



## The Grizzly Summer Gazette Welcome to the 2016-17 School Year



Dear Greenbriar Families,

It is with pleasure that I welcome you to a new school year at Greenbriar Elementary School! I can't wait to hear about all the fun things students have done this summer!

The 2016-2017 school year officially begins Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:15 a.m. with dismissal at 3:25 p.m.

Prior to the start of school, I would like to invite Greenbriar families to attend the annual Ice Cream Social on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. This is a wonderful time to meet the teachers and visit the school. The PTO will provide complimentary frozen treats to all Greenbriar students. Additionally, there will be informational tables in the gymnasium where families can learn more about the many activities and organizations available. Transportation information will also be available at the Ice Cream Social, as well as via Skyward online.

We have many exciting events planned for the 2016-2017 school year. It is truly going to be an outstanding year. I hope that you enjoy your summer with friends and family. I can't wait to see each of you in August!

Sincerely,  
Jamie Alexander  
Proud Principal

### PTO/Dad's Club

Join our PTO and Dad's Club to show your support!  
Contact our PTO Co-Presidents Regan Zwald and Heidi Sexson at [greenbriarpto@gmail.com](mailto:greenbriarpto@gmail.com) or our Dad's Club President Mark Conner at [mchristopher.conner@gmail.com](mailto:mchristopher.conner@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Events:

**July 28<sup>th</sup>:** Kindergarten  
Orientation/Block Party 5-7pm

**August 1<sup>st</sup>:** Grades 1-5 Ice Cream  
Social/Meet the teacher 5-6:30pm

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>:** First Day of School begins  
at 8:25 am



### VERY IMPORTANT Information regarding the NEW BACK TO SCHOOL PROCESS:

As we try to streamline our "Back to School" process, please take advantage of the MSDWT's new links to help parents stay informed and prepare for the first day of school.

Before school starts, please go to:

[www.msdtw.k12.in.us/backtoschool](http://www.msdtw.k12.in.us/backtoschool)

Next, find **GREENBRIAR** from the list and follow the link to:

- Update your information in Skyward,
- Find your student's bus stop in Skyward
- Download any necessary forms to prepare and bring on the first day of school.

If you do not have access to a computer before school starts, Greenbriar will have computers available for families to log into Skyward to update information, along with any necessary paper forms between the hours of 9am and 3pm starting July 13<sup>th</sup>. Computers will also be available during our Ice Cream Social on August 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00-6:30pm.

### Cafeteria Information

The cafeteria serves breakfast and lunch. If your student has any food allergies, please provide a doctor's note to your student's teacher and to the nurse.

	Lunch	Milk
Full Price	\$2.35	\$.50
Reduced Price	\$0.40	\$.50

### Daily Schedule 8:15 am – 3:25 pm

- If you are dropping your child off in the morning, please be mindful of the usually lengthy morning traffic and drop off lines.
- Staff will begin parent drop off procedures at 8:15am at the front entrance in the green zones.
- Students must be in their classrooms by 8:25 a.m. Should your child be late/tardy or returning from an appointment, you must park and escort them into the building to sign them in at the front office.
- In an effort to keep our children and our school safe, you will be required to show a valid picture ID any time you pick up a student from school.

## Volunteer Background Checks

In an effort to keep our children and our school safe, all classroom and general field trip volunteers are required to complete a Limited Background Check prior to volunteering in the classroom or attending any field trips.

Forms can be requested from your teacher or from the office. You can also access them on our website at:

**[www.msdt.k12.in.us](http://www.msdt.k12.in.us)**.

Click on:

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Volunteer Requirements

**Limited Volunteer Limited Background** checks are free of charge to anyone interested in volunteering. Volunteer opportunities vary by teacher.

First time applicants are responsible for the completion of the bullying education and training provided by MSDWT. [https://msdt-in.safeschools.com/register/84afcb3f](https://msdt.in.safeschools.com/register/84afcb3f)

## Transportation

You will need to access your child's SKYWARD account to find out your bus information.

All students should board their bus at their assigned stop each day. If you move during the school year, please contact the office to make permanent changes to your transportation.

Limited Choice/Non-Resident students' transportation is the parent responsibility. Please make sure that your student(s) arrive at school on time in the morning and picked-up on time in the afternoon.

Car pick-up students will be stationed at the North exit of the building. Please do not park and come into the building at dismissal.

All students must be picked-up by 3:35 p.m. or arrangements need to be made with AYS.

All changes in transportation need to be provided to the office no later than 1:00pm. We will not be able to honor any requests received after 1:00pm.

## Birthday Celebrations

Birthday treats are welcome and will be served at LUNCH only. They must be store-bought and individually wrapped. We suggest single treats like a cookie, pencils or fruit snacks. Please contact your child's teacher to set up this arrangement and check for allergies during their scheduled lunchtime.

## AYS

Greenbriar has a contracted before and after school program AYS (at your school). Students receive supervised care from 6:30am-8:25am and 3:25pm-6:00pm every school day and during some holiday recesses. Parents pay for the services. You may register online at <http://www.ayskids.org/registration.html> or obtain more information by emailing them at [gb@ayskids.org](mailto:gb@ayskids.org).

## SKYWARD

Skyward Family Access allows you to access student grades, attendance, email teachers and school officials, pay fees and much more. Skyward Family Access will be available from your home, office or anywhere you have access to the internet. You can access Skyward by visiting our website at: **[www.msdt.k12.in.us](http://www.msdt.k12.in.us)**.

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**Forgot your Login or Password?** Click the link and follow the prompts.

If you encounter difficulty logging in, please email: [skyward@msdt.k12.in.us](mailto:skyward@msdt.k12.in.us)

**Financial Assistance:** Applications for meal and textbook assistance are available in English and Spanish at the district website – <http://www.msdt.k12.in.us> Click on: Quick Links, Child Nutrition, Apply Online  
Paper applications are also available at the school office.