

GREENWOOD SCHOOL NEWS



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A Newsletter for the Greenwood School Community

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CALENDAR

February 11th

Family Pasta Night

5:00-8:00pm

Sponsored by FOG

February 14th

Happy Valentine's Day!

February 14th

Bake Sale – Metro III

11:00-1:00 pm

Sponsored by FOG

February 20th

President's Day

School Closed

February 25th

Date Night 4:30-8:30 PM

Sponsored by FOG

March 8th

Dumm's Pizza & Town

Market Fundraiser

Sponsored by FOG

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

2017 Summer Camp and 2017-2018 School Year Registration

Applications for the 2017 Summer Camp and the 2017-2018 school year will be available in early March.

Current students and Federal employees will be given preference for the first 2 weeks after the applications are available. After that period, applications will be mailed to those on the waitlist and others. At that time, applications will be accepted on a first come first serve basis until all classes are filled. We want to give our current students every chance to re-enroll, so please submit your application as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Laurie or Sharon W.

Tuition Assistance Program

Applications will be available with the new 2017 applications. *You need to apply every year for this program in order to receive tuition assistance.*

Please see Laurie if you have any questions about this program. To qualify your monthly child care costs must be more than 15% of your family's gross monthly income.

Arts Camp 2017

The Arts Camp applications (for children entering 1st grade through 6th grade) will be available February 29th and will be mailed to your homes or distributed to siblings at Greenwood. Arts Camp spots are limited, so please make sure that you sign-up quickly.

Arts Camp themes for this summer:
June 12-16: The Art Garage
June 19-23: Just Off Broadway
June 26-30: Out of this World
July 3-7: Colors Rock!

July 10-14: A Fantasyland Adventure
July 17-21: A Journey to the Middle East

July 24-28: Middle Eastern Cooking

*July 31-August 4: Behind the Scenes: Story Writing/Telling

*August 7-11: Show Prep: Music, Costuming, Prop Making and Set Design

*August 14-18: On Stage: Production and Performance

*3 week Drama, Art and Music collaboration (Can enroll separately also)



Tax Info for 2016

If you need a year-end statement for your income taxes, please request one from the office.

FRIENDS OF GREENWOOD

The groundhog did see his shadow so legend has it that we will have 6 more weeks of winter!

FOG continues to work behind the scenes, planning events so you can stay warm in the remaining weeks of winter, have fun, and support Greenwood's tuition assistance program at the same time!



Family Pasta

Night – Friends of Greenwood is trying out a new fundraiser this winter! The event is

scheduled for **Saturday, February 11th (5-8PM)** and will feature

entertainment for the children (*music and puppet show with Ms. Penny*) followed by an Italian-themed dinner and desserts. Registration is now OPEN. Go to the Greenwood School website www.greenwoodschoolmd.org and click on the Family Pasta Night registration button to RSVP. The suggested cost is \$10 per person or \$30 per family. All proceeds benefit the FOG Tuition Assistance Program.

Bake Sale – The Valentine's Bake Sale will be held **TUESDAY, February 14th.**

Please consider donating individually wrapped homemade or store bought baked goods or time. Savory items, such as quiche and breads have been selling well, too, so feel free to think outside the box! All items should be delivered to the Little Big Room by 9:30am on February 14th. The sale runs from 11am-1pm in the lobby. Please come out and support Friends of Greenwood! The December sale raised close to \$500 so let's set a new record this month! Questions or able to volunteer? Contact Colleen Nugent at ybk9@cdc.gov or see Laurie in the office.



Date Night – Won't be able to make it out for Valentine's Day? Or want to run some errands or go see a movie? FOG has you covered. Date night is scheduled for **February 25th, 4:30 – 8:30 PM.** Advance registration is required. If you are interested, **please be sure to register by 10 PM, Thursday, February 23rd.** You must register and pay online (<http://tinyurl.com/registerfogdateni>). The funds raised from Date Night go to support Greenwood's Tuition Assistance Program. Questions? Contact Leslie Prince at (301) 277-6877 / anne892@verizon.net

Dumm's Pizza & Town Center Market – Our next restaurant fundraiser will be on March 8th. Dumm's Pizza & Town Center Market are collaborating to support FOG's mission. 25% of proceeds will go to

the FOG Tuition Assistance Program. More details to follow.

Silent Auction. The auction will be held on April 29th from 5-9pm. Childcare will be available (with dinner!). The planning team has been busy and we would love your help! Do you have an item that you would like to donate to the silent auction? Popular donations include: tickets to an event in the area, a service that would be of interest to the community, a vacation home, sports memorabilia, works of art, etc. Are you able to donate food, beverages or other items or services to help make the event a success? If you would like to contribute, please contact Deborah Wren at dewren10@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support of Friends of Greenwood! Happy Valentine's Day!

