



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."

Dear Greenbriar Families,

It's hard to believe we're at the end of our 2016-17 school year. It's been a pleasure being part of a team that works so hard to ensure every child gets a high quality education. Our staff has dedicated the year to helping each student achieve. Thank you!

As we finish the school year, I would like to thank all of our families who offered their support in so many ways. Whether you were a part of the PTO, a classroom volunteer, attended our school events, or simply read daily with your child, please know how much your efforts are appreciated as we work together to maximize learning.

Please continue to work every day this summer! Students should read daily; it has been proven that reading is the most important thing students can do to prevent regression over the summer. Math facts should also be practiced, whether with flashcards or by using every day activities to reinforce math concepts. Students that continue learning this summer will earn a special surprise when we return August 2!

The Back-to-School Ice Cream Social is tentatively scheduled for July 31, from 4-6pm at Greenbriar. Be sure to join us and also to check class lists, see which friends are in your class, and meet your teacher (and of course enjoy ice cream)! Check the school website to confirm this date mid-summer, look for other upcoming events and to access the school supply list.

Please be certain to clear any cafeteria accounts, return library books, and pay any overdue fees to receive report cards in a timely manner. Also, if any information, such as address or phone numbers change over the summer, please notify the office which will be open until June 16. The office will reopen for the 2017-18 school year on July 10. I hope you have a restful and interesting summer. Thank you again for an amazing year!

Jamie Alexander

Greenbriar Elementary Principal

317-259-5445 extension 14403



Fifth Grade
Celebration

May 24 9 AM

	MAY
24	FIFTH GRADE CELEBRATION, 9 AM
24	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
24	LAST DAY TO PICK UP MEDICINE IN CLINIC
24	CLAIM ITEMS IN LOST & FOUND BY 3:30 PM
	LOOKING AHEAD
	JUNE
1	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL, 8AM-1PM
7	REPORT CARDS MAILED HOME
16	LAST DAY FOR SUMMER SCHOOL
	JULY
27	KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE 5:30-7 PM
31	ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 4-6 PM
	AUGUST
2	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, 8:30 AM-3:30 PM
	EVENTOS DEL FUTURO
	MAYO
24	CELEBRACION DEL GR 5, 9 AM
24	ULTIMO DIA DE ESCUELA!
24	RECOGER MEDICINAS DE LA CLINICA
24	ARTICULOS PERDIDOS, ÚLTIMO DIA PARA RECOGER ANTES DE LAS 3:30PM
	MIRANDO HACIA EL FUTURO
	JUNIO
1	PRIMER DIA DE ESCUELA DE VERANO 8-1PM
7	CALIFICACIONES VAN A CASA
16	ÚLTIMO DIA DE ESCUELA DE VERANO
	JULIO
27	SOLAMENTE EL KINDERGARTEN CASA ABIERTA 5:30-7 PM
31	DIA FAMILIAR CON HELADO, 4-6 PM
	AGOSTO
2	PRIMER DIA DE ESCUELA, 8:30 AM-3:30 PM



Music Notes

Mrs. Perry

It's been a musical year at Greenbriar! Here are some highlights: Keyboarding, Songs with our Textbooks, Programs, Run for the Arts Fundraiser, All school sing, Choral Festival, Folk Dancing and so much more! Congratulations to the 4th and 5th Grade Handbells Choirs! These 2 groups have rehearsed voluntarily throughout the school year on Thursday mornings. They have learned so much during this special time together. Wishing them, and every Greenbriar Grizzly, a very musical summer.

Some ideas to keep your musical minds active this summer:

1. Attend a concert at Conner Prairie.
2. Create a musical instrument using found items at home.
3. Sing! Sing! Sing!
4. Go outside and listen to 'nature's music.'
5. Attend a concert in one of the city parks.
6. Go online to aroundindy.com to find a list of free activities for the summer. See you August 2!



Greenbriar Staff Thanks Volunteers!

Greenbriar would like to thank all parent and family volunteers whose efforts this year helped to make extra activities possible. From field trips to in-class support, thank you for enriching the classroom!

Volunteers were invited May 16 to mingle and enjoy breakfast provided by the school. Thank you to all who attended. Special thanks to Mrs. Stacy Cartmel for organizing this event!

We love our volunteers and welcome all parents to help out next school year. Become a part of the fun and check out upcoming PTO opportunities on Page 4.

Lease Updates Due Now!

