



# The Grizzly Gazette



Jamie Alexander, Principal

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*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."*

To Greenbriar Families,

**MSDWT Planning for the Future Facts**  
**November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – School Referenda on Ballot-**  
**MSDWT Planeando para el Futuro**  
**Noviembre 8, 2016, Referendo Escolar y Votos**  
**(para tu información en español, página 2)**

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Washington Township voters will go to the polls and shape the future of Washington Township Schools. Two referendum questions will appear on the ballot.

The first question will determine if the MSDWT is able to maintain our current staffing levels and address future staffing needs. Currently, \$4 million of staffing costs are supported by a referendum. If passed, the November 8th Operating Referendum continues funding for current teachers and support staff, includes additional funding to staff an 8<sup>th</sup> elementary school, and provides funds for additional student support.

The second ballot question will determine if the MSDWT is able to provide upgrades to every building in the district. The funds generated by the November 8<sup>th</sup> Construction Referendum would be used to provide items such as fire sprinklers, handicapped accessibility to classrooms, stages, gymnasiums and playgrounds, repair and replace roofs, replace heating and cooling systems, secure entrances to our school buildings, and upgrades to our high school's performing arts department and auditorium.

Referendum funds would also eliminate the need for trailer classrooms by adding an 8<sup>th</sup> elementary school. To review the exact questions as they will appear on the ballot, please review <http://www.msdtw.k12.in.us/referenda/>.

We encourage everyone to learn the facts regarding school funding, our community-based planning process, and the two ballot questions. You will find many helpful presentations and documents on our website: [www.msdtw.k12.in.us](http://www.msdtw.k12.in.us). Just click on our **Planning for the Future** link.

Jamie Alexander, Greenbriar Proud Principal

## Mark Calendars Now!

\* Thanksgiving Break  
Nov. 21-25 No School!



Picture Retakes Nov. 29

Vacación del Día de Gracias  
Nov. 21-25 No Hay Escuela

Día de Fotografías Nov. 29

NOVEMBER	
3	EARLY RELEASE FOR STUDENTS, 2:15 PM
3	PARENT UNIVERSITY, 6 PM GR. K-2
5	TOWNSHIP BASH, 7-11 PM SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE INFORMATION!
8	TEACHER WORK DAY/ELECTION DAY AT-HOME LEARNING DAY FOR STUDENTS
10	PTO MEETING, 6:30-7:30 PM
11	VETERANS DAY PROGRAM, 2:15 PM WITH GRADE 4 MUSIC PERFORMANCE
11	MIDTERMS COME HOME
17	SPELL BOWL, 6-7 PM AT WESTFIELD
18	DONUTS WITH DAD, 7:30-8 AM
21-25	NO SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING BREAK
28	SCHOOL RESUMES, 8:15 AM
29	PICTURE RETAKE DAY
NOVIEMBRE	
3	SALIDA TEMPRANO PARA ESTUDIANTES, 2:15 PM
8	DIA DE TRABAJO PARA LOS MAESTROS DIA DE ELECCIONES/NO HAY ESCUELA
10	JUNTA DEL PTO, 6:30-7:30 PM
11	CEREMONIA DEL DIA DE LOS VETERANOS PRESENTACIÓN MUSICAL DEL 4o. GR 2:15PM
11	REPORTE INTERNINO A VA A CASA
17	COMPETENCIA DE ORTOGRAFIA 6-7 PM
18	DONUTS CON PAPÁS, 7:30-8 AM
21-25	VACACIÓN DEL DIA DE GRACIAS NO HAY ESCUELA
28	REGRESO A LA ESCUELA, 8:15 AM
29	DIA DE FOTOGRAFÍAS

## Greenbriar Elementary Parent University

Join us November 3 for dinner at 6 pm and head off to courses at 6:30 to learn writing, reading and math at home along with a technology app for your use. Childcare will be provided. Flyers went home with students so please return the form by Oct. 31 if you can attend. Questions: 259-5445, ext. 14452



**MSDWT Planeando para el Futuro  
 Noviembre 8, 2016  
 Referendo Escolar y Votos**

En Noviembre 8, 2016 los votantes de Washington Townships irán a los centros de votación y cambiarán el futuro de las Escuelas de Washington Township. Dos preguntas de referendo aparecerán en la votación.

