

GREENWOOD SCHOOL NEWS

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A Newsletter for the Greenwood School Community
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CALENDAR

March 17th

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Wear GREEN!

March 25th

Date Night 4:30-8:30 P.M.

Sponsored by FOG

April 3rd – 7th

Scholastic Book Fair

Little Big Room

April 10th

Vision & Hearing Testing

April 24th – 28th

Celebrate: The Week of the Young Child

April 29th

Fiesta de Greenwood

Silent Auction

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be given preference for the first 2 weeks after the applications are out. On March 27th, applications will be mailed to others on the waitlist. 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.

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.* 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 monthly gross income.

Arts Camp 2017

The Arts Camp applications (for children entering 1st through 6th grades) are available now. Arts Camp spots are limited.



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: Puppets, Prop Making and Set Design

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

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

Scholastic Book Fair

April 3rd – 7th

We will sponsor our 11th Annual Book Fair to benefit Greenwood's library.

Last year's was a huge success, and we were able to purchase many wonderful books and educational materials for our classrooms. We invite you to visit the "Little Big Room", to shop from the wonderful collection of Scholastic Books.



Week of the Young Child

April 24th – 28th

The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers and families. More info in cubbies soon. The week culminates with **Family Friday:** Family Potluck Breakfast – 7:30 - 9:00 am. Bring a breakfast treat to share. (Big Room, G-90)

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

2017 Summer Camp and 2017-2018 School Year Registration

Applications for the 2017 Summer Camp and the 2017-2018 school have been distributed. Current students and Federal employees will

Tax Information

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

Greenwood is OPEN throughout the Spring Breaks of local schools.

Box Tops for Education

Please continue to save any labels that have the Box Tops for Education on it. There is a collection box on in G-90 and an envelope in G-80.

FRIENDS OF GREENWOOD

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."
- Charles Dickens

Although Winter appears to have some last-minute regrets for letting us off so easy this year, Spring has arrived and we wish you all warm thoughts as we spring forward!

This past month FOG was busy with traditional and new fundraising activities. The **February Bake Sale** was once again a success raising \$437. **Family Pasta Night** raised over \$900 from your attendance and donations! FOG especially thanks Laurie Klinovsky and Greenwood staff for their help and Ms. Penny for providing great entertainment. Thank you to everyone who came out for our first fundraiser at the **Town Center Market & Dumm's Pizza & Subs** in Riverdale. Grown-ups and children enjoyed an evening of food, spirits and impromptu chalk art while supporting FOG. Thank you!

Greenwood families also enjoyed our first yoga fundraiser at **Numi Yoga** with a parent-child class. We hope you have enjoyed these community-oriented activities and greatly appreciate your support!

Date Night – Date night is around the corner on March 25th, 4:30 – 8:30 PM. Advance registration is required. If you are interested, please be sure to register by Thursday, March 23th by 10pm online. Simply visit our website

<http://greenwoodschoolmd.org> to register and pay online. The funds raised from Date Night go to support Greenwood's Tuition Assistance Program. Any other questions? Please contact Emiliy Gilcher at mle102@gmail.com



Fiesta de Greenwood Silent Auction!!! The annual Greenwood School silent auction and party is scheduled for April 29, 2017, 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM, at Greenwood School. Tickets are \$20/single, and \$30/couple, which will be on sale in early April. Stay tuned for details!

This is an amazing, annual event, hosted by Friends of Greenwood. There will be food, drinks, and music to keep your belly full and your feet tapping! And onsite childcare will be provided (\$10/child, dinner included) for auction attendees who are current or past Greenwood parents.

So let's get this straight...food, drinks, music, and childcare, all while we get to meet and spend time with Greenwood parents and support a great cause...**MARK THE CALENDAR!!! April 29!** Last year we raised over \$8,000 to support the tuition assistance program, and we are hoping to surpass that this year. Please join us for this festive event to support Greenwood families and teachers!

If you are interested in donating an item or service, please contact Deborah Wren (dewren10@gmail.com) or complete our online donation form, which can be found at <http://greenwoodschoolmd.org/fog/auktion> by April 7, 2017. All contributions are appreciated, tax deductible, and support a great cause. We accept credit card payments, making your life just a little bit easier.