The school year is coming to a close. Expired lease notices were sent home over the last several months. If you did not receive a notice and your lease is expired or you have changed residences **you must contact Greenbriar immediately with an update. Please do not ignore as students must have valid residency information on file.**

Families must bring a copy of their current lease showing the expiration date, management signature and a current utility bill no later than May 25. Students with expired leases will be withdrawn after this date!

Students will not be assigned a classroom placement until expired leases are updated. As administration plans for the 2017-18 school year, all residency issues must be in place. If you are moving outside of the Greenbriar district please contact the office as soon as possible so we may forward student records.

All contact/phone numbers must be up to date. In the event of an emergency, office and clinic personnel must be able to contact parents or guardians. If any contact numbers have changed or will change over the summer please update this information on the website or inform the school of any changes before the start of school August 2. Questions or concerns? Call the office, 259-5445.



We Appreciate First Books Partnership
M.S.D. Washington Township is excited to have partnered district-wide with Vincennes University and First Books for the third straight year. As a result of this partnership, every kindergarten student in our district received a collection of 3 to 5 books to take home. These books were donated and will help support the ongoing development of our students as proficient readers. Having books at home for summer will support our kindergarteners as well as their family members having access to books to ensure daily reading practice.

First Books provides access to new books for children. To date, they have distributed more than 125 million books and educational resources to programs and schools serving children from low-income families throughout the United States and Canada. First Books is transforming the lives of children in need and elevating the quality of education by making new, high-quality books available on an ongoing basis. They continue to celebrate their success and are excited about the future.

Books were delivered to the district during the month of May. Each school had their own date and time to distribute the books to kindergarten students. Thank you to First Books and Vincennes University for supporting our students and our community in their development of readers.

Recycle at Greenbriar

Recycling containers are in place at the northeast side of the parking lot. Please remember to turn your trash into our treasure. Deposit newspapers, magazines, and catalogs in the green and yellow bin. Tell your neighbors and friends to donate to our recycling project.

Important: These are not trash bins! Only items to be recycled can be accepted.



Words of Wisdom

"It is essential to our well-being, and to our lives, that we play and enjoy life. Every single day, do something that makes your heart sing."

~ Marcia Weider





ART NEWS

Ms. James

Greetings Grizzlies!

What a great year it has been! I encourage each of you to think about your favorite art project this year and reflect on why it was your favorite. Some artists are proud of the work they create because they love how it turned out. Other artists are proud of their work because they know how much hard work it took to create.

I encourage each of you to draw and create this summer. It is all about practicing and getting better each day.

Remember that the only bad art in the world is the art that has not been made. Get out there and make something! Put something in the world that was not there before!

Think about signing up for an art camp. Whatever you do, have a great summer!

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Spotlight on New Staff Stars

Mrs. Crystal Schmollinger ~ Gr. 5 Teacher

I was born and raised in the Indianapolis area. I graduated from Indiana University in 2010 and am pursuing a Masters Degree in Urban Education at IUPUI. I moved to Greenbriar in October after being on maternity leave. I teach Fifth grade.

Do you have a hobby or area of interest? Working out, playing with my daughter.

What is your favorite?:

Book? *Harry Potter*

Movie? *Pearl Harbor*

Song? Depends on the day

Sport? Swimming (to do), College

Basketball (to watch)

Food and Restaurant? Mexican/Qdoba

Vacation? St. Thomas

If you weren't in education, what other occupation would you choose? Marine Biologist

If you could have dinner with anyone, living or deceased, who would it be and why? My Grandma Moana, she was my hero.

Tell us something interesting about you that would surprise other Greenbriar staff? I am extremely shy.



Immunizations Requirements

All students must meet the state requirements for proper immunizations. Your health care provider can access records to be sure all shots are given on schedule.



Parents are required to provide shot records within 20 days of the start of school or students will be withdrawn.

It is advised that any student missing shots receive those over the summer months so they will be in compliance at the beginning of the school year. Parents should provide a copy of the updated shots to the school office.

You may bring those to the Greenbriar office when it reopens July 19 .

Any questions or concerns, please call 317-259-5445.

Check Out Lost And Found!

As the end of school comes this May 24, parents of students who have lost items should take a look in the lost and found box located in the cafeteria. Check the shelves and hooks also for lost items.

Items left after May 25 will be donated.



News from the clinic:

May 24 Last Day for Medication Pick Up

Attention to all parents who have children with medication in the clinic! All medication must be picked up on or before May 24, the last day of school. Medication not picked up by this date will be discarded.