CLASSROOM NEWS

Infants

Brenda, Beatriz, Rina, Nati & Cecelia

Congratulations!

Brenda and her family welcomed Natalie Elizabeth on January 23rd. We welcome her into our Greenwood Family.



Audrey and Everett have adjusted to the classroom and their new friends. Ivy is standing and holding onto furniture, and Mia is now walking. Leila and Josie are working on their crawling techniques. Maurycy is still the leader of the class, and is trying new foods. He is also the official "class greeter".

The children enjoyed watching the Chinese New Year Parade.

To celebrate Valentine's Day we are finger painting with red paint, so please send your child in art friendly clothing.



Don't forget that the babies grow quickly. Please be sure that the extra clothes in their cubbies still fit them.

Toddlers

Ms. Monique, Ms. Marina & Ms. Tomiya

For the month of February we talked about Ground Hog Day and made special headbands.

Our Valentine's Day activities will include special art projects using the colors red, white, purple, and pink.



On Tuesday, February 14th we would like for each child to bring a special treat to share with their friends. During Circle Time we will talk about loving, caring for, and sharing with our friends.

Please make sure that you dress your child in warm clothing for the weather. The weather can change from day to day.

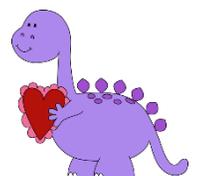
Also, please remember to label all of your child's items (clothing, blankets, etc.).

Two's

Mirsa, Rossina, Flor & Sonia

January was a month where we celebrated winter. We decorated our room with snowflakes, snowmen and a winter mural. We made winter hats, mittens and boots. We learned about how we keep our bodies warm on the outside with clothes, and how to keep them warm in the inside with food. We also celebrated Chinese New Year – The Year of the Rooster!

During the month of February we will celebrate Valentine's Day. Get ready to see a room decorated full of hearts made by the children. We will be having our Valentine's party on Tuesday, February 14th. If you can, please sign up to bring something to share. We encourage children to bring Valentine's to share with their friends. Parents can put their child's name on the inside of the valentine, and during the party the children can give them to their friends.



We will also be learning our colors in English and Spanish. Let's try to practice at home!

If you have any questions or concerns about our class, please let us know. The best time for a detailed discussion is between 1:15 and 3:00 while the children are napping. We can also meet for a conference early in the morning or during nap time. PLEASE make sure your child has a weather appropriate change of clothes and remember to label everything.

Spanish words:
Snow - *Nieve*
White - *Blanco*
Pink - *Rosado*

Two's

Ms. Ashley, Ms. Tammy, Ms. Mirette & Ms. Alicia

During January we enjoyed doing activities and talking about winter. We created a "Winter Wonderland" in our classroom, using a winter mural, snowflakes and penguins. We made some delicious cooking projects such as: cheese sticks and snowmen. We also learned about how to keep our bodies warm with clothing, warm food and drinks. We also enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year.

February is going to be an exciting month. We will focus on learning our colors and shapes in English and Spanish through projects and activities.

As we get ready for Valentine's Day, we will begin to discuss different feelings and emotions. You will see an abundance of hearts in our classroom.

Special Mail – There will be a mailbox in the room. We are encouraging all parents to write notes to their children throughout the month. We would like the children to receive special mail, so write as many notes as you wish.



Cooking Projects – Our cooking projects will include Valentine cookies and edible log houses.

Name Recognition – There will be a variety of activities to help the children identify their own names. Colors and size differentiation will also be a focus.

Field Trips in the Building – We will visit the dentist's office to see where you go to take good care of your teeth. We will also visit the Post Office to see where the mail goes before it is delivered to our homes.

We will have a Valentine's Party on Tuesday, February 14th. See sign-up sheet if you would like to contribute. Also, please bring Valentine cards that day for each child to pass out. Only write your child's name on the card.

Reminder: If you would like to schedule a conference, please call to make an appointment.

Three's

Dominique, Sharon & Nikki

January was a busy month. We kept busy learning about ice and snow through art, stories and even dance despite the unusually warm weather. We decorated our room with frosty snowflakes and painted with ice. We also learned about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and ways to be kind to others. We ended the month by learning about and celebrating Chinese New Year.

We began February by learning about Groundhog Day and light and shadows. We had fun making silly shadows with our bodies.



We welcomed Leighton to our class!

We will be decorating for our Valentine's Day party, which is Tuesday Feb. 14th. Your child may wish to hand-out cards to friends we will be making mailboxes to put them in. You need only put your child's name on the card.

We will also be learning about a different African American Inventor each week this month in observation of Black History Month. We will end February learning more about animals that live in cold climates.

Happy Birthday!

