

GREENWOOD SCHOOL NEWS



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A Newsletter for the Greenwood School Community

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CALENDAR

January 16th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
School Closed

January 20th

Inauguration Day
School Closed

January 27th

Chinese New Year Celebration
The Year of the Rooster
Parade at 9:30

January 28th

Date Night - 4:30 -8:30 PM
Sponsored by FOG

February 11th

Family Pasta Night at Greenwood
5:00 – 8:00 PM
Sponsored by FOG

February TBA

Bake Sale – Metro III – FOG
11:00-1:00 PM
Sponsored by FOG

February 14th

Happy Valentine's Day!

February 20th

President's Day
School Closed

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

We hope that you had a restful, healthy, and happy holiday. The children have readjusted to their classrooms after spending time with family and friends. We look forward to another year of nurturing and educating your children. Welcome back!

SNOW POLICY

Please refer to the snow policy flyer that you received. There are additional copies inside G-90 & G-80. We are again using the School Messenger system this year to communicate school closings/delays immediately through text and email messages. If you have not registered, please fill out the form inside G-90, on the small table.

If you have a question as to the status of Greenwood's opening or closing, please call **301.277.6877** for an updated message on the answering machine, or check for updates on www.opm.gov/status.

If there is an afternoon snow/ice storm, please check your email or text messages, or call the school (301-277-6877) in regards to a "closing plan". Please keep track of the weather updates and adjust your travel plans.

WINTER ILLNESS

This is the time of year for flu and colds. Please keep your child home if he/she begins to show any symptoms of illness. Refer to the Health Care Policy that you signed for details on when to keep your child home, and when he/she is ready to return to school.



If you receive a call saying that your child is ill, please pick your child up as soon as possible.

TAX INFO

If you need a year-end statement for you income tax, please request one from the office (Sharon W.)

THANK YOU!

We again thank our Greenwood community for their generosity in donating to the *16th Annual Sonny Frazier Toy Drive* and. We were able to contribute in a BIG way this year!

CONTACTING TEACHERS

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child or their class, the best time to contact their teacher is at nap time (1:00 – 3:00). You can also call to arrange a meeting.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please continue to save Box Tops for Education. There is a collection box inside G-90 and an **envelope in G-80**. Thank you for your participation, and for cutting them – ready for submission.

2017-2018 APPLICATIONS



NOTE change in summer scheduling from past years when you make your plans. Due to schools openings after Labor Day our summer schedule is adjusting. Applications for Summer 2017, 2017-2018 School Year, and 2017 Arts Camp (school age) will be available at the end of February. Some of this year's Arts Camp themes are: *Middle Eastern Cooking, A Journey to the Middle East, The Art Garage, Fantasyland, Returning to Just Off Broadway, Out of this World and a 3 week Drama, Art and Music collaboration in August.* Dates yet to be determined.

2017-2018 School Year Applications: Current students and Federal employees will be given preference for the first two weeks after the applications are out. After the two week 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 spots are filled.

Tuition Assistance Program

Applications will be available along with the new 2017 applications. You need to apply every year for this program in order to receive tuition assistance. To qualify for tuition assistance your monthly child care costs must be more than 15% of your family's monthly gross income. Please see Laurie if you have any questions.

FRIENDS OF GREENWOOD

happy
new year!

Happy 2017! To new beginnings, fresh starts and reaffirmations of

friendships! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break. There are so many exciting fundraising events in store for the New Year. FOG is indebted to all the friends and families who continue to support the mission year after year.

Holiday Fundraiser Recap -

Thank you to the FOG organizers and to everyone who participated in the December bake and craft sales and Date Night. Together nearly \$1000 was raised for tuition assistance! A huge thanks you to all Greenwood friends and families who continue to support FOG's mission!

Date Night - Date night is scheduled for January 28, 4:30 – 8:30 PM. Advance registration is required. If you are interested, **please be sure to register online by Thursday, January 26 by 10pm.** You can register and pay online:

<http://tinyurl.com/registerfogdatenight>. The funds raised from Date Night go to support Greenwood's Tuition Assistance Program. Want to know more about Date Night? Check out www.greenwoodschooldm.org/fog/date-night. Any other questions? Please contact **Emily Gilcher** at mle102@gmail.com.

Family Pasta Night

Save the date for Family Night at Greenwood hosted by Friends of Greenwood on February 11th from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. The event will begin with entertainment followed by a pasta dinner. Funds raised will go to support the FOG Tuition Assistance Program. More details to come!



