



The Grizzly Gazette



Jamie Alexander, Principal

September 30, 2016

Our Mission Statement: To develop life-long learners and globally minded citizens by fostering the academic, creative, and social skills needed to achieve excellence in a multi-cultural environment."

Dear Greenbriar Families,

We are looking forward to seeing our families at Game Night tonight from 6-7:30! If you did not RSVP please feel free to stop in and enjoy the evening. Thank you to teachers and parents who have volunteered for this event.

PTO is still looking for volunteers to chair different committees throughout the year. Please consider volunteering for the Scholastic Book Fair October 24-28. There are many shifts available. Contact PTO to sign up at greenbriarpto@gmail.com

It has been great to see the students Dressed for Success on Thursdays. If you are in need of a tie, please let us know. We have received several donations from the community. Students will earn points and be included in the Boys & Girls Night Out activity by completing the requirements for Dressed for Success.

Dads Club is getting up and running again this year. They had their first meeting this week and have a Car Wash this Saturday, Oct 1, from 11am-4pm. Come out and get your car washed and support Dads Club. We need more fathers/grandfathers/uncles to help us make this a success. Dads Club will have a pumpkin carving event later in October. Watch for more information.

Enjoy time with family and friends during Fall Break next week. Remember to continue to read everyday for at least 25 minutes and practice math facts for at least 10 minutes daily even during break. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, Oct. 25, for our first awards day program to celebrate all the hard work our students have been doing since the first day of school.

As always, contact me with any questions or concerns.

Jamie Alexander
Proud Greenbriar Principal



November 8 is Election Day!
No School for Students
Mark your calendar now!

Awards Program October 25
Grades K-3 ~ 9 am
Grades 4-5 ~ 2 pm

OCTOBER	
1	DADS CLUB CAR WASH, 11AM-4PM
3-7	FALL BREAK ~ NO SCHOOL
10, 12	G.R.O.W. PROGRAM BEGINS
12	SCHOOL PICTURES
13	PTO MEETING 6:30-7:30PM
13	MSDWT PARENT MATH WORKSHOP, CEC 6-7:15 PM
17,18	IB EVALUATION
19, 20	MOBILE DENTIST VISIT
25	AWARDS PROGRAM GR K-3 9AM GR 4-5 2PM
25	LITERACY NIGHT, 6-7:30
24-28	PTO SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!
28	GRANDPARENTS DAY GR 2 MUSIC PROGRAM . 2:30PM
28	FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE 6-7:30PM
29	DADS CLUB PUMPKIN CARVING
OCTOBRE	
1	LAVADO DE CARROS - CLUB DE PAPÁS 11-4
3-7	DESCANSO DE OTOÑO, NO HAY ESCUELA
10, 12	COMIENZA EL PROGRAMA DE ENRIQUECIMIENTO DEL PTO G.R.O.W.
12	DIA DE FOTOGRAFÍAS
13	JUNTA DEL PTO, 6:30-7:30PM
19,20	DENTISTA MOVIL
25	PROGRAMA DE PREMIOS GR K-3 9 AM GR 4-5 2PM
25	NOCHE DE LITERATURA, 6-7:30
24-28	FERIA DE LIBROS SCHOLASTIC DEL PTO
28	DIA DE LOS ABUELOS GR 2 PRESENTACION MUSICAL 2:30PM
28	BAILE DE PAPÁS Y NIÑAS 6-7:30
29	DECORACIÓN DE CALABAZAS CON PAPÁS



Music Notes

Mrs. Perry

Music is Math. That's what some people say. We have been using our MUSIC acronym to learn in Music Class this past month.

History: *The Star Spangled Banner* by Francis Scott Key was written as a poem during a big battle during the War of 1812.

Math: We are counting and reading rhythms using math skills.

Language: Musical terms like crescendo, forte, piano are from the Italian language.

Science: Sound is produced and moves through air in sound waves.

Reading – We have been learning how to read songs with multiple verses that use repeat signs. This saves paper, too!

Highlights of 2nd grade this month are preparing for our "special people day" program, **October 28 at 2:30 pm**. A letter explaining more about the program will be coming home shortly with your student in their backpack.

The "Math In Your Feet" night was a great success. We had some unexpected donations for drawings of the raffle. We had 24 families attend with 83 people in attendance. Thank you for coming. Winners of the raffle were: Books – Martha Lugo, Jayden Withrow, Regan Zwald, Ana Alarcon, Leticia Xolo, Jeffrey Hunter, Mania de la Luz Aguilar, and LeVelle Harris. The winners of 2 different cash cards from Costco were Tiffany Trotter and Adriana Cortes. Congratulations to all!

