



# The Grizzly Gazette




Jamie Alexander, Principal

December 20, 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,  
 We made it through the first semester! I am so proud of the growth our students have shown over the past few months.  
 At this time of the year, it is always a blessing to see how others are giving of their time to help out those in need. We received food, book and coat donations from the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and The Performance Assessment Network company. If you are in need of food items, a new/gently used winter coat, hats or gloves, please feel free to stop by school anytime or contact me and I will make sure you get the items you need.  
 Have a safe and Happy Winter Break which starts for students on December 22! Make sure your child is reading at LEAST 25 minutes everyday and getting their reading logs 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 and meet their goal.  
 We will see everyone back on January 8, 2018.  
 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!  
 Regreso a la Escuela Enero 8**

| DECEMBER  |   |
|-----------|---|
| 22-JAN 7  | WINTER BREAK BEGINS ~ NO SCHOOL                           |
| JANUARY   |   |
| 8         | SCHOOL RESUMES  |
| 10        | REPORT CARDS GO HOME                                      |
| 11        | PTO MEETING 6:30 - 7:30 PM                                |
| 15        | FLEX DAY NO SCHOOL  |
| 23        | GR. 6 PARENT NIGHT, MIDDLE SCHOOLS 7PM                    |
| 25        | STEM NIGHT, GR. K-5 6-7:30 PM                             |
| DICIEMBRE |   |
| 22        | DESCANSO DE INVIERNO, NO HAY ESCUELA                      |
| ENERO     |   |
| 8         | REGRESO A LA ESCUELA                                      |
| 10        | LAS CALIFICACIONES VAN A CASA                             |
| 11        | JUNTA DEL PTO, 6:30 - 7:30 PM                             |
| 15        | DIA FLEXIBLE ~ NO HAY ESCUELA                             |
| 23        | GR 5, NOCHE INFORMATIVA EN LAS ESCUELAS SECUNDARIAS, 7 PM |
| 25        | NOCHE DE STEM, K-5, 6-7:30 PM                             |

Register Now for Early Bird Prices!  
 Designate Greenbriar as your school so we may be eligible for some extra cash!

**GREAT NORTH RUN  
 MARCH 10, 2018**



<http://www.advancementcenterwts.org>

SATURDAY, MARCH 10 • REGISTER EARLY & SAVE  
[www.AdvancementCenterWTS.org](http://www.AdvancementCenterWTS.org)

**EARLY RELEASE DAY  
 FEBRUARY 1  
 2:15 PM DISMISSAL**

**SALIDA TEMPRANO  
 ESTUDIANTES  
 FEBRERO 1  
 2:15 PM**





## ART NEWS

Ms. James

We learned a lot in the Art Room this month! Kindergarten created a gingerbread house with paint. Ask them about the gingerbread buildings that we looked at which includes many shapes and colors.



Fourth and Fifth graders are printing stamps that they created, using POP Art images. Pop Art is short for "popular" art, a movement in the 1960s where artists used items from everyday life to create a new piece of art.

In January, 4th and 5th grade Artistically Talented students will be traveling to the Herron School of Art for our last field trip.

We will be creating art in their amazing art studios!

Be on the lookout for Art grades on report cards this 9 weeks.

Hope everyone has a relaxing Winter Break! Draw anything and everything you can. Practice, practice, practice!

## Spotlight on New Staff Stars

### Samantha Kelly ~ Grade 2 Teacher

I was born and raised in Indianapolis and was lucky enough to attend Washington Township schools! I started at Allisonville, made my way to Eastwood, and then North Central where I met my husband Kevin Kelly. I was recruited to Franklin College, where I played soccer. I transferred to Ball State University to study Special Education. I've always wanted to be a teacher which became a passion due to my 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher Susan Gilchrist.

Do you have a hobby or area of interest? Soccer, Baking, Crafting

What is your favorite:

Book? *Oh, the Places You'll Go*

Movie? *Catch Me If You Can*

Song? *White Dress* by Ben Rector, the song that me and my husband danced to at our wedding.

Food/Restaurant? Mexican/ La Hacienda

Vacation? Bahamas, Grand Cayman, and Jamaica

If you weren't in education, what other occupation would you choose? Interior Design

If you could have dinner with anyone, living or deceased, who would it be? Both of my Grandpas. Unfortunately, I was never able to meet them.

Tell us something interesting about you that would surprise other Greenbriar staff? I eat scrambled eggs with grape jelly.



