



# The Grizzly Gazette



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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."*

September 29, 2017

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 ★ Greetings Greenbriar Families,  
 ★ September has been a fantastic month and students have worked hard. Several students have completed Lexia. We encourage families to support Lexia usage at home. This individualized program helps each child with specific skills. Next week will be a busy week as we have the Scholastic Book Fair, Family Game Night and Grandparents Day.  
 ★ Parent-teacher-student conferences will be Oct. 16-27. Communication between home and school is a vital part of the education process. All teachers will meet with every family for a student led conference. Our goal is 100% participation! Look for information coming home from teachers and how you can continue to support your child at home. Students are encouraged to attend as we work to help them be responsible for their own data and growth.  
 ★ Enjoy time with family and friends during Fall Break. Read everyday for at least 25 minutes and practice math facts for at least 10 minutes daily during break. I look forward to seeing you on Friday, Oct. 27 at 7:30am for our grades 1-5 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  
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FALL BREAK OCTOBER 9-13  
NO SCHOOL

DESCANSO DE OTOÑO  
OCTOBRE 9-13  
NO HAY ESCUELA

	OCTOBER
2	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR BEGINS, PTO YANKEE CANDLE SALE CONTINUES
5	FAMILY GAME NIGHT 6-7:30 PM
6	GRANDPARENTS DAY GR. 2 MUSIC PROGRAM, 2 PM
6	REPORT CARDS GO HOME
9-13	FALL BREAK, NO SCHOOL
16	SCHOOL RESUMES
16, 18	PTO GROW PROGRAMS BEGIN
19	PTO MEETING & PUMPKINS WITH POPS, 6:30 PM
27	AWARDS PROGRAM 7:30 AM
27	FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE
	OCTOBRE
2	FERIA DE LIBROS SCHOLASTIC DEL PTO
5	NOCHE FAMILIAR DE JUEGOS 6-7:30 PM
6	DIA DE LOS ABUELOS GR 2 PRESENTACION MUSICAL, 2 PM
6	LAS CALIFICACIONES VAN A CASA
9-13	DESCANSO DE OTOÑO, NO HAY ESCUELA
16	REGRESO A LA ESCUELA
16, 18	EL PROGRAMA DE ENRIQUECIMIENTO DE PTO COMIENZA
19	JUNTA DEL PTO, 6:30 PM
19	DECORACIÓN DE CALABAZAS, 6:30-7:30 PM
27	PROGRAMA DE PREMIOS, 7:30 AM
27	BAILE DE PAPÁS Y NIÑAS

## AYS FALL BREAK CAMP

GRADES K-6

OCTOBER 9-13, 2017

6:30 AM - 6 PM

SPRING MILL OR JOHN STRANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FEES AND TO REGISTER:  
317-283-3817 OR INFO@AYSKIDS.ORG



### Project HHH "Help Hurricane Harvey"

A huge thank you to all those that donated to families affected by the hurricane in Texas. Students and staff raised almost \$600 for Texas these past few weeks.

We are so proud of our students for stepping up to show action and we want to say thank you. The money is going to be used to purchase gift cards for families. A special thank you to our Fourth Grade teachers for organizing this event.

GREENBRIAR ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL

Book Fair

Oct. 2 - Oct. 6



# ART NEWS

Ms. James



October is a busy month in the Art Room! Fall projects will be starting soon. We are wrapping up a "Who We Are" unit and I love hearing them share about what makes them unique. Fourth and 5th graders are working on a project studying Native Americans. Artistically Talented is off to a great start, studying the Science of Art. We traveled to the Indianapolis Museum of Art last week. In October, we will visit the WonderLab in Bloomington. Remember there are many ways to create! Keep expressing your positive self and being your best YOU!

## Spotlight on New Staff Stars

### Donnya Muslet ~ Grade 4 Teacher

I was born and raised in Virginia, moved to California at age 10, and finally settled in Indiana. I was blessed to graduate from BSU with a degree in Elementary Education & Special Education. Now I'm proud to be a Grizzly!



Hobby/area of interest? I love the Verizon IndyCar Series, traveling to races throughout the season. I enjoy Dave & Busters, laser tag, bowling, and go karting week.  
 What is your favorite:  
 Book? *Wonder* by Raquel J. Palacio  
 Movie? *Matilda*  
 Song? *Drops of Jupiter* by Train  
 Food/Restaurant? I love any sushi and Yats are definitely my go-tos.

Vacation? Lake Norris with my whole family and close friends.  
 What other occupation would you choose? I would be a guidance counselor. I want to be "Miss Brittany," on Netflix's "Last Chance U" series. If you could have dinner with anyone, living or deceased, who would it be? I would enjoy a meal with Martin Luther King Jr.  
 Tell us something interesting about you that would surprise other Greenbriar staff? I have 13 siblings.

### Anna Kelly ~ Kindergarten Teacher

I was born and raised in Washington Township and am a graduate of North Central High School. I graduated from Indiana University with a degree in Special Education and Elementary Education and a minor in Spanish. Now I have returned to the township and am so happy to be at Greenbriar.

Hobby/area of interest? I love supporting causes that help kids like the IU Dance Marathon for Riley Hospital for Children.



What is your favorite:  
 Book? *The Great Gatsby*  
 Movie? *The Parent Trap*  
 Song? *Anything* by Mumford & Sons  
 Food/Restaurant? La Piedad  
 Vacation? Anywhere on the beach.

What other occupation would you choose? School Speech Therapist or Occupational Therapist.  
 If you could have dinner with anyone, living or deceased, who would it be? My grandma's sister and great grandma who I never met.  
 Tell us something interesting about you that would surprise other Greenbriar staff? I've been skydiving!

## PTO HAPPENINGS



It's fundraiser time! Please help support the students and staff by participating in the PTO **Yankee Candle sale**, Sept. 29 - Oct. 16. Order forms and details will be sent home with students, including online shopping options for family and friends. Thanks to Fundraising

Chair, Chyanne Lopez, for organizing this event! Students and staff will enjoy the **Fall Scholastic Book Fair** the week of Oct. 2 - Oct. 6. Students should bring at least \$5 to shop; \$10 is recommended! Volunteer spots are still available. You can sign up or shop online at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/>

greenbriarelementaryschool3. Family and friends can shop during school hours, and Oct. 5 at Family Game Night. Please shop early as popular books will go fast.

**G.R.O.W. after school classes** begin the week of Oct. 16. Remind your teacher and registered student that they stay after school for a class! Mark your calendar for the **October PTO General Meeting Oct 19, 6:30 pm**, with special guest speaker **Jenny Noble, Greenbriar School Psychologist**. Dads Club **pumpkin carving** event will follow. More details to come.

Your PTO Co-Presidents,  
 Regan Zwald and Heidi Sexson



## Music Notes

Mrs. Perry

Happy Autumn! First graders are learning about Antonio Vivaldi's music, "Four Seasons." We focused on Fall last week. We analyzed a listening map and recognized forte and piano dynamics.



Second graders are almost ready for the Grandparents Day program Oct. 6, 2 pm. Third Grade is reading rhythms and having fun with American folk songs. And Fourth Grade is starting to prepare for their annual Veterans Day Program, Nov. 10 at 9 am. More information will come home soon about honoring a Veteran. Fifth Grade has been studying about Aaron Copland, an American contemporary composer. Kindergarten is moving and grooving to some great songs with a steady beat and learning about opposites in music. Last, but not least, hand bell choirs have started. The 5th Grade Ringers are off to a great start and the 4th Grade Jingers are going to learn a lot about how to ring as the next few weeks progress.

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



Words of Wisdom





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**PTO HAPPENINGS**

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