



# 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."*



## February Special Family Events

Donuts with Dads Donuts con Papás  
February 14 7:30-8 am

Dining with Dads  
Almuerzo con los Papás  
March 1 During Lunch Periods

FEBRUARY	
1	DINING WITH DADS DURING LUNCH
1	TOOTSIE POPS CONCERT AT NCHS, 5:30 PM
4-22	PENNIES FOR PATIENTS
7	PTO MEETING 6:30 PM
14	DONUTS WITH DADS 7:30-8 AM
15	NO SCHOOL, MIDTERM BREAK
18	FLEX DAY MAKEUP, SCHOOL IN SESSION
21	MATH BOWL, 5-7 PM, NORTH CENTRAL HS
22	MIDTERMS GO HOME
MAR 1	DINING WITH DADS DURING LUNCH
FEBRERO	
1	ALMUERZO CON LOS PADRES
1	CONCIERTO DE TOOTSIE POPS, NCHS, 5:30 PM
4-22	PENNIES FOR PATIENTS/TRAER CENTAVOS
7	JUNTA DEL PTO, 6:30 PM
14	DONUTS CON PAPÁS, 7:30-8 AM
15	NO ESCUELA (DESCANSO INTERINO)
18	HAY ESCUELA DEBIDO AL CIERRE DE ENERO 30
21	COMPETENCIA DE MATEMATICAS, 5-7PM NCHS
22	LAS CALIFICACIONES VAN A CASA
MAR 1	ALMUERZO CON LOS PADRES

Dear Greenbriar Families,  
 Welcome back! Report cards have gone home, so be sure you have seen them. Discuss with your child areas of improvement. Notice whether they are on grade level for reading, mastery of math facts, etc. Your support at home impacts their performance in class. Our Lexia usage has declined since winter break; we want to make sure our students are meeting their weekly goals. How will your child help us reach our school goal of at least 80%? The goal is for students to gain units daily and we encourage students to know where they are and where they need to go.  
 Lace up your shoes and gather family, friends and neighbors for the Annual Great North Run! Please sign up now! Greenbriar will earn money on each registration. In case you don't feel like running, register and choose the sleep in option. Just be sure and select Greenbriar as your school. Mark your calendars for March 9, 2019. Visit [www.wtsfoundation.org](http://www.wtsfoundation.org) or check out page 2 of this Gazette issue for more details.  
 Thank you to our Greenbriar Dads Club for organizing a Pacers game. It was fun to spend time with families and friends outside of school.  
 We are heading into assessments this semester (WIDA in January, ILEARN/IREAD3 in late March and April). Please make sure your students are in bed early and prepared for the next day. These assessments are critical and show us what each child has learned this year. Please be mindful of the dates. Do not schedule appointments. It is critical important that your child get to school on time, so please limit any tardies.  
 Your continued nightly support of reading at least 25 minutes and practicing math facts for at least 10 minutes also will help to make our students well prepared.  
 Jamie Alexander  
 Proud Greenbriar Principal



SATURDAY, MARCH 9 • REGISTER EARLY & SAVE  
[www.AdvancementCenterWTS.org](http://www.AdvancementCenterWTS.org)



The Great North Run is a 10K, 5K & Fun Walk/Run through the North Central High School campus and surrounding neighborhoods. Registration includes race, recovery station with food and a free fitnessfair. Events are open to walkers and runners. Funds raised support programs in our schools that tax dollars do not.

Designate a school when registering and a portion of the fee will be directed to the school.



**Greenbriar 2019-2020  
Kindergarten Registration  
Begins Feb. 6,  
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),



**Makeup Day February 18  
School in Session  
Día de Escuela Febrero 18  
Debido al día de nieve**



**Greenbriar Families: Register  
for the Great North Run!**

We need your help to reach our goal for the GNR! Please support Greenbriar and register today. Greenbriar will receive \$2 for each registration that designates GB as their school. If we reach at least 90 registrations, we will earn \$500. Please tell your friends and families too. [https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get\\_information.php?event\\_id=131067](https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=131067)

**Music Notes**  
*Mrs. Hamaker*

The Fifth Grade visit to North Central that was scheduled for Jan. 30 was cancelled due to no school that day. Unfortunately, this visit WILL NOT be rescheduled. Donuts with Dads is Feb. 14 at 7:30 am. The 4th and 5th grade Percussion Ensemble will be performing. Be sure to join us. You don't want to miss it!

**Spotlight on New Staff Stars**

**Brittany Reedy ~ 1st Grade Teacher**

I was born and raised here in Indianapolis. I went to school at Indiana University Bloomington where I played for the Women's Rugby Team. I have one older sister with whom I am very close. I'd like to say I am a pretty funny person and I love making and seeing other people smile.

Do you have a hobby or area of interest? I like to cook and try new restaurants.

What is your favorite:  
Book? *Hungry Tide* by Amitav Ghosh  
Movie? *Seven pounds*  
Song? *Middle Child*, J Cole  
Food/Restaurant? Mexican, Bakersfield  
Vacation? Anywhere that's not here!

If you weren't in education, what other occupation would you choose? Probably Health Care

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

Tell us something interesting about you that would surprise other Greenbriar staff? I have a broken collar bone that sticks out and a guinea pig named Frank.



**PTO HAPPENINGS**

Save the date for the **April 11 Spring Fling** 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 Feb. 7 PTO meeting, 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? Email [GreenbriarPTO@gmail.com](mailto:GreenbriarPTO@gmail.com) for a donation form. Thank you to Martina Obaseki, Robbie Warren, and Chyanne Lopez for their work on this event. Direct questions to [GreenbriarPTOSpringFling@gmail.com](mailto:GreenbriarPTOSpringFling@gmail.com).

Please note that the **G.R.O.W.** after school program is on a break until Fall 2019. We are revising the program to follow newly-adopted district policies. Watch for an online survey to share your ideas.

Planning for the **2019-20 school year** has started! If you know another GB parent/guardian who can contribute ideas to the PTO, you can nominate them (including yourself!). The pink nomination forms are available at the lobby (outside the gym doors), along with descriptions of PTO roles. Info is also on the GB PTO Facebook page. If your family will be at Willow Lake next year, we can connect you with the new WLE PTO. *Nominating someone does not commit them to anything, and you do not need to share their personal contact information.*

See you at the PTO meeting, **Feb. 7, 6:30 in the Media Center**. Our guest will be Steve Carr, director of First Baptist Athletics, talking with families about this spring's FBA-GB baseball and softball partnership. Your PTO Co-Presidents, Heidi Sexson and Regan Zwald

**Pennies for Patients  
Begins February 4**

Our annual Pennies for Patients for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society begins on Feb. 4 and will run through Feb. 22.

Students viewed two short videos, introducing them to blood cancers and how our students can help. The Ambassadors visited classrooms led a question and answer session with the students. During this time, please help the Ambassadors answer some of the more difficult questions.

More information will be coming about this fun and easy fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Please check out the link to donate on online and share with all family and friends: [PenniesForPatients.org/find-your-school](http://PenniesForPatients.org/find-your-school) and donate to Greenbriar to help us reach our goal!

