, please stop by the front office and sign your check.



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.

Vision Screening

Vision is Priceless is coming to our school on Thursday, September 10th to provide free vision screening for our students.

- * Students should wear their glasses or contacts, even if they don't wear their glasses all the time.
- * This screening does not replace a complete eye exam by your doctor.
- * If we find a concern, we will notify you.

Volleyball

So many students signed up for volleyball that we had to split up into two teams.

The first game will be played on Monday, August 31st. The Middle School Team plays at 4:30 pm and the High School Team plays at 5:30 pm right here at Greenwood. See Mrs. Weaver's HomeworkNow page for practice and game schedules.

Box Tops Bake Sale

Dates: Thursday, September 10th and Friday, September 11th

Time: At dismissal

Place: Right outside the front door

No cash accepted.

Baked goodies will be purchased with Box Tops and Tyson Labels.

We also need volunteers to bake some yummy treats for the sale. If you can donate some baked goods, please bring them to the front office by noon on Thursday, September 10th.

For more information, contact Kay Carver at 242-2436.