



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."

**ILEARN TESTING CONTINUES THOROUGH MAY 10
NO TARDIES OR APPOINTMENTS, AVOID ABSENCES**
**EXAMENES DE ILEARN CONTINUAR MAYO 10
NO TARDANZAS O AUSENCIAS
NO HACER CITAS MEDICAS**

Dear Greenbriar Families,

It is hard to believe that it is already the middle of the last grading period of the school year. This last nine weeks goes by so quickly; make sure your child is doing everything they need to do to be successful. This includes reading every night, working on math facts, completing all homework and putting in 100% effort everyday.

Thank you to those families that came to our Spring Fling. A huge shout out to our PTO for a fun evening. We have fun events planned for May as we finish out the year. Make sure to check the calendar for more information.

A big thank you to Miss Hamaker, 5th grade teachers, the specials teachers and 5th grade students on a successful Choral Festival. The students did a phenomenal job and we are so proud of their hard work and appropriate behavior during this evening event.

As we close out the school year, please be sure to bring updated leases or a mortgage statement along with a current utility bill to the office so we may have proper placement of your student for next year.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Jamie Alexander
Principal

Fifth Grade Celebration And Exhibition

May 23 9:00 am

Light Refreshments Served



	MAY
2	2019-2020 KINDERGARTEN MEETING, 5:30-6:30 PM
2	PTO MEETING, 6:30-7:30 PM
6	GR. 2 VISITS ZOO, 9:30-2 PM
6	DINING WITH DADS
6-10	STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK
8-10	PTO SPRING BOOK FAIR, BOGO!
10	MUFFINS WITH MOMS, 7:30-8:15 AM COME VISIT THE BOOK FAIR AFTERWARDS!
10	GR. 5 TRACK MEET; BY INVITATION ONLY
10	KINDERGARTEN VISITS ZOO, 9:30-2 PM
14	GR. 5 VISITS MIDDLE SCHOOLS, 9:35 AM
16	GR. 5 TO INDIANS GAME, 9:35 - 1:45 PM
20	GR. 1-4 END OF YEAR AWARDS, 9-10AM
22	FIELD DAY
23	GR. 5 CELEBRATION/EXHIBITION 9 AM
23	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS, REGULAR DISMISSAL 3:25 PM
	MAYO
2	JUNTA DE KINDER, 2019-2020, 5:30-6:30PM
2	JUNTA DE PTO, 6:30-7:30 PM
6	2o. GRADO VA AL ZOOLOGICO, 9:30-2PM
6	ALMUERZO CON LOS PAPÁS
6-10	SEMANA DE AGRADECIMIENTO PARA EL PERSONAL DE GREENBRIAR
8-10	VENTA DE LIBROS DE PTO COMPRA UNO LE REGALAN OTRO
10	PANECITOS CON MAMÁ, 7:30-8:15 AM PUEDEN VISITAR LA VENTA DE LIBROS
10	5o. GRADO, CARRERA EN NORTH CENTRAL SOLAMENTE PARA ESTUDIANTES INVITA- DOS
10	KINDER VA AL ZOOLOGICO, 9:30-2PM
14	CLASES DE 5o., GRADO VISITAN LAS ESCUELAS SECUNDARIAS, 9:35 AM
16	5o. GRADO VA A UN JUEGO DE BEISBOL, 9:35-1:45PM
20	CEREMONIA DE PREMIOS, GR. 1-4 9-10 AM
22	DIA DE CAMPO, TODA LA ESCUELA
23	CELEBRACION DEL QUINTO GRADO, 9 AM EXHIBICIONES
23	ULTIMO DIA DE ESCUELA PARA TODOS LOS ALUMNOS, SALIDA NORMAL 3:25 PM

Muffins with Mom

May 10 7:30 - 8:15 AM



Come in early, meet with staff,
enjoy a treat, and visit
The PTO Book Fair!

Kimi Cole Is Alumni Scholarship Winner

The PTO is pleased to announce that Miss Kimi Cole has been awarded the Greenbriar Alumni Scholarship for use during the 2019-2020 college academic year.

While at North Central, Kimi's favorite classes and activities have encompassed Art (AP 2D), Veterinary Assisting through JEL (president of HOSA, the health occupations group), Zoology and swim team. Kimi had a wonderful experience visiting Ecuador, the Amazon Rain Forest and the Galapagos Islands last summer. Kimi will attend Purdue University this fall with plans to earn a bachelor's degree in Veterinary Nursing. She is one of the only 30 recipients in the nation to be accepted to this program.

