



# 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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## It's almost here! The FROG RACE!



Only a few days left to sell FROGS. All FROG money must be turned in by **Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

Will you be the winner of the iPod Shuffle?

(The student who sells the most frogs wins)

Come out and join in on the fun at the  
**FROG RACE** At 7:00 pm on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>  
at Adventure Landing on Beach Blvd.

Bring your **FREE** mini-golf coupons.

Prizes include a laptop computer, a family 4 pack to Adventure Landing's Water Park, restaurant gift certificates, nail spa gift certificates, tanning certificates, massage, car washes and more.

**You do not have to be present to win.**

## Important Dates

**Friday, September 25**

7:00 p.m.

Frog Race

**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

## Greek Festival

There will be a Greek Festival to celebrate the role that Greek History has played in our contemporary lives.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Time:** during 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> period classes (from 10:15 am to noon)

**Place:** Greenwood Courtyard  
Showcased in the courtyard will be art projects, science experiments, Olympic style P.E. games, historical re-enactments, literary legends, classical Greek Theatre, Greek Market Place, Socratic Walkers, philosophic orators, Greek Gods and Goddesses.

**We welcome donations of Greek food.**

## SPANISH CLUB

is hosting "Fill My Travel Bag" to collect items for families in need in El Salvador. From September 21-25, we will be accepting hygiene items to send to villages.

Acceptable items include the following **new** items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, hair bows, combs, brushes, washcloths, towels, kitchen items, etc. (no liquids, please).

Any items that you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

It's for a great cause!

## Student Directory Forms

**Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** will be the last day to turn in your directory information forms. This is also the PTO membership form, but **you are not required** to join the PTO in order to have your information in the student directory.

# FAQ's

Frequently Asked Questions



## Question:

Since we pay tuition, why does the school ask parents to support fundraising events?

## Answer:

Tuition covers approximately 86% of the school's operating expenses. Since Greenwood does not receive city, state or federal funding, it is necessary to raise money to cover the remaining 14% of operating expenses.

## WE WANT YOUR.....TRASH!

We are currently collecting the following:

- Capri Sun, Kool Aid and Honest Kids drink pouches (please remove straws)
- 6 and 32 ounce wide mouth yogurt containers such as Dannon, Stoneyfield Farms and Brown Cow. We are NOT collecting narrow mouth containers such as Yoplait and Breyers as they cannot be used as plant containers. (rinse containers please)
- All cookie wrappers, whether individual or family size.
- M&M Mars and Wrigley candy wrappers.

## Volleyball Schedule



Check HomeworkNOW.com under Mrs. Weaver's page for an up to date and/or full schedule.

## Coastal Cleanup Volunteers Needed

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at several locations in Jacksonville and at the beach. High school students can earn service hours. Participants must be over 18 or be accompanied by an adult.

For details, contact Vivian Harrell at 630-3420 or visit [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net), key words "Florida Coastal Cleanup" or call 630-2489.

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!

## Save these October Dates

**Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Greenwood's Annual  
Yard Sale**

Start looking through closets, cabinets, drawers and garages and bring in those unwanted but usable items.

**Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
Spanish Club Movie Night**  
See next week's newsletter for more details.

**Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>  
School Dance**

Sponsored by Greenwood's Student Council  
Details to follow.

## CrazyBusy

### Tip of the Week

#### \*Research on Multi-tasking from Stanford

A new research study from Stanford University suggests that the skills necessary to maximally multi-task may have a very specific downside - the inability to filter out irrelevant information to stay on task and comprehend what you are doing. In a world in which information technology and the internet has moved multi-tasking from an activity at the fringe of our days to front and center, this is not good "news".

The research study was developed to understand what gives heavy multi-taskers their "edge", or competitive advantage. What they found, to their surprise, is that multi-taskers don't have an edge. In fact, they found that heavy multi-taskers' underperform relative to light multi-taskers.

(from Dr. Edward Hallowell's CrazyBusy newsletter referring to Stanford University research referenced on [www.Psychcentral.com](http://www.Psychcentral.com)).

## PROM Save the Date

The High School Prom will be held on **Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** on the Lady St. Johns Riverboat.

## Technology Tip

### Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

To celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of RFB&D, any student with a qualified learning or print disability in the U.S. can sign up for [12 months of free access](#) to RFB&D's (<http://www.rfbd.org>) Library of more than 53,000 textbooks and literature, via Internet download. This special offer, made possible by RFB&D's donors and funding from the U.S. Department of Education, will continue through January 25, 2010. RFB&D hopes that this no-cost endeavor continues to ensure Anne Macdonald's dictum:

"Education is a right, not a privilege."

### Other No-Charge Audiobooks

Another no-cost source for students is [Bookshare](http://bookshare.org), (<http://bookshare.org>) an online library of digital books for people with print disabilities. In addition, [Project Gutenberg](http://gutenberg.org), (<http://gutenberg.org>) has a large collection of both human- and computer-read audiobooks of public-domain titles on its Web site. [LibriVox](http://librivox.org) (<http://librivox.org>) provides volunteer-narrated free audiobooks from the public domain through both its Web site and via podcasts. Become familiar with these exemplary institutions that recognize the right of every learner to access audio literature, providing materials at no cost, so that all may read. For a comprehensive listing of Free Audio Books please visit the Greenwood library wiki link accessed from the Greenwood Media Center page. Please contact Mrs. Thomas in the library for additional assistance.

### Acts of Kindness

The following students have been caught performing a kindness towards others during the month of August:

Brittany Anderson  
Michael Asandei  
Zion Bishop  
Blair Gordon  
Taft Luciano  
William Marcum  
Avery Mercer  
Charlie Palmer  
Oliva Ramscar  
Donald Riedel  
Zane Skinner  
Trevor Spratling  
Colin Turner  
Jessica Wiles

## Bake Sale News

A great big "Thank you" to Mrs. Dill, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Wade, Courtney Carver & Callie Gaines for helping with the bake sale last Thursday and Friday, and to Julie Blair in the office who is always there to lend a hand & with a smile on her face to boot.

A big "thanks" also to all those who baked or donated goodies and those who bought our baked goods. It was a sweet success!  
*Kay Carver*  
*Box Tops Coordinator*

## Greenwood Library Book Review

*Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie.*

A novel by David Lubar.

Welcome to Scott Hudson's freshman year of high school. He isn't the handsomest or most popular guy around. On top of his woes, his parents have announced that they're having a baby, he loses out on a book reviewer's position for the school newspaper, and he gets roped into running for the student council. Mix in a gym teacher who's Satan in Nikes, and a sign on his locker that says, "This is not a locker," and you have a hilarious and bittersweet story about one freshman finding his place and becoming his own person almost completely by accident.

For all of us who started (or will start) high school feeling overwhelmed and out of place, Scott is a hero. Like all of us he has his strengths and weaknesses, but most importantly he keeps his sense of humor, shown through his letters to his brother and sister-to-be, and his oddly useful Guides to Surviving the Perils of High School. Supported by his family and a few close friends, Scott discovers there's a lot to get out of freshman year, assuming he doesn't sleep right through it.

## 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.