### Matt Mackowiak ~ Grade 5 Teacher

I was born and raised in South Bend, Indiana. I live for Notre Dame football! I went to the K-8 school where my mom is currently principal. I am one of four boys in my family. I went to three different colleges before ending up at Butler University. I was involved with the basketball program and scrimmaged with the team. I am so happy to be in Indianapolis.

Do you have a hobby or area of interest? Athletics (ALL sports), nutrition and fitness!

What is your favorite:

Book? *Hatchet*, By Gary Paulsen

Movie? *The Dark Knight*

Song? *I'm A Go Getta* by Lil Wayne

Food/Restaurant? Wild Eggs specifically on Sunday (breakfast place downtown Indianapolis)

Vacation? Torch Lake, Michigan

If you weren't in education, what other occupation would you choose? I would train athletes full-time or be a stand up comedian.

If you could have dinner with anyone, living or deceased, who would it be? It would have to be LeBron James or Kobe Bryant. Non-athlete would be Ben Shapiro

Tell us something interesting about you that would surprise other Greenbriar staff? I am known for belting out Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You" in a way that brings most people to tears (for whatever reason that is).



## Words of Wisdom

"We are each like a snowflake. All different in our own way."

~ Unknown



## Music Notes

Mrs. Perry

The Music Room has been busy learning about December holidays that are celebrated around the world. The 5th Graders emceed the sing-a-long yesterday. It was a fun time learning songs about Kwanzaa, Hanukkah and Christmas. Each grade level sang different songs to share.

The hand bell choirs did a great job adding to the festivities. And the Jingle Bells dance was a big hit with all grade levels.

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New hand bell calendars will go home the first week of second semester. Rehearsals start again on January 18 with the 5th Grade Ringers. Have a wonderful holiday and restful winter break.

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North Central High School is once again offering Half Notes for grades 4-8. Information concerning registration and rehearsal/performance dates can be found online or contact [mraunick@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:mraunick@msdwt.k12.in.us).

### Attention Grade 5 Parents! Important Dates



Jan. 23 - Parent Curriculum Night for incoming 6th Grade at Middle Schools, 7-8 pm

Jan. 31 - Gr. 5 Music Concert at NCHS

Feb. 13 - Choral, Instrument Tryouts at GB

Mar. 13 - Middle School Open House 7-8:30 pm, Gr. 5 students invited to attend

May 8/9 - Gr. 5 visits Middle School 9:30 am-noon

## How to Stay in Touch with Greenbriar!

### Stay connected:

Greenbriar Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/greenbriarelementary/>  
GB PTO Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GreenbriarElementarySchoolPTO/?fref=ts>  
Twitter: @GreenbriarElem  
Make sure and sign up for Class Dojo! Its a great way to stay connected to your child's teacher and classroom. <https://www.classdojo.com/>

## AYS WINTER BREAK CAMP - SIGN UP NOW!

Winter Break is here! School's out for the winter holidays beginning Dec. 22 with students returning Jan 8. What to do? Come to AYS!

AYS will offer Winter Break Camp for grades K-6 Dec. 22-Jan. 5 (closed Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1) focusing on fun, making friends, and learning through experiences.

Daily programming is offered from 6:30 am - 6 pm during break at two locations, Allisonville and Crooked Creek.

Lunch will need to be packed daily.



If you are not currently registered for AYS, you may still enroll for any of our camps. For more information on how to register visit [ayskids.org/winter](http://ayskids.org/winter).

## North Central High School Saturday Science

The North Central Science teachers are preparing another exciting four Saturdays for elementary aged students to become engaged in laboratory science. This is a great opportunity for Greenbriar Elementary students to build or maintain an interest in science. Saturday Science has a 21 year tradition that has allowed elementary students to experience the thrill of hands on laboratory science at North Central High School. Check book bags for forms.



**Questions? Contact Jason Jackson  
259-5301, ext. 45282 or  
[jejackson@msdwt.k12.in.us](mailto:jejackson@msdwt.k12.in.us)**

## Recycle at Greenbriar

Greenbriar recycling containers are in the northeast side of the parking lot. Turn your trash into our treasure. Deposit newspapers, magazines, and catalogs in the green and yellow bin. Tell neighbors and friends too!



