

Music Notes

Mrs. Perry

Welcome back Greenbriar Grizzlies! We have a new school song to help with our school spirit! Ask your son or daughter to sing a little bit for you. We're the Grizzlies. Grrr! Hand Bell Choir information has gone home! Rehearsals will be on Thursday mornings. We are looking for all interested 4th and 5th Graders.

Students will have an opportunity to answer the 'question of the day' this year. Ask your child if he/she knew the question, and the answer. Grades 2, 3, 4, & 5 will have a Music Program this year. Detailed letters will come home closer to the performances. Please put the following important dates on your calendar!

- October 21 – 2nd Grade
- November 11 – 4th Grade
- February 23 – 3rd Grade
- April 4 – 5th Grade

Penny Wars at the Pre-Game Party

Be a part of the "Penny War," new this year at the Pre-Game party. Bring any spare change and put it in the container for Greenbriar at the party. All money collected in our jar will be put into the endowment that Greenbriar's PTO holds through the Advancement Center! The winner of the war will receive an ADDITIONAL \$100 put into their endowment from the Advancement Center. Hope to see you all there! Go Panthers!



News From The Greenbriar Café

Free & Reduced Meal Applications Due Now!

Please be aware that your current status for free or reduced meals from last year will expire the beginning of September. If you receive free or reduced lunch you must fill out a new application for this school year. If you are a new family to Washington Township please list all students in your household on the new application. This year you can go online @ <http://cafe.msdwt.k12.in.us> in English or Spanish.

Paid lunch is \$2.35 per day. If your student has reduced lunch status, the cost is .50 cents per day. If you need assistance, please fill out an application as soon as possible for this school year.

Every student regardless of their income will receive free breakfast at Greenbriar. Please allow your students to start their day with a free breakfast so they may be ready to learn and focus.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Jackie Grist or Linda Tarver in the cafeteria at 259-5445, ext. 14409.



Dressing for Success

Every Thursday from Sept. 1 until Dec. 8 will be "Tie Thursdays" for the gentlemen AND Dress for Success for Ladies. That is 14 Thursdays of excellence in dress. When you dress for success, you are:

- Committed** and focused on learning.
- Balanced** in the learning environment.
- A Risk-taker**, ready to take on challenges.
- Principled**, a role model for others.

Requirements to participate in GB Girls/Guys Night Outs:

- You must wear a tie or dress for success clothes for the entire day.**
- Your shirt must be tucked in, all day, and a belt must be worn for the gentlemen.**
- You are expected to follow Greenbriar expectations and not receive an office referral.**
- You are willing to be a role model academically, behaviorally, and socially.**

Your son/daughter will earn 1 point each Thursday they meet the requirements. Teachers will help students keep track of points. **Students in grades K – 5 must earn 10 out of 13 points o attend Girls/Guys Night outs (more information to come).** If your son needs a tie, let us know.

Contact Mrs. Alexander jalexander@msdwt.k12.in.us or Mr. Jeran jjeran@msdwt.k12.in.us with questions.





IMPORTANT!
IREAD PARENT MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22 6:00 - 7:30 PM

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Noche Familiar de Informacion Sobre
Los Exames De IREAD
6 - 7:30 PM

Can't make it? Join us instead
September 23, 8:30-9:30 am
Septiembre 23

Reunión alterna Para Los Padres 8:30-9:30 am

Game Night September 29



For All Greenbriar Families
Dinner provided
Games 6-7:30 pm

Noche de Juegos Familiares
Septiembre 29
6-7:30 pm

NORTH CENTRAL HOMECOMING PRE-GAME PARTY

September 23
5:00-7:00
NCHS Brick Plaza
(Just north of the North Central Stadium)

ADMISSION TO PRE-PARTY IS FREE & OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Proudly Sponsored by:



- **Food Trucks**
- **Music**
- **Kid's Activities**
- **Half Time Parade of Schools**

Rain location is the North Central South Gym

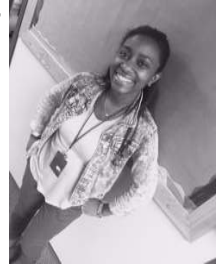
AdvancementCenterWTS.org

Spotlight on New Staff Stars



Sophia Stevens ~ Assistant Principal

I am thrilled to serve as your new Assistant Principal. Although I was born and raised in Indianapolis, I received my bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Loyola University Chicago. I also have two master's degrees from Ball State University. This is my 10th year as an educator. I look forward to learning and growing as a Greenbriar Grizzly. I am married to my husband, Lance, and we have an almost 2-year-old named Lance Jr, but we like to call him LJ.



Do you have a hobby or area of interest? I enjoy reading, shopping, and spending time with my family.

What is your favorite:

Book? *Things Fall Apart*

Movie? *Lion King*

Song? *Covered*, by Israel Houghton

Sport? Track and Field

Food and Restaurant? Pizza from anywhere!

Vacation? Destin, Florida

If you weren't in education, what other occupation would you choose? I think I would have been a lawyer.

If you could have dinner with anyone, living or deceased, who would it be and why? I would love to have dinner with President Obama. I think it would be cool to hear about his job and to share ideas about the world.

Tell us something interesting about you that would surprise other Greenbriar staff? I was bitten by a poisonous spider in college and had to use crutches for a month!

