

# GATOR GAZETTE



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## President's Message

Our PTA would like to thank you for your support throughout November. This is a wonderful time of the year, full of excitement and anticipation for Winter Break and we thank you for helping to make it special for the Greenwood community.

Perhaps I'm giving away my age, BUT one of the things I treasure most during this time of the year is family, friends and a change of schedule which allows us to just enjoy each other and traditions.

Please take this time with your children home from school to love on your family and friends, and look for ways to show kindness & help to someone you may not know.

Get some rest and we'll see you in January!

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## Holiday Party - Fun & Service



Greenwood will hold its **Winter Party December 15 from 11:45-12:45**. During the party, students will participate in a service project called "Pay It Forward" to thank our local Fire, Police and EMS stations for their service to our community. We hope to have each of these local branches part of our pep rally that afternoon so students can see their

gifts received. Children will have the opportunity to write a thank you letter or draw a picture and help stuff each bag with items of appreciation.

If you are able, please send the following items for your child's grade level between **Monday, Dec. 4- Friday, Dec. 8:**

PK-1st Grade: Lifesavers & Gum

2nd-3rd Grade: Hershey Kisses & Peppermint Patties

4th-5th Grade: Starburst & Laffy Taffy



Volunteer Highlight: Jen Lewis helps clean out the PTA closet.

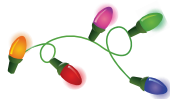
## Can You Lend-a-Hand?

The PTA is always looking for volunteers. From big jobs like being a committee chair, to odd jobs like cleaning out a closet, and everything in between, the PTA has something for everyone! Check out our new

display on the PTA wall by the library, where opportunities to Lend-a-Hand are posted in a grab and go way.



## Winter Break Tip Off Camp



Greenwood Elementary School will host the Glen Allen Winter Break Tip Off Camp which includes active and engaging activities. Children will participate in leadership building games, STEM Projects, Fun Art Crafts, and Music Talent Contests.

This camp is open to all students kindergarten-fifth grade, not just those enrolled in Greenwood. The price is \$75 per student for the entire four days (12/18-12/21) from 9:00-2:00 PM. Register on the Greenwood Elementary website.

## Greenwood Gators Silent Auction

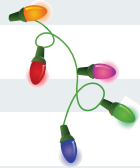
The PTA will host the Greenwood Gators Silent Auction on Friday, March 23. Please start thinking about what you could offer for the auction. The item or items should have a minimum value of \$25.00 but could be worth as much as \$500 or more. Special donations can be anything the audience would have fun bidding on for a good cause (our school!) and then splurging on the purchase.

For questions or to make a donation, please contact Aimee Phillips, [aimphillips@gmail.com](mailto:aimphillips@gmail.com), or Tammy Parent, [tammyparent@me.com](mailto:tammyparent@me.com).



Congrats to Ms. Smith, the 2017 Turkey Queen. Thank you to parents for sending canned goods for the Henrico Christmas Mother.

## December Events



- 5 SCA Meeting
- 7 PTA Meeting: Winter Performance (1st Grade)
- 14 Leadership Club Meetings
- 15 Winter Pep Rallies & PTA Winter Party
- 18 Winter Break Begins/Lost & Found Donation
- 18-21 Glen Allen Winter Break Tip Off Camp

## Holiday Shops

Each year the PTA provides an inexpensive way for children to shop for parents, siblings, family & friends at Greenwood's Holiday Shops. Children are given the opportunity to shop during their Empty resource time (this is a time they don't do music, art or PE) the week of December 11-14.

Presents range in price from \$.25-20.00 and include jewelry (cheap), flashlights, mugs, and other fun items. Classes will have around 40 minutes to purchase items and have them wrapped in a gift bag with the help of our volunteers.



If you would like to volunteer, please visit [gatorspta.com](http://gatorspta.com) to signup.

\* HCPS Winter Break is scheduled for Monday, 12/18/17 – Monday, 1/1/18. Have a restful, joyous break with your families and friends!



## Groovy T-Shirts Available

The PTA has Groovy Gator Gear online in time for the holiday season. Treat your Gator to a t-shirt or gift a Greenwood decal to your favorite Gator parent. Check out the Spirit Wear shop online at <http://www.gatorspta.com/gator-shop/>.



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## Winter Quarter After School Enrichment Programs

The PTA is gearing up for a wonderful winter quarter After School Enrichment Program! Your feedback, suggestions and interest in teaching a class is welcomed and encouraged! Please take this brief 3 minute survey to provide your input for this program. Please see the link below and complete the survey by December 10. Thank you so much and we look forward to seeing as many Greenwood Gators as possible for our program next quarter! Stay tuned for more news after winter break! You Can find the link on our Facebook or website, [gatorspta.com](http://gatorspta.com).