Next up will be the 4th graders preparing for the Veterans Day Program on November 11.



The Annual BASH has become the ultimate Washington Township fundraiser, bringing in over \$100,000 in 2015. Join teachers, parents, administrators and friends of this district as we celebrate the legacy of giving, the students we impact and build an even brighter future for the best school district in Indiana.



Dads Club Car Wash

Saturday October 1
11 am - 4 pm

Stop by and get your car washed
Support Greenbriar's Dads Club!

The 2016 BASH
Saturday, Nov. 5 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.
(check in begins 6:30 p.m.)
The Crane Bay Event Center
551 W. Merrill Street

★ **Greenbriar Scholastic Book Fair Oct. 24-28** ★
★ Students will visit the Book Fair with their class ★
★ and may purchase books Oct. 24-28. Parents are ★
★ welcome to shop and have lunch with your stu- ★
★ dents and shop! ★
★ **October 25 is Family Night** for the Book Fair ★
★ and **October 28 is Grandparent's Day** which continues to be a ★
★ big day for shopping. Watch for more information coming soon! ★
★ Titles range in price from \$5-\$50. We accept cash, check payable ★
★ to Greenbriar PTO, and credit cards (NOT DEBIT) with the card- ★
★ holder present. Please send at least \$5 to school with your child. ★
★ The PTO sponsored event is in need of many volunteers. To vol- ★
★ unteer at the book fair, email GreenbriarPTO@gmail.com ★



- Great food, which included culinary creations from students at J. Everett Light
 - Entertainment: Q95's Gunnar to emcee a lively evening, topped by a performance from North Central's Counterpoints!
 - Cash Bar
 - Silent Auction. Can't attend? Don't worry, auction available online starting October 21
 - Surprises! New, fun things in store, including a holiday shopping spree up for grabs!
- Advanced registration is NOW OPEN. Tickets cost \$70 per person; \$60 for faculty/staff (limit 2) if purchased by October 14.

Mark your calendars now for Nov. 5!



ART NEWS

Ms. James

October is a busy month in the Art Room.

Fall projects will be starting soon! First, Second and Third grade students are wrapping up self-portraits and I love hearing them share about what makes them unique!

Fourth and Fifth graders are finishing up perspective drawings and seeing how to make 3 dimensional objects stand out on a 2 dimensional surface.

Artistically Talented is off to a great start, diving into artwork from Indiana artists. They traveled on their first field trip to the Indianapolis Museum of Art this past month. In October, we will visit the Indiana State Museum and the Canal to see the sculptures created by artists in Indiana.

Grizzlies, remember there is not one way to create art, there are many ways to create! Keep expressing your positive self and being your best YOU!



Spotlight on New Staff Stars

Miss Alexis Briganti ~ 5th Grade Teacher

I am a 5th grade teacher at Greenbriar! This is my third year teaching 5th grade, and I love it! I was born and raised in Elkhart, Indiana. I went to college at Ball State University where I majored in elementary education and minored in Inter-



personal Relations. Do you have a hobby or area of interest? I love to stay active at the gym!

What is your favorite:

Book? *The Series of Unfortunate Events*

Movie? *Uncle Buck*, musicals, or anything funny.

Song? *At Last* by Etta James.

Sport? Volleyball, but I love to watch basketball.

Food and Restaurant? Ice cream!

Cheesecake Factory.

Vacation? Florida.

If you weren't in education, what other occupation would you choose? A singer on Broadway.

If you could have dinner with anyone, living or deceased, who would it be and why? Abraham Lincoln.

He's my favorite president, and I'd want to see his beard in person!

Tell us something interesting about you that would surprise other Greenbriar staff? My grandpa played football with Vince Lombardi.

Be Prepared for Flu Season!

October through March is flu season. Is the flu a big deal? YES! The flu is more than a common cold. Symptoms last for weeks and can be the biggest contributor to school absences. The CDC recommends everyone aged 6 months and older receive an annual flu vaccination.



Flu vaccines are available at physician's offices, workplaces, pharmacies and retail stores. Many of these accept Medicaid and commercial insurance. Protect yourself, your families and those around you. Let's all do our best to remain "Flu Free". **A note from the clinic: Please make sure there is a CORRECT, working phone number on file with the school to ensure you can be reached if your child becomes ill or if there is an emergency situation. Please call 259-5445 with new numbers.**

Angela Stephens, LPN
Greenbriar Clinic Nurse, 259-5445, ext 14402

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 or above 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;
- Children with asthma or food allergies MUST complete required forms with the nurse.