Muchas Gracias y Feliz Primavera!

CLASSROOM NEWS

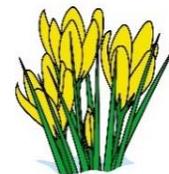
Infant's

Brenda, Beatriz, Rina & Nati

Audrey is now rolling over – everywhere. Everett has begun to pull himself up on furniture, just like Leila and Josie. Ivy is almost standing on her own. Mia and Maurycy are now co-leaders of the class and follow each other around happily.

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

We are looking forward to going outside, so the babies can see the changes in the trees and flowers, and enjoy springtime.



Toddler's

Ms. Monique, Ms. Tomiya & Ms. Marina

We would like to thank our parents for bringing in a special treat for the Valentine's Day Party.

For the month of March our theme will be "Marching in Like a Lion". The color unit will be green.



Our book for this month is "Green Eggs and Ham" by Dr. Seuss. Fun, fun! We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday all week long with projects, books, and a special green eggs snack.

We will be doing a lot of projects and cooking for St. Patrick's Day. On Friday, March 17th, we would like each child to bring in a special green treat to share with their friends.

Two's

Mirsa, Rossina, Flor & Sonia

February was the month we celebrated Valentine's Day. We explored the holiday through projects, songs, and stories. We painted hearts, made collages, and even made valentine people. We had a great party, and passed out cards to all of our friends.

We ended February unit on colors and shapes (English/Spanish), including songs, art projects, cooking projects and games.



March will bring us a unit on wind and showers. We will explore them through games, finger plays, stories

and art projects. We will also be expecting a visit from our friends the leprechauns. We will have our green party on Friday, March 17th; watch out for our sign-up sheet and a wild St. Patrick's Day. Don't forget to wear **green**!

Learning self-help skills has been fun; we are learning how to put our coat on using the fun flip method, wash our hands, and do lots of other things on our own. Learning these techniques are helping the children with their motor skills, and being more independent. Check out this short video showing the jacket flip method: <http://goo.gl/eGnTEb>

PLEASE make sure your child has a weather appropriate change of clothes, and remember to label everything with your child's name.

Here are the English/Spanish shapes we have been learning about:

Shapes - *Formas*
Square - *Cuadrado*
Triangle - *Triangulo*
Oval - *Ovalo*
Circle - *Circulo*
Star - *Estrella*

Two's

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

In February we celebrated Valentine's Day. The children enjoyed the special mail that they received from their loved ones. Our mini field trips to the post office and the dentist were very exciting! We saw where the mail goes and what the dentist does during a dental visit.

It is hard to believe but March is here! With it comes lots of excitement. We began with a celebration of Dr. Seuss' Birthday. We read special books and did some silly Dr. Seuss crafts. If anyone would like to bring in a Dr. Seuss book to share, please do.



We will continue to focus on shapes, colors and name recognition.

We will also be anticipating a visit from the leprechauns. Our St. Patrick's Day party will be on March 17th. Please look for the party sign-up sheet.

This month's unit will be on wind and rain. We will explore these themes through fingerplays, stories and art projects such as kites and windsocks.

We will also visit several community helpers in our neighborhood, such as police officers (from the sub-station in our building), librarians and nurses (from Kaiser). We look forward to learning a lot from these visits.

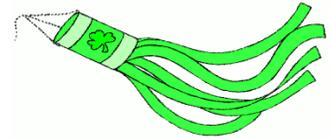
I will start mid-year evaluations on March 20th. Parent/teacher conferences will be held April 3rd - 7th. Please sign-up in the classroom if you would like to schedule a conference.

Please make sure to sign in and out. Remember to check your child's cubby for weather appropriate clothing.

Three's

Dominique, Sharon & Nikki

We began March learning about the weather and the many changes that are coming. We have been learning about wind and air, and experimenting with various projects. We experienced the wind by making fans, windsocks and kites.



We celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday with "Green Eggs and Ham" and some of his favorite stories.

We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 17th with a **Green Party**. Shamrocks are decorating our room in preparation for this special day.

We will finish the month of March with a unit on transportation, exploring ways that people get around.