Silent Auction – Save the date for the annual FOG Silent Auction scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2017! Stay tuned for more information!

Amazon Smile - For those of you who shop on Amazon.com, but do not yet use the Amazon Smile program, please consider this automatic donation to Friends of Greenwood. To participate, click on the AmazonSmile link on the Greenwood website: www.greenwoodschooldm.org.

General Donations to FOG – If you would like an alternate way to support Friends of Greenwood in our effort to provide tuition assistance to Greenwood families and faculty, you can make a donation via the following link at any time: <http://tinyurl.com/fogdonation>.

Thank you for your continued support of Friends of Greenwood. With your participation, the forecast for 2017 looks bright!

CLASSROOM NEWS

Infant's

Brenda, Beatriz, Rina, Nati & Cecilia

We have welcomed Audrey and Everett into our classroom, and they are gradually adjusting to their new environment.

Ivy and Mia are crawling, standing and holding onto furniture. Leyla and Josie in the beginning stages of crawling, and working hard on it. Maurycy is now the class leader and walks around the classroom, playing with everybody.



The children will be finger painting with blue and white paint for our winter art project.

Remember to send hats and mittens for our morning walks. Please send appropriate extra clothing.

Toddler's

Ms. Monique, Ms. Marina & Ms. Tomiya

"Happy New Year – 2017!
Welcome back for another wonderful year!

We would like to welcome Vivienne Childs to our Toddler Class!

Our theme this month will focus on winter and our projects for the month will be based on this theme.

Please be sure that your child is dressed warmly for our wintery weather, including hats and mittens.

Be sure to label all of your child's things.



Two's

Mirsa, Rossina, Flor & Sonia

Happy New Year 2017!! We would like to welcome our new friend Emma to our class.

December was such a fun month full of celebrations. Holiday music was in the air and we learned a few holiday carols. We used bells to sing, and got quite good at singing *Jingle Bells*, *Frosty the Snow Man*, *Dreidel*, *Dreidel*, and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.

Our room was decorated with twinkle lights, stars, a chimney and stockings. We also made menorahs, potato latkes and played with dreidels.



January will give us a chance to enjoy winter. We will be learning about the change in weather, and

explore how to prepare for winter through projects, songs and books. We will learn how to keep our bodies warm inside, and outside. It is getting really cold outside, therefore, please make sure that the children have warm coats, hats, scarves, and mittens/gloves, in order for us to play outside as much as possible.

Spanish words to practice at home:

Cold - *Frio*
I'm cold - *Tengo frio*
Mitten - *Miton*
Hat - *Gorro*
Boots - *Botas*

Two's

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

Happy New Year! December was an exciting and joyous time. We would like to thank all of our parents for the wonderful gifts. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

During December our class enjoyed making holiday decorations and learned the diverse holiday traditions.



Our theme this month is winter. We will talk about things that help us stay warm. We will make various winter crafts, such as hats, mittens, snowmen, penguins and more.

We will begin to focus on potty training. Please remember that every child is different. We will encourage the children to use the potty, but it will not be forced upon them. In order for your child to be successful, the process needs to start at home. Let us work together to make this transition go smoothly.

Spanish words:

Cold - *Frio*
Winter - *Invierno*
Mittens - *Guantes*
Snowman - *El hombre de nieve*
Hat - *Gorro*
Potty - *Toilet*

Three's

Dominique, Sharon & Nikki

We are all very excited to be back at school and start the New Year. We welcome a new friend, Nadia, to our class, and she seems to be making new friends. All of our old friends were very excited to see each other when they came back.

The cold weather has arrived just in time for our discussions about winter, snow and ice. We will be doing some experiments with snow and ice. We will also be learning about how to stay warm in the winter, and what to wear. We will be reading "The Mitten" and "The Hat", along with other stories. Our activities and art projects will help

us learn and explore all of the things that winter brings.

We will end the month with a Chinese New Year Celebration!

Please remember to send and label hats and mittens for outdoor play. Also, please check your child's cubby to ensure that they have a change of weather appropriate clothing.

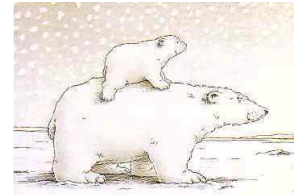
January Birthdays:

Caroline - 8th
Izzy - 18th
Finn - 26th
Evie - 28th

Three's

Robin, Leslie, Martha & Yolanda

Happy New Year to All! We had a great time during the month of December learning about family traditions and celebrations. Thanks to all the families who shared!



