

GATOR GAZETTE




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Grandparents Breakfast

The students enjoyed having grandparents at school for breakfast on September 11. It is always a treat to have family members participate in events and encourage students in their education.

Easy Way to Support

 Now it's even easier to collect Box Tops and help Greenwood earn money. Download the Box Tops Bonus app on iTunes and Google Play and scan receipts.

PTA Birthday Wishes

Please submit your students birth date to the PTA for your child to receive a birthday card!



Greenwood PTA Mission

To build a strong community by engaging and empowering families, advocating for the success of all children, providing resources, and promoting activities that enhance educational opportunities.

President's Message

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! One of the key ways you can stay informed and involved at Greenwood is by joining and volunteering with the PTA. Your Greenwood PTA is part of the national Parent Teacher Association which promotes parent involvement in school communities and advocates on behalf of students and schools.

The PTA here at Greenwood is no exception. We work to build a **strong relationship among parents, teachers and the school to support our children.** We do this through programs, events, fundraising, and volunteering within the school.

Membership dues, spirit wear sales, special events, and gator fund donations (our form of fundraising) are what allow us to do these things. In 2016-2017, your PTA dollars supported leadership training, volunteer appreciation, purchased agenda books, folders and composition books for students, hosted two teacher appreciation breakfasts, and provided for many school improvement projects including the purchase of flags for the school, education support tutoring for students and leadership clubs for teachers, technology like the Brainpop and Study Island for students, the school garden, paint and classroom items, musical instruments, and even movie licenses.

We also **provide the volunteers and coordinate events** including Grandparents Breakfast and Pastries with Parents, Greenwoods participation in the Glen Allen Day parade, Gatorval, the Father-Daughter Dance and Mother-Son Field Day, Spirit Nights, Science Fair/Math Fair, Room Parent Coordination, and much more.

We are active and involved, and we need your help! Membership cost just \$6.00 per individual or \$20 for four people. We invite you to join online or at any of our events - gatorspta.com.

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Pastries with Parents

We look forward to seeing all who have RSVP'd for Pastries with Parents on Monday, October 2 (K-2) or Wednesday, October 4 (3-5). This is a "sweet" way to start your child's day and build fun memories at Greenwood Elementary School. When you arrive, **please park in the back of the school**. The doors will open at **7:20 am** and **breakfast will end at 8:00 am** for your child to resume their school day.



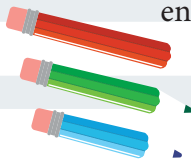
Literacy Night

One of our big events in October will be Literacy Night on October 12. This will be a great opportunity to learn some new strategies and programs to assist with your child's reading development. Literacy Night will be led by our preschool – 2nd grade teachers following our PTA meeting starting at 6:00 PM.



PTA 2017-2018 Directory

We will offer the first **GES PTA Directory** with names and contact information of parents and students. This resource will allow parents to feel more connected and give the opportunity to connect after school hours. If you would like to have your information included in the Directory, please fill out the form sent home with your student.



A contest will be held to choose the art work featured on the cover of the directory. Please have your child submit a picture on 8.5 x 11 paper with the 'Gator Grooves', Greenwood Elementary, & 2017-2018 on it. Entries for the contest can be submitted in the daily communications folders by 10/6/2017. The winner will be chosen by a panel of judges. Please have your student include their name, grade and teacher's name on the back of the paper.



Glen Allen Day Parade – The children enjoyed!

School Fundraising

All school fundraising orders will be available to pick up at our Trunk or Treat event on October 27 from 4:30 – 7:00 PM at the bus loop at Greenwood Elementary School.

October Events

- 2 Pastries with Parents (K-2)
- 4 Pastries with Parents (3-5)
- 6 Coffee Chat
- 7 PTA Fall Festival: "Gators on the Go," Gatorval, Community Bizarre
- 9 Student Half Day
- 10 SCA Meeting
- 11 Fall After School Enrichment
- 12 PTA Meeting: Literacy Night (PK-2)
- 14 "Gators on the Go" Running Club
- 16 Morning Clubs Begin
- 18 Fall After School Enrichment
- 21 "Gators on the Go"
- 23 Red Ribbon Week
- 25 Fall After School Enrichment/Unity Day
- 26 Leadership Club Meetings
- 27 PTA: Trunk or Treat/School Fundraiser Delivery Date/BMX Show & Game Truck
- 28 "Gators on the Go"



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Bullying Prevention Month

October is National Bullying Prevention Month: Our school counselor, Ms. Guelig, will be teaching classroom lessons to all K-5 grade levels starting this month. The focus will be on learning the definition of bullying, what it looks like, feels like, what to do, and how peers can help each other.