



The Grizzly Gazette



Jamie Alexander, Principal

May 22, 2019

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,

It's hard to believe we're at the end of our 2018-2019 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. 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.

Thank you for seven wonderful years as your principal. I have been blessed to get to know so many families along the way and I wish you the best. Greenbriar is a special place and I am honored to have served this community. We want to welcome Tim Blom as the incoming principal for the 2019-2020 school year. Look for information coming this summer on dates for the new school year.

An additional word of thanks is due to our PTO, without whose financial and volunteer support we would not be the school that we are. The events they sponsored drew our school family together often. A special shout out goes to and the wonderful teacher appreciation week; it 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. If any information, such as address or phone numbers change over the summer, please notify the office, which will be open until June 4. Greenbriar will reopen for the 2019-20 school year on July 10. I hope you have a restful and interesting summer. Thank you for an amazing year!

Jamie Alexander
Greenbriar Elementary Principal

Last Day of School
for Students May 23

Ultimo Dia
de Escuela
May 23



MAY	
20	4TH QUARTER AWARDS, GRADES 1-4
22	ALL-SCHOOL FIELD DAY GRADE 3-5, 9:30-11 AM GRADE K-2, 12:30-3 PM
23	FIFTH GRADE CELEBRATION, 9 AM EXHIBITION FOLLOWS
23	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS 3:25 PM DISMISSAL
23	LAST DAY TO PICK UP MEDICINE IN CLINIC
23	CLAIM ITEMS IN LOST & FOUND BY 3:30 PM
31	REPORT CARDS MAILED HOME
JULY	
30	KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE 5:30- 6:30 PM
AUGUST	
1	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, 8:30 AM-3:25 PM
MAYO	
20	PREMIOS DEL 4o. PERÍODO, 1o.-4o. GRADO, 9A
22	DÍA DE CAMPO PARA TODA LA ESCUELA GRADOS 3-5, 9:30-11 AM GRADOS K-2, 12:30-3 PM
23	CELEBRACIÓN DEL 5o GRADO, 9 AM CONTINÚAN CON LAS EXHIBICIONES
23	ULTIMO DIA DE ESCUELA! SALIDA 3:25PM
23	RECOGER MEDICINAS DE LA CLINICA
23	ARTICULOS PERDIDOS, ÚLTIMO DIA PARA RECOGER ANTES DE LAS 3:30PM
31	CALIFICACIONES VAN A CASA
JULIO	
30	CASA ABIERTA 5:30 - 6:30 PM, SOLAMENTE KINDERGARTEN
AGOSTO	
1	PRIMER DIA DE ESCUELA, 8:30 AM-3:25 PM

Check Out Lost And Found!

As the end of school comes tomorrow, May 23, 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.



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 10. Congratulations to the team members chosen to represent Greenbriar! A special congratulations to **Amaz Hamilton and Savian Townsend for taking First Place finishes in their events!**



Thank you to Mr. May for his leadership and Kristin Ennis for her assistance! The team members included:

JUMP ROPE: Justin Goggins, Joey Sexson, Getzy Rivera, Paryss Crawford

SHOT PUT: Jeremiah Parker, Arsene Mpanda, Hope Peck, Kelly Ricardo

LONG JUMP: Savian Townsend 1st place, Brandon Reese Warren, Stephany Batts, Lebraya Warren

SOFTBALL THROW: Caden Hobbs, Arnaz Hamilton 1st place, Yeilani Reyes, Savannah Banks

50M DASH: Ben Robinson, Marcos Garcia, Thai Williams, Da'Jiane John

100M DASH: Malicai Gooch, Moise Nshizirunga, Kyaniece Harris, Rilynn Miller

400M RUN: Malcolm Cruz, Keagan Day, Lindsey Rivera, Leasia Warren

800M RUN: Andy Bustamante, Michael Ponce, Brianna Jimenez, Sarah Zatar

Spotlight on New Staff Stars

Taylor Connelly ~ Grade 3 Teacher

I was born and raised in Kokomo. I went to Ball State University and got a marketing degree and then moved to Chicago. After a couple years there, I went back to Ball State to get my teaching degree. I then moved back to Indiana in the fall of 2017. My husband and I just got married in August and have two adorable cats! I also love spending time with my family and baking.

What is your favorite:

Book? *Pride and Prejudice*

Movie? *My Best Friend's Wedding*

Song? *ME!* (Taylor Swift)

Food/Restaurant? Pizza, deep dish, from Chicago

Vacation? Going to Italy this June!