We will spend the month of January exploring the following topics: Winter, Things that are Cold, and Bears. We will also be learning about the letters Bb, Ii and Ww.

Mid-year evaluations are underway and will be completed by [February 3rd](#). Parent /Teacher conferences will be scheduled during the following week (a sign-up sheet will be posted on the board).

Happy birthday to:

Mia - 1st
Abraham - 8th
Sofia - 21st
Benjamin - 21st

Pre-Kindergarten

Jennie, Andrea, Maria & Graciela

In December we explored the similarities between the different holiday celebrations. We made star lanterns to represent the. For St. Lucia Day we made crowns and for

Hanukkah we made latkes and played dreidel.

During the month of January we will explore winter, the letters Z, W & M. We will begin discussing Alexander Calder, our next artist.



If you have (or can acquire) any WOODEN clementine boxes, we are in need of them for a future project. (Available at Safeway.)

Although the weather is getting colder, we will still be going outside occasionally. Please dress your child for outdoor play. Thanks!

Assessments will begin soon.

Pre-Kindergarten

Ms. Emonica, Ms. Lonnita & Ms. Pat



A glorious December left us with priceless moments that your children and family can treasure for a long time, especially your

children's Winter Holiday Program photographs and videos. Our magical program was unforgettable, for it was devotedly performed by your amazing and talented children. Please save their Winter Holiday Program pictures to treasure.

The teachers will begin assisting your children in preparing for their mid-year assessments. Teaching your children is a partnership. Please join us in making learning a fun experience for your children.

Please continue to discuss and review our weekly theme with your children, as we explore the excitement of reading.

We also invite you to share your special talent with our class (eg.

cooking, art and crafts, art and crafts, read stories, etc.) Call to arrange the time in advance.

Happy January Birthday –

Krystie Almanzar – 3rd

Lily Yin – 10th

Isabella Dixon – 18th

Evie Jordan – 28th

Dates to Remember:

Pajama Party – Thursday, January 19th

February TBA – Goddard Space Flight Center

Please remember to label your child's food. Also, please label all change of clothing. Be sure that your child has warm winter clothes, including hat and gloves.

Kindergarten

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

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a safe and pleasant holiday. The children were all happy to see their Greenwood friends again and get back into their normal routines.

Thank you for your contributions to our Holiday Feast and to our Ginger Bread House decorating last month. Both were very exciting activities for the children, and we were happy to have parents attend these events. Thank you also for your generous teacher gifts!



Adventures with Pete the Cat begin Jan. 6th. Each week on Friday, a student will get to take Pete (a stuffed cat) home with them for the weekend. Every child will have one weekend & names will be pulled from a bag. In Pete's travel kit you will find a journal to record the details of your child's adventures

with Pete. Please take a few photos with your child and Pete during their weekend together. Email your photos to Ms. Karen so we can include the pictures along with your journal entry into a book. At the end of the year everyone will receive a copy of Pete's Adventures.

We will celebrate the 100th day of school (assuming we don't have snow days) on Jan. 27th.

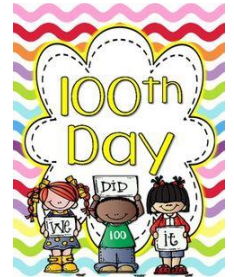
Each child is to complete a special "100 project" to be brought to school on the 100th day. Everyone should choose an item that they can collect 100 of. They can glue the items on a poster board or come up with another way to display their 100 collection. Encourage creativity with this fun project that helps your child count and organize their collection. The children will each get to share their project with the class on the 28th. If you need more details or suggestions about this project please let me know. We will also be having a 100 Day Celebration on this day & will have a sign-up sheet for items we need donated.

Our letters of the week this month will be Z, C, O and Q. Please help your child choose an item that begins with our letter of the week for Sharing on Fridays. This month will be challenging! If you don't have an object to bring in, we can help your child think of a riddle that the other children can guess.

Please remember to send a coat, hat and mittens each day to school. We will get outside as often as the weather allows. Also, it's time to restock your child's cubby with a warm change of clothes.

Mid-year assessments have begun. I will post a sign-up sheet for parent conferences by mid-January.

January Birthdays!
Jacob 13th



CALENDAR

January 18th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

School Closed

January 23rd