



# The Grizzly Gazette




Jamie Alexander, Principal

November 30, 2017

*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,  
I hope that you enjoyed Thanksgiving break! We had our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Thanksgiving feast for all students. Teachers, students and district administration spent time enjoying each other during a candlelight lunch. We had an awesome Veteran's Day convocation. Thank you to Mrs. Perry and the Fourth grade for a great program. We have about four weeks left until winter break. Continue to stay focused and work hard every day. Students will continue their academics and will take assessments toward the end of December to display growth made since August. I encourage you to maintain communication with teachers to know how your child is progressing. During Winter Break make sure your child is reading at LEAST 25 minutes every day and getting their reading calendars signed and returned to school. We are having a contest to see which class in each grade level can have the highest percentage of Lexia usage over winter break. There will be prizes so please help by encouraging your child to log on every day for at least 15 minutes.

Sincerely,  
Jamie Alexander  
Greenbriar's Proud Principal



**Winter Break  
No School!  
Dec. 21 - Jan. 7  
Students Return Jan. 8**

**Vacación No Hay Escuela!  
Dec. 21 - Enero 7!  
Regraso a la Escuela Enero 8**

	DECEMBER/JANUARY
4	SAFETY FAIR, CEC, 6-8 PM
6	BOOK-IT PIZZA PARTY, K-2
13	BOOK-IT PIZZA PARTY, 3-5
15	PBS CELEBRATION
18-20	KINDERGARTEN HOLIDAY BIZARRE
20	ALL-SCHOOL SING
21	SEMESTER ENDS, LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
DEC 22 - JAN 7	WINTER BREAK, NO SCHOOL
JAN 8	STUDENTS RETURN, SCHOOL RESUMES
JAN 15	MLK DAY, NO SCHOOL
	DICIEMBRE/ENERO
4	FERIA DE SEGURIDAD, CEC, 6-8 PM
6	BOOK-IT FIESTA DE PIZZA, K-2
13	BOOK-IT FIESTA DE PIZZA, 3-5
15	CELEBRACIÓN DE PBS
18-20	BAZAR DE PRODUCTOS FESTIVOS
20	TODA LA ESCUELA CANTA
21	ULTIMO DIA DE ESCUELA, SEMESTRE 1 TERMINA
DIC 22 ENE 7	DESCANSO DE INVIERNO, NO HAY ESCUELA
ENE 8	ESTUDIANTES REGRESAN
ENE 15	MLK DAY, NO HAY ESCUELA

### **Future Weather Related Notifications**

MSD of Washington Township is committed to the safety of students and staff and makes decisions on school delays and closures based on many factors. Make sure that emergency contact information is up to date in Skyward and follow, "like," and stay tuned to our social media feeds for the quickest and most up to date information. Also tune into local television/radio for weather updates.

### **Washington Township Skylert**

Delay or cancellation: Families receive automated message via *Skylert* system through updated emergency contacts in Skyward.

**MSDWT Twitter Feed:** @msdwt or our website online.

**MSDWT Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/Washington-Township-Schools-153514948076297/>

Social media has become our fastest way of sharing school news. Families should follow us on Twitter and like us on Facebook.

Weather related school news will be posted on our website.

**Local Media Outlets:** Television and radio stations are also notified of any Washington Township weather announcements.



**FREE SAFETY FAIR DEC. 4  
6-8 pm CEC  
8550 Woodfield Crossing  
Visit with vendors,  
win prizes and giveaways!**

Mark Your Calendar! January 15, 2018



MLK, Jr. Day NO SCHOOL  
No Hay Escuela Enero 15



## Music Notes

Mrs. Perry

Thank you 4th grade for all your hard work and effort to present a respectful Veterans Day Program. The audience was very appreciative that you worked so hard to put on a program to honor our Veterans. A very special thank you to Greenbriar Alum, Lucy Sexson, for playing "Taps" to end the program before the silent parade around the school.



The Music Room has been very busy learning about folk dancing these past few weeks. Some comments that students have made include: "It's great exercise!" "That was fun!" "Immigrants brought their culture, dance & music with them from other countries." "Folk dances come from all over the world!"

## Spotlight on New Staff Stars

### Katherine Sorrell ~ Media/IB Coordinator

Ms. Sorrell is from Indianapolis and graduated from Butler University. This is her sixth year of teaching. She is married to her high school sweetheart and they have two cats, Leela and Galileo.

Do you have a hobby or area of interest? I like to paint, sew, and write poetry.

What is your favorite:

Book? *The Sirens of Titan* by Kurt Vonnegut

Movie? *The Breakfast Club*

Song? "Around the World" by Daft Punk

Food/Restaurant? I love sushi! The Maui Roll at Naked Tchopstix is my favorite!

Vacation? My husband and I went to Toronto last year and loved it. I would definitely love to go back!

If you weren't in education, what other occupation would you choose? An artist of some kind

If you could have dinner with anyone, living or deceased, who would it be? Kurt Vonnegut

Tell us something interesting about you that would surprise other Greenbriar staff? I listen to a lot of music and podcasts and I love going to concerts.



## ART NEWS

Ms. James



November was a busy time in the art room. Grades K-3 have been studying Faith

Ringgold, an artist who creates quilts with her artwork. She is also an author and an illustrator. We have learned that she was once an art teacher. Artists heard her story, "Tar Beach," which is one of her great books.

Fall artwork is hanging in the Art Gallery. Second grade created 2D and 3D trees, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade created watercolors. Be on the lookout for Art grades on report cards this 9 weeks. When you are bored, draw anything and everything you can. Practice, practice, practice!

## Greenbriar Alumni Scholarship

The Greenbriar PTO is offering an alumni scholarship to qualified former Greenbriar students who are graduating next May 2018. The \$500 scholarship may be used at any college of the student's choice for any fees incurred by the student. Applicants must have attended Greenbriar for 4 consecutive years and must be a student in good standing at North Central with a minimum g.p.a. of 3.0.



An original essay of 500 words or less that addresses an included question must be attached. If you know of a former Greenbriar student who may be interested in this opportunity, please have him/her pick up an application from the Scholarship Coordinator, North Central Guidance Office.

Questions: Contact Patty Hunter, Scholarship Chairman, at jwhunter2@prodigy.net Attn: Alumni Scholarship.

## PTO HAPPENINGS

As the winter holidays approach, we wish all families in our Greenbriar community a restful break, filled with special family traditions and time together.

Planning for the annual **Greenbriar Spring Fling** has started. This fun-filled March 15, 2018, event for all Greenbriar families is a time to celebrate with friends and family.



How can you get involved? Decorations, Set-up, Clean-up, Silent Auction, Activities and Games are some of the areas where you can help. Email PTO, or attend the upcoming PTO meetings. Do you know someone whose business would like community recognition for a donation to the Spring Fling? Please email us for a donation form. Thank you to **Rohli Booker, Martina Obaseki, Robbie Warren, and Chyanne Lopez** for their work on this event.

Thank you to all who participated in the Yankee Candle fundraiser. We appreciate your patience with the shipping delay.

**Please join us for our next PTO meeting, January 11, 2018.**

Your PTO Co-Presidents,  
Regan Zwald and Heidi Sexson

## Greenbriar Holiday Baskets Assist Families



Thank you to the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and Second Presbyterian Church for donating 32 Thanksgiving baskets to our Greenbriar families.

We are truly blessed to have these wonderful community partners.

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



Words of Wisdom





IB @ GB!

**PTO HAPPENINGS**

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