If you weren't in education, what other occupation would you choose? I would probably go back to sales or marketing for small businesses.

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

Tell us something interesting about you that would surprise other Greenbriar staff? I worked at Groupon for 2 years.



Allison Stevens ~ Kindergarten Teacher

My name is Miss Stevens. I was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, and have lived here most of my life with the exception of spending a semester abroad in London. I also and spent nearly two years teaching English in Tsuyama, Japan. I graduated from Northwest High School, then went onto Butler University to earn a B.A. in Journalism, followed by Marian University to earn my Master of Arts in Teaching. I have an 11-year-old son who is a proud Washington Township student.

Do you have a hobby or area of interest? I love to garden and play guitar.

What is your favorite:

Book? *Little Women*

Movie? *Almost Famous*

Song? Too many to choose from... currently K.

Play's *High Enough*

Food/Restaurant? Mexican Food

Vacation? Puerto Rico

If you weren't in education, what other occupation would you choose? Park Ranger

If you could have dinner with anyone, living or deceased, who would it be? Thom York of Radiohead

Tell us something interesting about you that would surprise other Greenbriar staff? I once stage dived. It was amazing!



Recycle at Greenbriar This Summer

Greenbriar recycling containers are at the northeast side of the parking lot. 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 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!

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.

News from the clinic:

May 23 Last Day for Medication Pick Up

To families with medication in the clinic: All medication must be picked up before May 23, 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 to the school. Please get all age appropriate shots before returning to school August 1. Students may be sent home or withdrawn without these required shots.

If your child is returning to Greenbriar next year, please be proactive in filling out and turning in all 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.

Greenbriar School Clinic Nurse, 259-5445, ext 14402



Marion County Public Library 2019 Kids Summer Reading Program

**Celebrating 100 Years 1919 - 2019
Program will run June 3 - July 27**

**The more books you read,
the more points you earn!
Exchange your points for prizes!**

**Register for the Summer Reading Program at
any Library location**

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 fifth straight year. As a result of this partnership, every kindergarten student in our district received a collection of 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.

News From The Greenbriar Café



The Greenbriar Café wants to remind all families that student lunch accounts must be paid and closed out at this time. All accounts must be current. Be sure to visit the lobby by May 24 in the afternoon to pay any outstanding bills. Questions? Linda Tarver, 259-5445, ext. 14409.

PTO HAPPENINGS

Thank you for another great year at Greenbriar! The school year wrapped up with another great Scholastic Buy-One-Get-One-Free Book Fair. The PTO gives all profits from this fair back to students in the form of free books. We hope students were able to stock their home library before the break. An extra special thanks to **Rebecca Cattell** for taking on the role of book fair chair, and to **Ms. Hamaker** for generously loaning out the music room.

Thanks to all families who contributed to another fantastic Staff Appreciation Week, especially to **Taria Butler**, who organized the week's events. We do love and appreciate our teachers and staff!

As co-presidents, we have loved serving Greenbriar Elementary, its families and PTO for the past three years. We are happy to pass on leadership roles to **Taria Butler** and **Sarah Cline** as Co-Presidents for 2019-20. As you look ahead to next year, please consider what you have to offer your PTO. You may also nominate a friend or neighbor. Opportunities are available no matter what time and talents you can offer. If your student will be attending a new school, whether middle school or a re-zoned elementary school, there is a PTO ready for you to get involved. Our thanks to all Greenbriar families for their support this year. We look forward to seeing you back at school Aug. 1.

Your Outgoing PTO Co-Presidents,
Heidi Sexson and Regan Zwald

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Residency Updates Due Now!



The 2018-19 school year is coming to a close. Lease notices were sent home recently requesting all families to visit their school with mortgage papers or leases. A current utility bill must also be presented as a residency document. An Indiana drivers license with an address matching the home document will also be accepted. Many students are being relocated to a new school next year; these current residency documents are proof of which school your family will attend. Please do not ignore as all students must have updated residency information on file. Students will not be assigned a classroom until residency is verified. As administration plans for the 2019-2020 school year, all residency issues must be in place. Families must bring these documents no later than **May 23 or students will be withdrawn after this date!**

If you are moving outside of the Greenbriar district or Washington Township, contact the office as soon as possible so we may forward student records.

NOTE: All contact/phone numbers also must be 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.