

The Grizzly Gazette

Jamie Alexander, Principal

May 18, 2018

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."



Fifth Grade Celebration

May 24 9 AM

Light Refreshments Served

Dear Greenbriar Families,

It's hard to believe we're at the end of our 2017-2018 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. As we close the end of 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, one of the many who 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 this 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 in August!

An additional word of thanks is due to our PTO, without whose financial and volunteer support we would not be the school we are without them. The events they sponsored drew our school family together often, and the wonderful teacher appreciation week was amazing!

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 15. The office will reopen for the 2018-19 school year on July 16. I hope you have a restful and interesting summer. Thank you for an amazing year!

Jamie Alexander
Greenbriar Elementary Principal

	MAY
21	SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD, 9:30 AM
23	ALL-SCHOOL FIELD DAY GRADE 3 - 5, 9-11 AM GRADE K - 2, 12:45-3:15 PM
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
31	SUMMER SCHOOL STARTS, 8 AM - NOON
	LOOKING AHEAD
	JUNE
6	REPORT CARDS MAILED HOME
15	LAST DAY FOR SUMMER SCHOOL
	JULY
26	KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE 5 - 6 PM
	AUGUST
1	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, 8:30 AM-3:30 PM
	EVENTOS DEL FUTURO
	MAYO
21	PREMIO DE LA DIRECTORA GENERAL, 9AM
23	DÍA DE CAMPO PARA TODA LA ESCUELA GRADOS 3-5, 9-11 AM GRADOS K-2, 12:45-3:15 PM
24	CELEBRACIÓN DEL 5o GRADO, 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
31	COMIENZA LA ESCUELA DE VERANO, 8-12PM
	MIRANDO HACIA EL FUTURO
	JUNIO
6	CALIFICACIONES VAN A CASA
15	ÚLTIMO DIA DE ESCUELA DE VERANO
	JULIO
26	SOLAMENTE EL KINDERGARTEN CASA ABIERTA 5 - 6 PM
	AGOSTO
1	PRIMER DIA DE ESCUELA, 8:30 AM-3:30 PM



Music Notes

Farewell, Mrs. Perry! We Will Miss You!

On behalf of the staff and students of Greenbriar, we would like to thank Mrs. Deb Perry for serving our school with her love of music.

Mrs. Perry is retiring after 25 years of teaching. She plans to travel more often and, of course, enjoy her grandchildren.

Mrs. Perry has enriched the lives of over 12,000 students, planned and directed 120 grade level programs, conducted our hand bell choirs, brought our school special convocations, planned our annual Veterans Day ceremony and served on the school-wide planning team. Her annual "Run for the Arts" program helped bring funds to Greenbriar for programming that reached or affected every student.

Thank you, Mrs. Perry! We will miss you!



ART NEWS

Ms. James

As school comes to a close, I would like to thank each of you for creating Art this year!

Remember that the only "bad" art is the art that has never been made. If someone takes the time to create and express their thoughts and feelings, that is a great piece of art. We may not love all art, but we can respect the work and dedication, just the same.

This summer, be sure to work on some art, or even appreciate art by visiting museums or art fairs. Consider taking an art class. Create something new. Ask an adult what supplies you can use. Newspapers can be reused for an amazing new work of art. Be creative, Grizzlies! See you next year!



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 may be withdrawn.

It is advised that any student missing shots receive those over the summer so they will be compliant 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 16.

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



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 4 to mingle and enjoy breakfast provided by the staff. 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 below.

PTO HAPPENINGS

Thank you for another wonderful year at Greenbriar!

The 2017-18 school year wrapped up with another great Scholastic Buy-One-Get-One-Free Book Fair. The PTO takes no profit from this mini fair. All profit comes in the form of the free books. Everyone was able to stock their home library before the break. An extra special thanks to the staff and volunteers that stepped up to help with the Book Fair: **Regan Zwald, Margarita Sanchez, Robbie Warren, Ms. Smith, Mrs. Ofengender, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Kreinhagen, Mrs. Schaeffer, and Mrs. Mount.** If you are interested in helping plan and run future Scholastic Book Fairs, please contact the GB PTO Scholastic Chairperson, Heidi Sexson at belle0716@gmail.com.

Thanks to anyone who contributed to another fantastic Staff Appreciation Week, especially to this year's Chairperson, **Taria Butler**. We LOVE our teachers and staff!

Finally, as we plan for next year, please consider what YOU have to offer your PTO and nominate a friend or neighbor! Opportunities are available no matter what time and talents you can offer.

Your PTO Co-Presidents,

Heidi Sexson and Regan Zwald

Follow us on Facebook: Greenbriar Elementary School PTO

Website: GreenbriarPTO.wordpress.com

Email: GreenbriarPTO@gmail.com

Lease Updates Due Now!

The 2017-18 school year is coming to a close. Expired lease notices were sent home recently. Please do not ignore as all students must have updated residency information on file.