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

## Clothing Donations For Clinic

*As your family gets ready to spend Winter Break together,*



*and if you are doing some housecleaning, please remember to donate any wearable clothing to Greenbriar's clinic. We especially need bottoms. With the cold weather, the play grounds are often muddy and damp. Warm weather items are needed for all ages. Any undergarments your family has outgrown also are greatly appreciated.*

*Be sure to launder the items before donating. Please send any items to the clinic in clean condition! We appreciate your generosity and for remembering Greenbriar.*

## PTO HAPPENINGS

Happy Holidays, Greenbriar families! Thank you to all who participated in our fundraiser. And a big thanks to **Chyanne Lopez & Adrienne Johnson** for all their hard work with the orders.

As we look ahead to January, we think ahead to our annual Spring Fling family celebration. Save the date for **March 15, 2018** and plan to volunteer for 30 minutes.



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 January 11 PTO meeting at 6:30 pm to find your favorite volunteer spot!

Do you know someone whose business would like community recognition for a tax-deductible donation to the Spring Fling? Please email [GreenbriarPTO@gmail.com](mailto:GreenbriarPTO@gmail.com) for a donation form. Thank you to **Rohli Booker, Martina Obaseki, Robbie Warren,** and **Chyanne Lopez** for their work on this event.

The year 2018 also brings the 50th anniversary of Greenbriar. Do you have any pieces of GB history? (Go Gophers!)? Do you have ideas for celebrating this milestone? Please contact us to be involved in the plans!

See you January 11, 2018, 6:30 in the Media Center.

Your PTO Co-Presidents,  
Heidi Sexson and Regan Zwald  
[GreenbriarPTO@gmail.com](mailto:GreenbriarPTO@gmail.com)



## Lease Updates Due Now!

It is critical that all families keep updated residency information on file at Greenbriar. Please acknowledge all communication concerning updating residency requirements.

Families should bring a copy of their current lease showing the expiration date and the page with management signature and a utility bill any time a lease is signed or updated. **Students with expired leases may be withdrawn at the beginning of second semester unless leases are brought to the building January 8.**

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

**NOTE:** Please keep all contact/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.

Any questions or concerns please call the office, 259-5445.



## School Cancellation/Delays & Dismissal Procedures

### Cancellation

If Washington Township Schools have to be cancelled and this is known before school begins in the morning, this information will be broadcast over local television and radio stations, as well as on the District website, Facebook and Twitter. Decisions to cancel/delay school are usually made by 6 am. Parents will be notified via the township's automated calling system. **Please make sure your phone numbers are updated to receive this message.**

### Delays

There are occasions when the start of school may be delayed 2 hours. Parents need to monitor media sources and make the 2-hour adjustment. Bus pickup will be altered by 2 hours. For example, if a bus normally arrives at 7:30 am, it will then pickup at 9:30 am with the 2-hour delay.

**When a delay occurs the school day dismissal will not change.** The AYS program for registered participants will be held at the regular time unless parents are notified.

## Cancelación/Retraso de la Escuela Y Procedimientos de la Salida

### Cancelación

Si las escuelas tienen que ser canceladas y se sabe antes de que comiencen las clases en la mañana, esta información será transmitida a través de varias estaciones de televisión y radio, así como en el sitio web del Distrito, Facebook, y Twitter. Las decisiones para cancelar o demorar el inicio de la escuela, son hechas a las 6 am. Los padres también serán notificados a través del sistema de llamadas automáticas del Distrito.

Hay ocasiones en que el inicio de clases se puede demorar por dos horas. En tales días se les pide a los padres que vigilen las fuentes de información y que hagan el ajuste de 2 horas. Si un estudiante de la escuela primaria normalmente toma el autobús a las 7:30 am la demora de 2 horas sería a las 9:30 am.

**Cuando ocurren las demoras, la hora de salida no cambiará.**

El programa AYS para los participantes registrados se llevará a cabo en el horario habitual a menos que los padres sean notificados de otra manera.

## Check Out Lost And Found!

As first semester comes to an end Dec. 21, 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 Dec. 22 will be donated.



**North Central High School Orchestras Present**

**Friday February 2, 2018**

**Music Festival 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
**with Concert at 6:30 p.m.**

**\$7.00 per person**

**Tickets sold at the door**  
Pre-sale tickets available at will-call  
by downloading order form on website  
[northcentralorchestras.org](http://northcentralorchestras.org)

**North Central High School Auditorium**  
1801 E. 86th St. Enter door 31

Petting Zoo & crafts available  
before & after concert  
Concessions available

**Tootsie Pops Concert**

40 minutes filled with musical surprises that will delight the very young to the young at heart!