Clinic Corner



Vision and Hearing screening will be Sept. 19-21 for grade levels (except Kindergarten). Students with referrals will be notified of results.

Updated immunizations are due now. Notices will be sent home for non-compliance. Please do not ignore as students without proper immunizations may be kept out of school until proper shots are given. Please bring a copy of new immunizations to the office.

Reminders from the Nurse

- Medication can only be transported by parent;
- **DO NOT** send a child to school who has vomited within 12 hours of coming to school;
- Any student with a temperature of 100+ may not attend school until fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication;
- Please keep all emergency contact lists current with updated phone numbers;
- Ill students **WILL NOT** be transported home on a bus. Immediate pickup from the clinic is required;
- Students with asthma/allergies **MUST** complete required forms with the nurse.

Angela Stephens, LPN, Clinic Nurse, 259-5445



IB @ GB!

Welcome back to another great year at Greenbriar! Exciting things are happening in the Media Center and the Computer Lab. We have a new face as the Greenbriar Media Specialist this year, too!

Mrs. Kristi Jarmula was a fourth grade teacher at Greenbriar, and will now be our Media Specialists and IB PYP Coordinator. This will be her 11th year in education, and she is excited to work with all of grades. Visitors to our Media Center will also see Mrs. Tracy Mount and Mr. Shawn Haliburton. Mrs. Mount will work with our first grade, kindergartners and third grade to find just the right books. Mr. Haliburton will guide our students through our computer programs. Mr. Haliburton is also an author and dedicated his latest book to Greenbriar! Watch for his third book coming soon!

Grades K-5 are working on the IB learner profile traits of knowledgeable and reflective. All students will be exploring how our brains work, how we learn and how to take care of our brains. We are excited to share that all students have the knowledge that there are different ways we can show that we are each smart, and that all of our talents together show off our diverse community! Ask your child what they know about their brain and how they learn.

All students have explored the expectations in the Media Center. Grades K-1 will be checking out one book during their class visits to the Media Center. Grades 2-5 will be checking out 2 books from the Media Center. In order for students to check out a book they must return the previous checked out book(s). Parents should check each child's schedule to make sure they return their books on time. Thank you for your help; we are excited for our new school year! Make sure to look for a list of on-line resources in our column next month. Please contact me if you have questions regarding IB, technology, or the Media Center at kcaldwell@msdwt.k12.in.us.

Kristi Jarmula
IB PYP Coordinator/Media Specialist



ART NEWS Mrs. James

Hi Grizzlies!

This is your new Art teacher, Mrs. James. I am excited to be here and help you succeed in Art!

This month 2nd through 5th graders are creating artwork to describe "Who We Are." I am learning so much about you! Remember there is not one right answer in Art so you have the freedom to express yourself!

In September, Artistically Talented begins after school. This is for 4th and 5th graders interested in learning more about Art. Watch for applications coming soon. I can't wait to get started! Until next time, Grizzlies, keep drawing, keep practicing and keep shining your bright light!

Words of Wisdom

"What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?"

~ George Eliot



Lease Updates Due Now!



Expired lease notices were sent home recently. Please do not ignore as Greenbriar students must have updated residency information on file for the entire 2016-17 year.

Families must bring a copy of their current lease showing the expiration date and the page with management signature and a utility bill no later than **Sept. 2**.

If you have moved recently and have a new address please bring the updated information to the office.

If you are moving outside of the Greenbriar district, contact the office now so we may forward student records.

NOTE: Please keep all contact/phone numbers up to date. In the event of an emergency, office and clinic personnel must be able to contact parents as soon as possible. Please send a note with updated numbers to your child's teacher.

Any questions or concerns please call the office, 259-5445.

PTO HAPPENINGS



Welcome back to school, Grizzlies! PTO has been hard at work over the summer and is looking forward to a great year.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all of the PTO members and volunteers that helped make last year great. **Tracy Toumi** did an amazing job as President and continues to be a PTO member. Thank you, Tracy, and all supportive parents, and staff!

This year's PTO will provide enrichment for our students in the form of G.R.O.W. after school workshops, two Scholastic Book Fairs, and other fun events. We will continue to support our teachers with supply grants, organizing events for Staff Appreciation Week, and supporting school-based activities and programs. Let's not forget the fun of spirit wear, spirit sticks, Fifth Grade Graduation, Skate Night, Dine Outs, and some exciting new fundraisers!

Help support your PTO in many ways, with your time being most valuable. Volunteer opportunities fit every family.

We can find a way for you to contribute! Grandparents also make wonderful volunteers! **Our most pressing need is a volunteer to Chair G.R.O.W. workshops and fundraising, and bilingual volunteers.** Contact us for details.

Thank you to all staff and volunteers at the Kindergarten Block Party, Staff Breakfast, Ice Cream Social, and Bus Welcome.

Be sure to stay connected with your PTO by sending contact information to GreenbriarPTO@gmail.com and liking the **Greenbriar Elementary School PTO on Facebook**.

Important Upcoming PTO Dates:

- 9/8 PTO General Meeting 6:30pm
- 9/15 PTO Dine Out for Dollars (location TBD)
- September: PTO Junior Partner Drive

Your 2016-17 PTO Co-Presidents,
Heidi Sexson & Regan Zwald