La primera pregunta determinara si MSDWT va a mantener los mismos números de empleados y si va a poder emplear a los empleados necesarios para mantener a las escuelas al corriente. Al momento necesitamos \$4 millones para los costos de personal lo cual el referendo aprueba. Si pasa el voto en Noviembre 8 continuaremos teniendo fondos para pagar a los maestros y al demás personal. Esto incluye fondos adicionales para abrir una 8va escuela primaria y poder pagar a maestros y personal.

La segunda pregunta determinara si MSDWT tendrá los suficientes fondos para hacer reparaciones necesarias en todos los edificios, tales como aspersores contra incendios, accesibilidad para discapacitados en los salones, tarimas, gimnasio y patios de recreo. También reparar techos, re-emplazar sistemas de aire y calefacción, entradas seguras a nuestros edificios y poner al día el departamento de artes y el auditorio en la high school.

Los fondos del referendo también eliminaría la necesidad de usar salones modulares al agregar una 8va escuela primaria. Para revisar las preguntas tal y como aparecen en la planilla de votación, ir a la página <http://www.msdt.k12.in.us/referenda/>. Queremos que todos sepan exactamente como serán usados los fondos, como nuestra comunidad va a ser parte de este proceso en las dos preguntas en esta votación. Encontrará mucha información en esta presentación y documentos en nuestra página [www.msdt.k12.in.us](http://www.msdt.k12.in.us). *Escoja Planning for the future.*

***Veteran's Day Assembly and Candle Lighting  
 November 11, 2016 Greenbriar 2:15 p.m.***

Invite or honor a Veteran who has served in any branch of the United States Armed Forces during our ceremony. We will honor or remember your loved one by lighting a candle. Fill out the form below and return it to me via email or return it with your child to school by November 7, 2016.

For more information call Deb Perry, 317-259-5445, ext 14411.

**Veteran's Day Assembly Candle Lighting Ceremony Form**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of honoree \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the branch of service:

Army Navy Air Force Marines Coast Guard

What Rank/Title? \_\_\_\_\_

What War/Combat Served? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have additional Veterans that you would like to honor, please duplicate this form as necessary. Thank you.

***Día de los Veteranos Ceremonia  
 y Asamblea de Velas  
 11 de noviembre, 2016 2:15 p.m.  
 Gimnasio de la Escuela Greenbriar***

Si hay un miembro de la familia que es veterano de una de nuestras Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos, avisenos y encenderemos una vela en su honor, aunque ustedes no puedan asistir a la ceremonia. Por favor llene la parte de abajo de esta forma y envíela de regreso antes viernes 7 de noviembre.

Corte esta parte y devuélvala a Greenbriar

**Día de los Veteranos Forma de la Ceremonia y Asamblea**

Su nombre: \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre de la persona nominada? \_\_\_\_\_