While at Greenbriar, Kimi was a student of Mrs. Glassley, Ms. Townsend, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. May, Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Thompson. She gives much credit to her success to Mrs. Beth Symons whose determination and hard work allowed Kimi to overcome a learning disability and become a successful student.

Congratulations, Kimi, as all of Greenbriar wishes you well!
Enjoy some edited excerpts from Kimi's winning essay:

"Throughout elementary school, I struggled academically without knowing why. I was tested for autism, held back in second grade and bullied. It wasn't until 5th grade when a teacher sat in my class while we waited to read from a book out loud. I trembled with fear as I stumbled over my words.

"Later, this teacher called me out to the hallway and asked me to read to her. She explained to me that she thought I had dyslexia and wanted to have me tested. I finally felt like I wasn't alone. This woman worked with me diligently for the rest of my time at Greenbriar. A week before starting sixth grade, testing proved the dyslexia diagnosis. Thanks to the determination of the Greenbriar staff, I was able to get the accommodations needed to excel in school. "I will never forget the lengths the staff took to help me and I will always be extraordinarily grateful."

News from the clinic

Attention to all parents who have children with medication in the clinic. All medication must be picked up on or before May 23 which is 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. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Greenbriar School Clinic Nurse, 259-5445, ext 14402



PRE-ORDER YEARBOOKS!

FORMS IN LOBBY

CASH OR CHECK \$15

You're Invited

Greenbriar Elementary School
Lemonade Day

Wednesday, May 22nd

9:30 - 11:30 & 12:45 - 3:15

Help support our Lemonade Club young entrepreneurs as they open their lemonade stand businesses to students, parents, and the community.

All visitors must sign in at the front office.

For more information contact Danielle Hassan dhassan@msdwt.k12.in.us

Know Your Zone!

District school attendance boundaries are changing for the 2019-20 school year. Do not assume that your school assignment stays the same. Please check information and our interactive map at www.msdwt.k12.in.us/2018/08/balancing-school-hours-hours.

All school office personnel also can assist with finding out your school for next year.

Lease Updates Due Now!

Due to district lines being redrawn along with 2 new schools opening in August, lease and homeowner verification will be requested from all families. Families are encouraged to check if leases are expired. Notices were sent home recently. Please do not ignore as Greenbriar students must have updated residency information on file at all times.

Families are required to bring a copy of their current lease showing the expiration date and the page with management signature and a utility bill no later than prior to May 17.

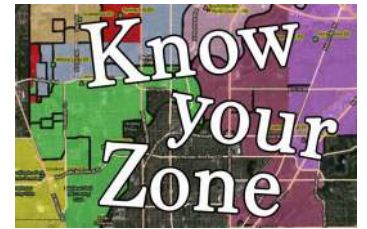
Students will not be assigned a classroom placement next year until expired leases are updated. As administration plans for the 2019-2020 school year, all residency issues must be in place.

If you are moving outside of the Greenbriar district during Spring Break, please contact the office as soon as possible so we may forward student records.

Update Emergency Contacts and Phone

It is critical that every school have current emergency contacts and all phone numbers up to date. In the event of an emergency, office and clinic personnel must be able to contact parents or guardians as soon as possible.

Please send a note with updated numbers to your child's teacher.



PTO HAPPENINGS

What a great Greenbriar Spring Fling! Martina Obaseki, Robbie Warren, and Chyanne Lopez once again organized a fantastic evening of games and fun for our families. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the event a huge success.

In May, the Spring Buy-One, Get-One Book Fair and Staff Appreciation Week close out a successful and busy year. The BOGO book fair, May 8-10, is a great time to stock your child's summer reading library. ALL books are buy one, get one free. Staff Appreciation Week is our families' chance to say thank you to our incredibly dedicated teachers and staff with treats, meals, and surprises. Please look for signups in Mrs. Alexander's messages and on Class Dojo. Finally, as we plan for next year, please consider what you have to offer your PTO. You may also nominate a friend or neighbor! Your voice is needed to bring new ideas and support to our students, families, and teachers. A variety of opportunities are available no matter what time and talents you can offer. We are fortunate to have strong new leadership in 2019-2020 with co-presidents Taria Butler and Sarah Cline. We look forward to seeing you May 2, 6:30 pm, at the final PTO meeting!

Important PTO Dates:

Final PTO Meeting: May 2, 6:30 PM

Staff Appreciation Week: May 6-10

Spring BOGO Book Fair: May 8-10

Your PTO Co-Presidents,
Heidi Sexson and Regan Zwald

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News From The Greenbriar Café

The Greenbriar Café wants to remind families that student lunch accounts must be paid and kept up to date. As the school year comes to a close, all accounts must be current. Questions? Linda Tarver, 259-5445, ext. 119.