Amina - 3rd
Marley - 26th
Morgan - 26th

Three's

Robin, Leslie, Martha & Yolanda

This month we bid a fond farewell to January and say an excited "Hello" to February.

Although the shortest of months, February will prove to be the busiest for sure! This month we will explore topics such as shadows (Groundhog Day – [Feb. 2nd](#)), those we love (Valentine's Day), and teeth (February is Dental Health Month).



[Tuesday, February 14th](#) will be the day of our Valentine's Party. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Letters of the month are **Gg** and **Vv**. We will also be covering **Ww** (we missed **Ww** because of our Winter Wonderland Week).

Birthdays this month are:

Max Yu – 11th
Curtis – 12th
Gabiella – 23rd
Elliot – 26th

Pre-Kindergarten

Jennie, Andrea, Maria & Graciela

The class spent part of January talking about winter. The children had a great time cutting snowflakes, and making snowpeople.

February brought us Groundhog Day. The children had the opportunity to hear stories about groundhogs, pretend to be groundhogs crawling out of their burrows. They also did shadow dances to Vivaldi's "The four Seasons" (Winter and Spring).



This month will also bring us and Valentine's Day and President's Day.

If your child wants to bring in Valentines, please have your child

sign the inside and write the name of the child who is receiving it on the outside, so he/she can place them in the appropriate boxes. They will be delivering the cards themselves. We will provide you with the names of the children in our room. Due to allergies please do not bring in any candy. Thanks for your cooperation.

Letters for the month are **O, Q & C**.

We will continue to discuss Alexander Calder.

Pre-Kindergarten

Ms. Emonica, Ms. Lonita & Ms. Pat

In math we focused on addition and understanding basic concepts of geometry and recognizing how figures are composed of different shapes. Recognizing and naming repeating patterns were also reviewed.

In reading and language we have studied:

- recognition of complete sentences (verbal and written)
- summarizing stories read
- vocabulary
- beginning and ending sounds
- rhyming words
- recognizing and counting syllables



These are essential elements in reading readiness. The Bob Books are our group reading material this year. I hope that everyone will purchase them for reading mastery at home.

In science we have explored the importance of primary colors. We created various colors through experiments with food coloring. The children were amazed at what colors can do. They were very excited to find out the answers to their predictions, especially on the popsicle and air pressure experiments, etc. We will continue our experimenting until the end of the year.

In writing, your children can now write some of the letters and numbers, 1-10. Please continue assisting your children with their writing skills, and making projects at home. Children need constant practice for mastery.



Dates to remember:

Valentine's Day Party – Feb. 14th

Again, we thank you for all of your support, especially for driving the children on field trips.

Kindergarten

Ms. Karen, Ms. Jovany, Ms. Cheri & Ms. Johanny



We ended January with lots of fun! January 26th was the 100th day of school. We celebrated the day with

the children presenting their "100th Day Project" that they prepared at home. Thank you for helping your child make these creative projects and for supplying us with some tasty snacks to count & consume! We enjoyed reading books about the 100th day of school and other special activities to help us celebrate. We will continue counting the days of school by ones, skip counting by two's, five's and ten's, counting using money, tally marks and popsicle sticks. Practice counting and writing numbers with your child at home.

On January 27th, we celebrated Chinese New Year. The children enjoyed being in a parade with the other classes and eating a special dumpling snack. Thank you to Elsa's family for providing decorations and for delivering homemade dumplings.

Pete the Cat has been having fun visiting with our students for the weekend. He's been on lots of fun adventures already. He's patiently waiting to visit with everyone. Thanks for taking such good care of Pete!

February brings many themes that will keep us busy. Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, President's Day and Black History Month.

Our letters of the month are G, S, A and I. We will continue to learn about letter sounds, writing letters, sharing items that begin with our letter of the week and cooking through the Alphabet.

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Tuesday, Feb. 14th. Please check the bulletin board to sign up to bring something for our class party. We really appreciate your support! The children should each bring in a Valentine for every classmate. Please have your child address the cards to each classmate

and sign their name. The children will be passing out their own cards to individual cubbies.



We are happy to welcome Jordan Palmer as an intern in our class. Jordan is a senior studying Family Science at the University of Maryland. She'll be with us two afternoons a week.

Please see the conference sign-up sheet on our parent bulletin board. If the dates posted don't work for you, please send me an email so we can figure out a better time.

We still hope to have a parent volunteer for the job of compiling & printing our Alphabet Cook book that each child will receive on the last day of school. If you are interested in this project let me know.

Our Spring Camping Trip over night will be May 11-12. You can refer back to the email I sent in November for more details. I will send more information as the time draws closer.

Birthdays:
2/1 Jack
2/13 Antonio
2/20 Emma