Allisonville – Crooked Creek – Fox Hill – Greenbriar – John Strange – Nora – Spring Mill

MSDWT Elementary Parent Math Night!

October 13, 2016 6 pm - 7:15 PM

CEC 8550 Woodfield Crossing Blvd.

An evening of fun providing an overview of new math programs to give parents a glimpse into their student's math class. Information on how to access online, monitor progress and support students at home!

An interactive evening with games and activities! Don't miss this opportunity!

Words of Wisdom

"All kids need is a little help, a little hope, and somebody who believes in them."

~ Earvin "Magic" Johnson





Masquerade
Daddy Daughter Dance
October 28
Greenbriar Gym 6-7:30 PM

\$2 per person/\$4 per couple
Pictures, refreshments, dancing!
Masks available for purchase



IB @ GB!

Inquiry

Why is inquiry important in education?

An old saying states: "Tell me and I forget, show me and I remember, involve me and I understand." This is the basis for inquiry-based learning and the Primary Years Programme of the IB. Teachers fill many roles, including the facilitator of learning. Giving children the tools to make connections, solve problems, and ownership over learning creates learners that are problem solvers, are flexible and persevere until they discover answers.

Passive learning disappears quickly, but inquiry-based learning sticks with a child for a lifetime, giving them experiences to reflect and build upon. This kind of authentic learning prepares them for our global society and for success in the future. Greenbriar grizzlies are working hard to take ownership of our learning to make positive choices, to seek answers, and ultimately learn how to be effective, curious and efficient learners! Please contact me if you have any questions regarding IB, technology, or the Media Center at kcaldwell@msdwt.k12.in.us.

Kristi Jarmula
IB PYP Coordinator
Media Specialist

PTO HAPPENINGS

Thank you to everyone who helped support PTO by attending the PTO meeting, purchasing spirit wear, registering for GROW, or making a donation to the "Pop In" drive. The next several weeks are very busy for your PTO!

Fall Fundraiser will run from **Sept. 26-Oct. 11**. Be sure to purchase Yankee Candle products for the holidays. In addition to Yankee Candle's incentives, we have special prizes for top sellers. *The top 5 sellers will get an invitation to a VIP Pre-shop for the Scholastic Book Fair (10/24 7:30am), the #2 seller will receive a \$20 Book Fair gift certificate, and the #1 seller will receive a \$35 Book Fair gift certificate!*

G.R.O.W. after school programs will begin after Fall Break, **Oct. 10-Nov. 16**. Students must be picked up promptly at **4:30pm** if they are not riding the late bus home. *We're sorry, late additions to the bus list are not permitted by the district.*

Our next general **PTO Meeting** is **Oct. 13 at 6:30pm in the media center**. *Learn more about how you can get involved! Spanish interpreter will be available.*

The Fall **Scholastic Book Fair** will be **Oct. 24-28** during school hours. Students should bring **AT LEAST \$5** to shop at the fair. Please watch for an email to sign up to volunteer at this fun event. The students LOVE the Book Fair, and we need all the volunteers we can get! There will be opportunities to volunteer during the school day, during the evening Oct. 25 family event, and during the Oct. 28 Grandparent's Day. *Bilingual volunteers are especially helpful!*

Grandparent's Day will be **Oct. 28** during the school day. *We need a parent volunteer to coordinate refreshments for this event.* Be sure to stay connected to us by liking us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/GreenbriarElementarySchoolPTO/#> and emailing us at GreenbriarPTO@gmail.com with questions.

Heidi Sexson and Regan Zwald
PTO Co-Presidents 2016-17

Free Ways to Help PTO Earn Money!



Kroger: Register your Kroger Plus Card and a portion of proceeds from your sales will benefit Greenbriar! Register your card at <https://www.kroger.com/topic/kroger-community-rewards-3>. Register and enter our school code 11333.



Marsh: Register your Marsh Fresh Ideas Card and a portion of sales will benefit Greenbriar. Register at www.FreshIdeasforEducation.com. Our school code is 28865.



Box Tops for Education: Clip Box Tops and bring them to school. The PTO earns .10 cents for every Box Top turned in. Learn more at BoxTops4Education.com.

My Coke Rewards: Donate your My Coke Rewards. Greenbriar earns CASH for My Coke Rewards. Return bottle caps and reward codes to the school or enter your codes for Greenbriar at www.Donate.MyCokeRewards.com.

