



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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Don't Forget

Yard Sale

Come to the Yard Sale tomorrow,
Saturday, October 3rd from
7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



PTO Meeting

Tuesday, October 6th at 1:30 p.m. in the
Greenwood School Conference Room.



Movie Night

Presented by the Spanish Club.

Friday, October 9th from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Food will be served.

Admission: \$1.00 OR nonperishable food
items for Hunger Awareness Month.

We will be featuring "Spanglish", which is rated PG-13.

Students from all grades are invited.

Students in grades 5 through 8 must have permission slip
turned in by Thursday, October 8th to attend.

If you would like to donate any food items for the night,
please contact Mrs. Bryant at
greenwood.bryant@gmail.com or at 726-5000.

Picture Day

Individual and class pictures will be taken on Thursday, October 15th
beginning at 8:30 am. Cady & Cady Studios is our new photographer
and we think you will be very pleased with their work. Students are
to wear their school uniforms (and their best smile.)

Important Dates

Saturday, October 3

Greenwood's Annual Yard Sale

Tuesday, October 6

1:30 p.m. PTO Meeting

Greenwood School Conference Room

Friday, October 9

End of grading period

Friday, October 9

Spanish Club Movie Night

Monday, October 12

Teacher Workday

No School for students

Tuesday, October 13

Second Grading Period begins

Thursday, October 15

Picture Day

Friday, October 16

School Dance

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

Wednesday, November 11

Veterans' Day - School Closed

Wednesday, November 25

Early Dismissal - No Extended Care

Thursday & Friday, Nov. 26 & 27

Thanksgiving Holidays

Monday, November 30

Teacher Workday

No School for Students

(Weather Make-up day, if needed)

FAQ's

Frequently Asked Questions



Question:

For some students, homework is not challenging. For other students it is a 2-hour struggle. Can individual accommodations be addressed for homework as they are in the classroom?

Answer:

This is an excellent question that can be posed to individual teachers. If your child is struggling with homework, let the subject area teacher know and work together to see how your child can demonstrate knowledge without so much of a struggle. This might be accomplished by completing fewer problems of increasing difficulty rather than a large number of problems. Other accommodations include completing assignments using the computer or recording answers on tape rather than writing out by hand. Each child's needs will be addressed on an individual basis by the teacher.

If your child feels the work is not challenging enough, talk with the subject area teacher about enrichment or higher level activities.



Awards Ceremony

Come join us in honoring students for their academic achievements during the 1st quarter of the 2009-2010 school year.

Date: Thursday, October 22nd

Time: 8:30 a.m.

PTO Savings Tip

There are many online groups that look for and post free or almost free items available on the web.
www.FreeBeesForMe

Food Drive

October is "Hunger Awareness Month" Watch for details on our Empty Bowls Project coming soon.

Non perishable food items will be collected for distribution to a local food bank.

Have an idea, thought or suggestion?



We have a new suggestion box located in the hallway by the main office. We'd love to hear from you!

Monday, October 12th is a teacher planning day. There is no school for students.



Sheik Hamburgers

The cost of Sheik hamburgers has been reduced to \$3.50 each.

Due to the high volume of hamburger sales, we have been able to reduce the price. Please send exact change for food orders.

Fencing

starts on Thursday, October 15th from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. for Middle & High School. Pick up permission forms at the front office. Permission forms are due back to Mr. James no later than Monday, October 12th.

Come to the Dance!

Date: Friday, October 16th
Middle School Sock Hop from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
High School Dance from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Admission:

\$3.00 or a non-perishable food item plus \$1.00.

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.

Hello There!

My name is Michalyn Palmer. I'm the Volunteer Coordinator for the Greenwood School. We are seeking parent volunteers to work with some of the students who need special help in reading. The program used is the Great Leaps Reading Program. The students who have been working in this program have made "great leaps" in reading, indeed! The volunteer uses a guided lesson assignment corresponding with the student's progress book. The volunteers are generally assigned specific students and work with them on a weekly basis. An individual session takes about 5 - 10 minutes per student.

If you are interested and available to volunteer some time each week to this most worthwhile program, please let me know as soon as possible. My contact numbers are below, or if you prefer, you are welcome to respond via email. Previous volunteers and teachers report that the participating students make amazing progress in reading! Ideally, you should be available to work 2 or more hours each week. We would be so grateful for any time you could give to help the students with this project.

We also have a need for a science volunteer to assist Mrs. Fields with her sixth period class (1:26-2:16). No experience necessary. Mrs. Fields is very organized and just needs another set of eyes and hands to help with that class, especially on lab days. She will be glad to develop a schedule for an interested person.

Of course, for either of these opportunities, the volunteers will need to be cleared. That is a requirement for all people having direct contact with students. The process is pretty simple and the forms can be obtained from the school office.