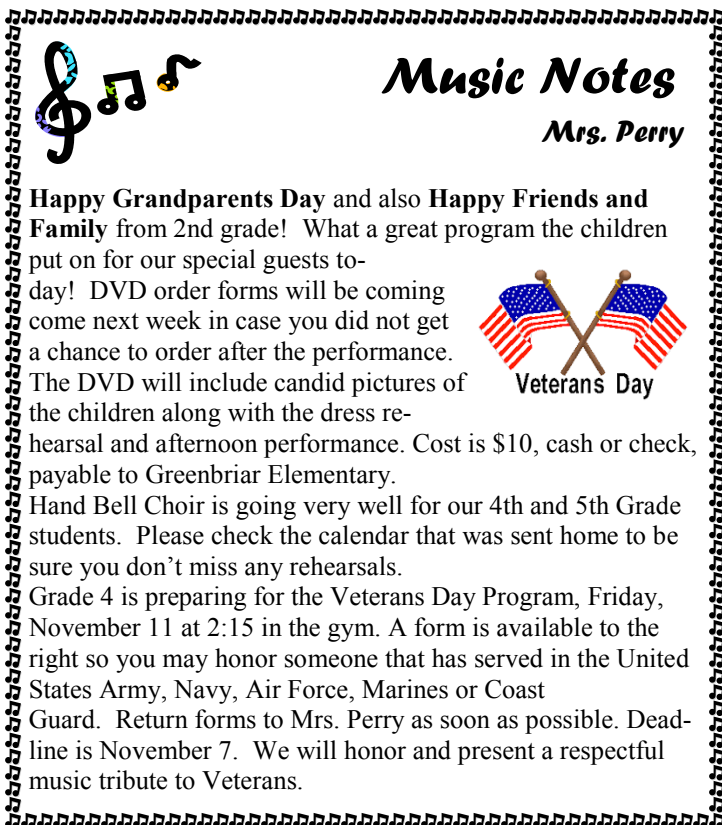
Qué Rama de las Fuerzas Armadas?

Army Navy Air Force Marines Coast Guard

Qué Rango/Título? \_\_\_\_\_


En cuál Guerra/conflicto sirvió? \_\_\_\_\_

Si quisiera reconocer a otros veteranos que conocen, por favor duplique esta forma. Muchas gracias!



**Music Notes**  
 Mrs. Perry

**Happy Grandparents Day** and also **Happy Friends and Family** from 2nd grade! What a great program the children put on for our special guests today! DVD order forms will be coming next week in case you did not get a chance to order after the performance. The DVD will include candid pictures of the children along with the dress rehearsal and afternoon performance. Cost is \$10, cash or check, payable to Greenbriar Elementary.



**Veterans Day**

Hand Bell Choir is going very well for our 4th and 5th Grade students. Please check the calendar that was sent home to be sure you don't miss any rehearsals.

Grade 4 is preparing for the Veterans Day Program, Friday, November 11 at 2:15 in the gym. A form is available to the right so you may honor someone that has served in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard. Return forms to Mrs. Perry as soon as possible. Deadline is November 7. We will honor and present a respectful music tribute to Veterans.

**Words of Wisdom**

"Good actions give strength to ourselves and inspire good actions in others."

~ Plato





## Donuts with Dads Friday, Nov. 18 7:30-8 a.m.

Mark your calendars now for Donuts with Dads. Bring your father, grandfather, uncle, or other special friend and enjoy breakfast together at Greenbriar!

### RECYCLE PHONE BOOKS HERE!

Greenbriar is again recycling unneeded phone books. Look for the dumpster on the northwest corner of the school by the end of October. If students would like to get credit for books brought to school please place in the dumpster yourself and send a note to Ms. Robbins with your child's name, teacher's name, and number of books. Or bring the phone books to school to receive a sweet treat. Books brought into the school will also go into the count for each child as well as for their class.



Treats will be given to students with the greatest number of phone books (grades 1-3) as well as for classroom totals. SAVE OUR TREES and join us in collecting tons of phone books once more. Be sure to tell friends, family and neighbors, too!



### ART NEWS Ms. James

Greetings, Grizzlies!

November is a busy month in the art room! We will continue working on the elements and principles of art and finding new ways to express our ideas!

Have you seen some of your student's work from art class? Talking about their artwork is just as important as creating it. Ask them to describe the artwork. They will have a lot to say! Ask them how they created it and what part they liked the best.



Our Artistically Talented group went to the Indiana State Museum in late October. We saw many new pieces of art by some Indiana artists and enjoyed a walk around the canal. There are a lot of sculptures to see there. If you are looking for something to do, the canal is a great place to visit and spend some time outside.