If your child is returning to Greenbriar next year, please be proactive in filling out and turning in all appropriate paperwork so your child receives the medication and special care they need.



Remember: All asthma, allergy, seizure and diabetic students must have a Medical Plan Of Care on file in the clinic. All forms MUST be signed by a physician. It is parent responsibility to arrange an appointment to return all appropriate forms. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

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



Summer Meals for Kids at No Cost

The MSDWT Child Nutrition Summer Program will be providing nutritious meals to all children aged 18 and younger at the following locations this summer. To participate all kids have to do is show up at one of these locations during posted serving times.

Open School Locations:

Nora and Greenbriar Elementary Schools

June 1 – July 14 (closed July 4)

Breakfast: 8:30 am – 9:00 am

Lunch: 10:30 am – 11:30 am

North Central High School Campus

(Outside on the Lawn)

June 5 – July 14 (closed July 4)

Breakfast: 8:30 am – 9:00 am

Lunch: 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Other Locations in the Community:

June 5-July 14 (closed July 4)

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Lunch Only: 10:30- 11:15 am

Nora Pines ~Spyglass Apts ~ Riverwood Park ~

Viewpoint Apts. ~ Williamsburg N. Apts. ~

The Retreat Cooperative (breakfast 8-8:30am)

Comida de Verano para Niños Sin Costo

El Programa de Verano de Nutrición para Niños del MSDWT estará proveyendo comidas nutritivas a todos los niños menores de 18 años en las siguientes ubicaciones este verano. Estas comidas proveen nutrientes esenciales para niños activos y en crecimiento. Para participar en este programa lo que tienen que hacer todos los niños es presentarse a una de estas ubicaciones durante la hora indicada. Las comidas de verano serán servidas en:

Localizaciones de Escuelas Abiertas:

Escuela de Nora y Greenbriar

1 de Junio – 14 de Julio (cerrado el 4 de Julio)

Desayuno: 8:30am – 9:00am y

Almuerzo: 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Escuela North Central

5 de Junio – 14 de Julio (cerrado el 4 de Julio)

Desayuno: 8:30am – 9:00am

Almuerzo: 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Otras Ubicaciones en la Comunidad:

5 de Junio – 14 de Julio (cerrado el 4 de Julio)

Iglesia Metodista St. Luke's

Almuerzo solamente: de 10:30 am a 11:15 am

Apartamentos Nora Pines ~ Spyglass~

Riverwood Park ~ Williamsburg N. ~ Viewpoint ~

The Retreat (solamente desayuno 8-8:30 am)

PTO HAPPENINGS

Thank you to all parent, grandparent, and community volunteers who helped make this a successful year of PTO events and fun! We just concluded a great GROW session and a special Staff Appreciation Week. A special shout-out to Tracy Toumi, who has led Staff Appreciation for several years. We will all miss her creativity when she moves on to Westlane next year.

Thanks, Tracy, and thanks to all Greenbriar families who helped celebrate our spectacular staff this month.

Next year, no matter how much time you have, you can find a way to support our great students, school, and staff. Take a look at the PTO Volunteer Signup to find an activity that fits your interests and availability. Our Facebook page will take a summer vacation but be sure to follow the page to stay up-to-date!

If you would like to learn more about ways you would like to be involved with our Parent-Teacher Organization, we would love to talk with you. We love new voices and new ideas; no experience is needed. Let us know how we can help you and your family find your niche at Greenbriar! Enjoy family time this summer!

Heidi Sexson and Regan Zwald Greenbriar PTO Co-Presidents, GreenbriarPTO@gmail.com

2017 Summer Reading Program

June 5 - July 29: "Read It & Eat!"

Read books for points, get prizes!



For preschoolers, school age, teens and parents! Sign up at any Indianapolis Public Library location. Register now.



Food Drive

Gleaners Kids and teens can give back to the community and help Gleaners Food Bank feed hungry Hoosiers. Donate non-perishable food items at any Library branch and earn 20 points.

Special Drawing for Kids & Teens

Register for the Summer Reading Program and enter to win some great giveaways including college saving account and Colts tickets!

Earn Victory Field Library Night tickets

July 24, 7 pm – Dollar Menu Night. Indians Passes redeemable for any game (excluding July 4), participants are encouraged to use their passes to attend Library Night, the exciting Summer Reading finalé.