These are wonderful opportunities for us to make a difference in the lives of some students at The Greenwood School. I have personally seen children develop greater self-esteem, confidence, and a love for reading when volunteers give their time to work one-on-one with students. And, just think! If you work with Mrs. Fields in science, you might learn a lot of things you've always wanted to know, such as how worms reproduce or how to distinguish the gender of lizards!

Thank you for any consideration you give to these projects!

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"Jump enthusiastically into the journey...bring your best possibilities to life." Ralph Marston

CrazyBusy Tip of the Week

(From Dr. Edward Hallowell's book, "CrazyBusy: Overstretched, Overbooked, and About to Snap!: Strategies for Handling Your Fast Paced Life").

Busyness & Incivility

The late American aphorist Mason Cooley once quipped,
"Being charming takes time and effort, and I am busy."

No one is charming all the time. But are you polite? Do you wave back to the neighbor who greets you as you drive by in the morning? Do you acknowledge the person who holds a door open for you?

Try to be polite. Incivility is one of the unpleasant consequences of being too busy, and the consequences can be far-reaching. Remember, the person you are impolite to may very well be in your next meeting or seated next to you on a cross-country flight! More importantly, if you have children, remember that they learn from your actions.

You cannot expect your children to be polite, if you aren't.

You might use becoming impolite as a measure of when you are too busy; use it as a sign that it's time to slow down and make some changes in your life.

FROG RACE

Thanks to everyone for their support of the FROG Race.

We sold over 2,000 FROGS!



Top Sellers

Donald Riedel - 100 frogs

Lainey Prather - 104 frogs

Blair Waters - 120 frogs

Austin Borkowski - 180 frogs and winner of the iPod shuffle!!!

Thank you to the following students who helped with the FROG Race:
Brittney Carrillo, Lauren Kelly, John Lopez, and Devon Johnson-Robinson.

Frog Race Prize Winners

Laptop Computer

Adventure Landing Passes

Kabob House Dinner

Dazzling Diva Pedicure by Cheryl at Parisian

15 Minute Chair Massage by TJ at Parisian

1 Month Tanning at Island Sun Tanning

Gold Service Car Wash at Car Spa

Gold Service Car Wash at Car Spa

Gander Mountain T-Shirt

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Big Mike's Pizza \$30 gift certificate

September's Garden \$20 produce gift Certificate

Outback Steak House \$50 gift certificate

Outback Steak House Bloomin' Onion Certificate

Girls Inland Ocean Gift Pack

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Designing Women Custom Jewelry

1511 Juliana Crowthers

993 Gail Roberts

446 Mary Campbell

2364 Elizabeth Eide

1858 Kathy Hayes

1914 Lindsey Weyer

1644 Mark Gardner

2068 Christie Tims

249 Hubert Glover

2035 Linda Spruill

2238 Kim's Electric

23029 Sandra Baylor

407 Callie Gaines

1722 Barbara Murray

780 Louis Therres

655 Elsie Estrella

2272 Cathy Campbell

66 Michael Leslie

2247 Bill Fiore

Our generous prize donations were given by FACS Management, Adventure Landing, Outback Steakhouse, Parisian Nail Spa, Kabob House, Car Spa, Island Sun Tanning, Gander Mountain, Big Mike's Pizza, September's Garden, Inland Ocean and Designing Woman.

Thank you so much to these companies for donating to help Greenwood School.



**Congratulations to Mrs. Blair on the
success of her amazing FROG Race!**



The City of Jacksonville, in conjunction with business community leaders, have begun a campaign to have the city wear teal on the Fridays prior to a Jaguars home game. Greenwood School is pleased to support this campaign with the following conditions:

- Students may wear a teal colored collared shirt, tee shirt or Jaguars tee shirt or jersey as long as the shirt fits appropriately and is tucked in. (Black or white shirts can also be worn).
 - Uniform slacks, shorts, or skirts must be worn.
 - Tank/sleeveless/midriff tops are strictly forbidden.
 - All other uniform codes remain in effect.
 - Behavior expectations remain in effect.

The schedule for teal days follows:

- * October 2, 16
- * November 6, 20
- * December 4, 11, 17

We are very pleased with our students' behavior so far this year and are confident our students will remain focused on their school responsibilities while supporting our team.

GO JAGUARS!

Tech Tip #3 Discovery Education Streaming Video Subscription

Greenwood School has renewed their subscription to Discovery Education Streaming Video for the upcoming school year with an upgrade.

Included with this years subscription is DiscoveryEducation.com's Student Center.

The Student Center enables students to create their own accounts with Discovery Education in order to access multimedia content including streaming video from any Internet connection at school or home.

Any Greenwood student may create an account to access this excellent resource.

Go to: <http://students.discoveryeducation.com/>

Enter the Passcode: 44ED-8841

At the prompt, fill out registration. Please remember your username and pass word as they are required each time you want to log on.

If you have any questions about Discovery Education or any other media resource please email Mrs. Thomas at mthomas@gsjax.org.