### Gr. 5 Spell Bowl November 17

Greenbriar fifth grade students are participating in the Elementary Spell Bowl, an academic competition hosted by the Indiana Association of School Principals.



We will travel to Westfield Intermediate school Nov. 17 for the 5 o'clock competition. Good luck to our team: Alyssa Hamiter, Armoni Richardson, Kaylie Anderson, Emily Patino, Monserrat Cervantes, Jhamya Adair, Moses Ei, Alexis Morales-Lopez, Norma Ferrufino, and Immi Bunch.

## Spotlight on New Staff Stars

### Mrs. Cirsti Fishback ~ Gr. 4 Teacher

I am so happy to be here at Greenbriar with 4<sup>th</sup> grade for my 10<sup>th</sup> year of teaching! I grew up in a small town in Iowa and then attended the University of Northern Iowa. After graduating, my husband and I moved to Houston, TX, to teach. We moved to Indiana this summer to be closer to family.

Do you have a hobby or area of interest? Baking cupcakes and making cake balls.

What is your favorite:

Book? *Thank You, Mr. Falker* by Patricia Polacco

Movie? *Cinderella* (2015 version)

Song? "Til the Day I Die" by Toby Mac

Sport? Volleyball

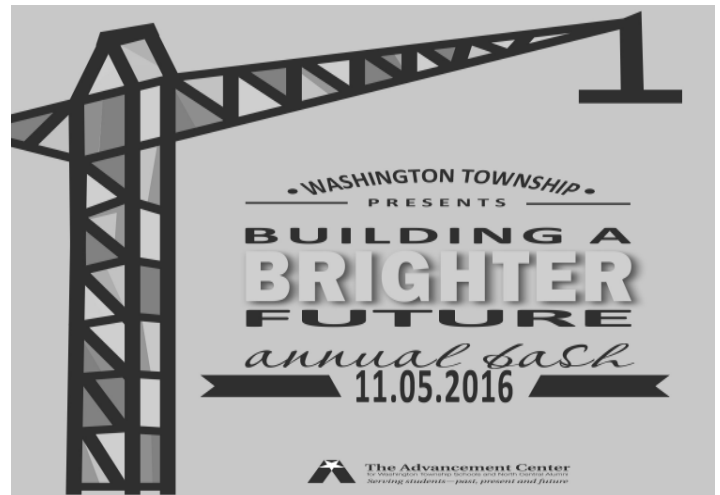
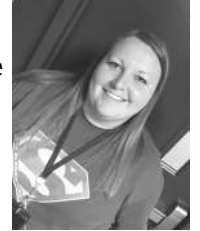
Food? Olive Garden or McAlister's

Vacation? Panama City Beach, FL

If you weren't in education, what other occupation would you choose? I can't imagine not teaching, but I would become a baker.

If you could have dinner with anyone, living or deceased, who would it be and why? Abraham Lincoln because I loved that he fought for freedom. He stood up for what is right and I would love to hear him talk about that time period and what he went through during his presidency.

Tell us something interesting about you that would surprise other Greenbriar staff? I know how to play 3 instruments: saxophone, piano, and bass guitar. AND I am also related to Abraham Lincoln on his wife Mary Todd's side!



Saturday November 5 7:00 - 11:00 PM  
(check in begins at 6:30 PM)  
The Crane Bay Event Center  
551 W. Merrill Street

## PTO Pop-In Membership Drive

The PTO thanks the 143 parents, 36 staff members and 194 Jr. Poppers who joined the PTO this year. Your contributions give the PTO an extra \$1,020 to spend on programs and activities for the school year. Three classes, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Robbins, and Mrs. Roberts, had 100% Jr. Poppers participate and earned a popcorn party. Parents and staff members who joined were eligible for a random drawing for a gift card. Parents who won Applebee's cards are Tiyanana & Patrick Watson, Jeffrey Hunter & Amanda Ivy-Hunter, Danika Moody, Ron & Adrienne Peck, Brian & Kristin Hale, Santiago Cruz & Gloria Flores. Staff members who won Subway cards are Betsy Murphy, Cheryl Wagner, Vanessa Frobese and Heather Pollock. Congratulations! Thank you also to Patty Hunter and Tracy Mount for their work in coordinating this very successful effort!