Parent/Teacher conferences have been scheduled for the week of March 14th - 17th.

Three's

Robin, Leslie, Martha & Yolanda

We had a great time in February learning about shadows and dental health, as well as celebrating Valentine's Day. We hope you enjoyed seeing all of our wonderful decorations.

During the month of March we will explore the topics of Hibernating, Wind, and Chicks & Eggs. We will also be starting a great unit on changes that take place during spring. This unit will continue into April, paying much attention to the changes that will be taking place outside.



Letters of the month:
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Pre-K

Jennie, Andrea, Maria & Graciela

March will be filled with wind projects and experiments. The class will discover different things the wind can do. With the coming of spring we will be discussing the changing seasons and looking for signs of spring. We will also be starting our environmental awareness unit.

Letters this month will be:



The children will celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Our **Green Party** will be a happy celebration as we await the leprechauns. Keep an eye out for our party sign-up.

We will continue to discuss Jackson Pollack and start Louise Nevelson.



Pre-K

Ms. Emonica, Ms. Pat and Ms. Xiomara

Congratulations! Lonntita and her family welcomed Aniyah on February 23rd. We welcome her into our growing Greenwood Family.



What a fun month it has been celebrating different occasions. Your children enjoyed their Valentine's Day Party. Thank you for their participation in passing out cards and gifts to their friends and teachers.

Things we have learned:

MATH: We had the opportunity to use numerical symbols and to explore operations on qualities, such as adding, taking away, and dividing into equal and unequal subsets. We made conventional tools for understanding time, and we also helped the children understand the concept of measurement by using standard and non-standard units of measurement.

SCIENCE: We reviewed the structure and properties of matter; including the concepts of: hard and soft, hot and cold, floating and sinking, transformation of liquids and solids by dissolving or melting, air pressure, speed and velocity. Through hands on experience the children were given the opportunities to use simple tools to observe objects and scientific phenomena, collect data, and represent and document their findings through drawings and graphs. Their experience helped them learn and use scientific terminology and vocabulary associated with the content areas such as dissolving, melting, prediction, conclusion, etc.



LANGUAGE ARTS: We have discussed how letters form into words and sentences through games and illustrations. Our oral language and reasoning were also enriched, and we will encourage every parent to engage in conversations with their children to develop their vocabulary and reading skills.



SOCIAL SKILLS: The children were motivated and reminded to respect the speakers, take turns, talk gently and respond to sign language.

Since there are only 3 months left this year, we are now asking your help in assessing your children. Please use the assessment checklist that was inserted in your packet at the beginning of the year. With your help, we can determine your child's abilities and needs in all areas.

We also thank you for talking to us every day. If you need additional time to discuss anything, please feel free to do so, either by appointment, by phone, or just drop by. Your children are important to us and we

will do everything for them and your family.

Dates to remember –

March 2nd – Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! (We cooked "Green Eggs and Ham")

March 17th – St. Patrick's Day Party

April 13th – Egg coloring

April 14th – Easter/Spring Party

Kindergarten

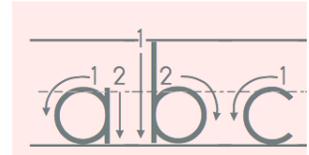
Ms. Karen, Ms. Cheri, Ms. Jovany & Ms. Johnny

We discussed the old saying that if March comes in like a lion it will go out like a lamb. We are hopeful this will be true and that we'll have warm weather soon! We plan to take a nature walk soon to observe changes since the fall.

We began March by celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday on 3/2. We ate "Pink Cupcakes" and "Fish in a Dish" (blue jello w/Swedish fish) as a special treat.



In handwriting we have completed all uppercase letters. We will begin lower case this week.



This month we will be learning more about animals, insects, weather and measurement. We'll continue reading fiction and non-fiction books about these topics and more.

Pete the Cat, our class mascot has been having a lot of fun weekend adventures with our classmates. If your child hasn't had a turn yet, they will soon. Please write in Pete's journal about your weekend adventures, take some pictures and email them to Ms. Karen and bring Pete back to school on Monday. Thank you!

We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17. Please see the sign-up sheet on the parent bulletin board.

Happy Birthday Mark – March 9th!