Families must bring a copy of their current lease with the expiration date and the page with management signature and a utility bill no later than **May 22. Students with expired leases will be withdrawn after this date!**

Students will not be assigned a classroom until leases are updated. As administration plans for the 2018-2019 school year, all residency issues must be in place. If you are moving outside of the Greenbriar district, contact the office as soon as possible so we may forward student records.

NOTE: 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. Questions? Call the office, 259-5445.



News from the clinic:

May 24 Last Day for Medication Pick Up

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.



Students who receive any immunizations over the summer must bring a copy of the updated shot record. Please get all age appropriate shots before returning to school in August.

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

Spotlight on New Staff Stars

Emily Yarger ~ Social Worker

Hi friends! I was born and raised in Noblesville. After high school, I received my Bachelor's of Social Work from Anderson University. I decided to commit to a year of adventure with an AmeriCorps program after graduation, where I found myself working in an elementary school in Baton Rouge, LA. After my fair share of bugs and humidity, I received my Master's in Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis. I eventually decided it was time to return to my roots where I was lucky

enough to be introduced to my Grizzly family! In my spare time, I love to garden, spend time outside, and watch movies. Do you have a hobby or area of interest? Gardening
What is your favorite:

Book? *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*

Movie? *Breakfast at Tiffany's*

Song? *Love on Top* by Beyoncé

Food/Restaurant? Café Patachou

Vacation? Anywhere with a beach!

If you weren't in education, what other occupation would you choose? Maybe an interior designer or a chef

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

Tell us something interesting about you that would surprise other Greenbriar staff? I love skydiving!



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 fourth 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.

Catharine Keefe ~ Kindergarten Teacher

Save the best for last! I am originally from Connecticut and came to Indiana for college. I went to Indiana University and loved it so much I decided to stay awhile! I was born in New York and I have an older sister and younger brother. My family in Connecticut has a dog and he is my absolute best friend.

Do you have a hobby or area of interest? I really love to cook and create new recipes! When growing up my mom always made amazing meals and now it is something that I love to do!

What is your favorite:

Book? *Good Night Moon*

Movie? *Inside Out*

Song? *I Wanna Dance with Somebody* by Whitney Houston

Food/Restaurant? Bakersfield on Mass Ave.

Vacation? On the beach

If you weren't in education, what other occupation would you choose? I can't sing or act but I always loved going to see Broadway shows when I was growing up, so if I was actually talented in that department I would love to be on Broadway!

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

Tell us something interesting about you that would surprise other Greenbriar staff? I was a dance instructor in high school.



Remember to Recycle at Greenbriar

Greenbriar recycling containers are in place at the northeast side of the school 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: Albany, 259-5445.



Gr. 5 Track Team Excels At Meet!

Mr. Joe May and the Track Team competed in the district Fifth Grade Track Meet at North Central High School May 11. Congratulations to the team members chosen to represent Greenbriar!

Thank you to Mr. May for his leadership and Shaunta Hicks for her assistance!

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.



GLEANERS

CARE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

(Community Action Relief Effort Mobile Pantry Program)



LOCATIONS – June 4th through August 25th

**UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED*

Mondays - 4 to 6 p.m.

Mt. Zion Apostolic Church
4900 E. 38th St., 46218

Tuesdays - 4 to 6 p.m.

Kroger Parking Lot
(Across from IMPD Southwest District HQ)
2630 W. Michigan St., 46222

Wednesdays - 4 to 6 p.m.

Save-A-Lot Parking Lot
3739 E. Washington St., 46201
**Closed Wednesday, July 4th*

Thursdays - 4 to 6 p.m.

Christ Our King Church
2701 N. California St., 46208

Saturdays - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

North United Methodist Church
3808 N. Meridian St., 46208

Saturdays - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Fervent Prayer Church
10512 E. 38th St., 46235



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DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS CARE MOBILE

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Estaremos en las siguientes localidades a partir del 4 de Junio hasta el 25 de Agosto

**A menos que otra cosa sea notificada.*

Los lunes de 4 p.m. a 6 p.m.

Iglesia Mt. Zion Apostolic
4900 E. 38th St., 46218

Los martes de 4 p.m. a 6 p.m.

Estacionamiento de la tienda Kroger
(En frente de las oficinas de IMPD)
2630 W. Michigan St., 46222

Los miércoles de 4 p.m. a 6 p.m.

Estacionamiento de la tienda Save-A-Lot
3739 E. Washington St., 46201
**Cerrado el miércoles 4 de julio*

Para más información llame al:

317.829.1800

Las distribuciones de CARE Mobile están sujetas a cancelación debido a la lluvia y el clima severo.

Los jueves de 4 p.m. a 6 p.m.

Iglesia Christ Our King
2701 N. California St., 46208

Los sábados de 10 a.m. a 12 p.m.

Iglesia North United Methodist
3808 N. Meridian St., 46208

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En alianza con los departamentos de seguridad pública de la ciudad de Indianapolis

CARE Info: 317.829.1800

*CARE Mobile distributions are subject to cancellation due to rain and severe weather.

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