Remember to Recycle at Greenbriar

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. Remember to tell your neighbors and friends to donate to our recycling project. Aluminum cans are also welcome and may be recycled in the blue container.



Important: These are not trash bins! Only items to be recycled can be accepted. Greenbriar thanks you for your support. Questions: Alyce, 259-5445.

Field Day, Gr. 5 Track Meet

Mr. May will be taking select students to the district 5th Grade Track Meet at North Central May 10.

Watch book bags for information. Only students on the track team will attend.



Spotlight on New Staff Stars

Kaleigh Howard ~ Second Grade Teacher

I was born and raised in Carmel and graduated from Carmel High School. I spent my elementary and middle school years at Montessori School of Westfield where I was influenced by amazing teachers! I graduated from Asbury University, a small school in Wilmore, KY, about 25 minutes from the University of KY. I loved living in Kentucky but decided to come back home and found Washington Township to be a perfect fit. I will be teaching next year at Willow Lake so I will see many of my former students there.

Do you have a hobby or area of interest? I really love baking, it's something I do all the time.

What is your favorite:

Book? *Peter Pan*

Movie? *Dan in Real Life*

Song? *Holy Ground* by Taylor Swift

Food/Restaurant? First Watch, I love breakfast food!

Vacation? Anywhere there's a beach!

If you weren't in education, what other occupation would you choose? I honestly couldn't see myself doing anything else.

If you could have dinner with anyone, living or deceased, who would it be? My grandfather on my dad's side of the family. I never got to meet him but I have been told I am a lot like him and he is my only other relative who was a teacher!

Tell us something interesting about you that would surprise other Greenbriar staff? I have a very interesting family! When I was in college my parents invited two boys from the Congo to live with us and now I have two Congolese brothers! I also have a brother that's adopted from Russia, so I have a very international family.



Greenbriar 2019-2020 Kindergarten Registration

Daily 9 am - 2 pm



Bring Birth Certificate, Shot Records
Lease/Mortgage as proof of township residency, and
Utility Bill

Inscripción de Greenbriar Kindergarten Para 2019-2020 9 am - 2 pm

Necesita presentar documentos:
Acta de nacimiento, record de vacunas, comprobante de que UD. Reside en el Municipio de Washington (contrato de renta),
recibo de pago de luz, agua o teléfono



Superior Schools | Supportive Community



Your support of the November 2016 referendum provided the funding to make improvements that will result in two (2) new elementary schools and major renovations to all other schools and facilities in the district. These investments totaling \$185M, are being made to ensure that our facilities will offer our students state-of-the-art educational opportunities in a safe and secure setting. These improvements over the next few years will demonstrate what many community members already know... that public education and investment in our young people is a smart investment for our community.

2016 Construction Referendum

Commitment Made

1. \$185M in capital improvement upgrades will enhance student safety and security, provide technological upgrades, and ensure that our classrooms are designed to meet the latest in educational design trends.
2. Consistency, Accessibility and Transparency will be key elements of all projects. The project scope developed by the citizen-based Master Facilities Committee identified Capacity and Educational Effectiveness, Safety and Security, Healthy Learning Environments and Technology as priorities.
3. Commitment to the use of Diverse Professional Partners. We realize that Washington Township is the school district of choice for a diverse population and it is incumbent upon us to reflect a commitment to community partners on these projects.

Commitment Kept

1. Two New Elementary Schools are under construction (Clearwater and Willow Lake) with openings planned for the beginning of the 2019-2020 School Year. Eastwood and Westlane Middle Schools renovations begin Spring 2019. Allisonville, Crooked Creek and Spring Mill Elementary Schools are at various stages of design with renovations beginning Fall 2019. Additional Construction Projects in 2019-2024 include North Central High School; Northview Middle School; and Nora, Fox Hill, and Greenbriar Elementary Schools; J. Everett Light Career Center; and the Hilltop Learning Center.
2. All designs by our professional partners create optimal learning environments. This will include eliminating trailers, building an eighth elementary school to increase capacity, constructing secured entrances, and renovating each of our schools. The project scope includes replacing infrastructure, such as heating and cooling systems and technology. In addition, all designs are made to ensure safe traffic flow at the sites. We have also made a commitment to ensure that the aesthetic value of our properties is maintained and enhanced.
3. Our commitment to the utilization of minority, women, veteran and disabled owned businesses continues. We have established a hallmark for the utilization of these diverse suppliers. In fact, our commitment levels are being replicated by other local entities as a model of building effective partnerships. To review that commitment and our success, please go to www.msdt.k12.in.us/supplier-diversity.

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