## IB @ GB!

### Essential Elements of the PYP



The Primary Years Program (PYP) has been developed with 5 essential elements to develop internationally minded life learners who have the traits of the Learner Profile. The 5 essential elements are: key concepts, knowledge, skills, attitudes and action. The central philosophy of the PYP is that purposeful, structured inquiry is a powerful cycle that promotes learning.

The inquiry cycle teacher-created units have been designed with 2-3 key concepts to promote meaningful learning. These concepts provide a structure for the learning in reading, writing, math and content. The PYP has 8 key concepts total, but your child will only explore 2-3 key concepts in each unit to form questions to seek information. The following is the 8 key concepts used-form, function, causation, change, connection, perspective, responsibility and reflection. Ask your child which key concepts they are working on in their IB unit.!

### Clean Your Screen

Remember to "clean your screen!" Students with overdue books should return those items as soon as possible so they have a clean screen. Only "clean screen" students may check out new materials. Thank you for your cooperation! Please contact me if you have any questions regarding IB, technology, or the Media Center.

Kristi Jarmula, IB PYP Coordinator/Media Specialist

### Check Out Lost And Found!

The Lost and Found box is filling up! Parents of students who have lost items are welcome to take a look in the lost and found box located in the cafeteria. Check the shelves and hooks located around the cafeteria also for lost items. Please let your teacher know if an item of value has not turned up, such as glasses or jewelry.



## PTO HAPPENINGS

This year's **Fall Scholastic Book Fair** was a huge success and was so much fun for everyone! Thank you to the many volunteers that helped us. Combining the Book Fair family night with the Title I Literacy Night, our new Multicultural Engagement Committee's family event, and the Dad's Club pumpkin carving was a blast and we are hoping to make "Fall Into Reading" an annual event. It took a lot of dedicated volunteers and we thank each of you! Grandparent's Day was once again the best selling day of the Book Fair. The funds raised from this Book Fair will be used to purchase books for our pre-fair give away next year and to help fund multiple PTO programs and events. Thank you for your support.

**Yankee Candle Fundraiser** items can be picked up on the dates listed below. Thank you to the many families that participated. It was one of our most successful fundraisers in years! Congratulations to our top two sellers, **Braelen Bardwell (2nd grade) and JeMyra Lapsley (2nd grade)**. Those students received rewards, along with an invitation to the VIP Book Fair Pre-shop and gift certificates for books! Thanks to our Fundraising Chairperson, **Chyanne Lopez** for all her hard work!

The "**Pop Into the PTO**" drive was also very successful thanks to Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Mount! Congratulations to the staff, students, and parents that won prizes. Thank you to everyone that joined the PTO with a donation.

November is a much quieter month for the PTO as our families prepare for the holidays. Please join us for our last **PTO Meeting** of the first semester on Thursday, November 10 at 6:30 pm.

As always, be sure to "like" the Greenbriar PTO on Facebook to stay up to date!

Happy Thanksgiving from your Greenbriar Parent Teacher Organization!

Heidi Sexson and Regan Zwald  
PTO Co-Presidents

### Important PTO Dates:

- 11/ 5 Advancement Center Annual Bash
- 11/8 Election Day! NO SCHOOL
- 11/10 PTO General Meeting 6:30pm
- 11/10 **Yankee Candle Pick Up 7:30pm**
- 11/14 **Yankee Candle Pick Up 8:30am-9am and 6pm-6:45pm**
- 11/14 Last day for Monday GROW classes
- 11/15 **Yankee Candle Pick Up 8:30am-9am and 6 pm-6:45 pm**
- 11/16 Last day for Wednesday GROW classes