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Hello Greenwood,

I hope you and your family are safe (and still sane). I am currently working on arrangements for our April PTA meeting. It will take place as scheduled on Tuesday, April 14th at 7pm. Once I determine what virtual platform will (hopefully) work best I will send out information on how you can participate.

Gator Gala/Auction Update

Thank you again to the generous Greenwood community for your support in the inaugural Gator Gala and Silent Auction. We understand that many of the priceless experiences have not yet been fulfilled. Once school has resumed the PTA will work with administration and staff to ensure that students will be able to redeem their experiences. If you would prefer to request a refund for an unredeemed experience, please email Lindsay Vilaro at LMRinker@gmail.com.

Wellness Night

Our first ever Wellness Night scheduled for mid April will have to be cancelled but we look forward to sharing this event with you next year!

Variety Show

Unfortunately, at this time, the fate of the Variety Show is uncertain. It will not take place as originally scheduled on May 16th. We recognize that many of you have already spent many hours practicing, not to mention effort and money. In the upcoming weeks we will do our best to reschedule or come up with an alternate solution if possible. If you have any suggestions feel free to send them along to Mary at President@greenwood-pta.org. Thank you for your understanding.

Spring After School Programs

All spring programs have been cancelled. Creative Enrichment has reached out to all families that had signed up for the Spring session. Families will receive a credit for a future CE program. If you are graduating Greenwood or are unable to use the credit please email creativeenrichment.md@gmail.com, Lori is willing to work with you to resolve any conflicts.

At this time there is an online yoga program available. If you are interested in joining, email your child's name and grade to Lori at the address above. The cost is \$50 for a 6 week course.

Yearbook

We would like to commemorate this unprecedented event in history as well as Greenwood's amazing response to it by asking you to submit pictures of your child "learning" at home (this can include recess!). Please send pictures to yearbook@greenwood-pta.org with the teacher and grade level in the subject line. In addition our yearbook coordinator is still looking for a few more pictures. for the following pages (if applicable to your child):

1st Grade Class or Recess Time

2nd Grade Class or Recess Time

4th Grade Class or Recess Time

Bingo Night

Craft Night

Glow Run (only need about 10 more)

Movie Night

Spirit Days

Staff with kids

Valentine's Day Party -- Need 4th and 5th grade only

Valentine's Day Class Group Photo (Voorhees, Boray, Kahn, Mankulish, Ramienski, George--4th Grade, Krantz, Pearcy, Floyd, Andriani, Peters)

If you uploaded photos to Shutterfly previously, please do not resend to the aforementioned email address. Shutterfly's images have been downloaded and entered into the yearbook. Photos cannot be uploaded to Shutterfly any longer. **The deadline to submit photos is Sunday, April 5th.**

Additionally, there are only a couple of weeks left to order a yearbook. Yearbooks can only be purchased online directly from [Lifetouch](#). Our school code is 14087620. For information on how to order please visit the PTA website, <http://greenwood-pta.org/>.

Community Outreach

Support the local hospital and businesses

I wanted to share a way to support local businesses while also supporting the healthcare staff at Montgomery General Hospital. If you have the means, please consider making a donation which will provide meals from local Olney restaurants to feed our local healthcare heroes. More responders on the frontline means more capacity at our hospitals, and more people will get the care they need. Please help in any way you can! All proceeds go directly to the participating food service businesses to feed our hospital workers!

For more information or to donate go to

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/536820783696546/10219104367093938/>

Help for First Responders Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich sent out a message requesting donations to help alleviate the critical shortage of protective equipment for first responders and medical personnel. Public donations would go towards purchasing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). You can also sign up to donate hand made masks.

Personal Protective Equipment includes:

- Respirators (N95 or KN95)
- Masks (surgical or procedural)
- Gowns (medical, isolation, or surgical)
- Face Shields (medical goggles or safety glasses)
- Gloves

If you have the means to donate please go to:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYSJpiwEM7oYN3SmJr8yaBlrbO8nGOPZBG6xBEj4U0NIH9aQ/viewform>

Boundary Analysis

While we have been at home the Boundary Analysis Interim report was published. It can be found here:

https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/departments/publicinfo/Boundary_Analysis/interim-report/MCPS_InterimReport_Full.pdf

There are many interesting points made in this document so please take the time to read through it. Visit the [MCPS website](#) for more information about the Districtwide Boundary Analysis.

Board Positions/Elections

We cannot hold elections remotely therefore, at this time, we are unsure when elections will be taking place. However our nomination committee is already in place so we ARE still looking for candidates to fill the opening board positions of Secretary, Vice President, and President. All of which are currently 2 year terms. So if you or someone you know is interested in being on the PTA board next year please contact the head of the nominating committee Jen Madison at jenemadison@gmail.com.

Pros to being on the board:

- You will have information on the runnings and dealings of the school.
- You get to make decisions on the direction of the PTA, for instance:
 - Programs you love but have ideas to make even better? Fantastic.
 - New Programs?

- Change direction of some oldies but goodies.
- Finally tackle the chaos that is the school drop off circle.
- It's a great way to get involved in and make an impact at the school that your children attend.

One final note, over the past several days our teachers have been working tirelessly to learn how to teach our children remotely. This is an entirely new experiment in education and I have every confidence that Greenwood's faculty will meet the challenge. There will be a learning curve for all on how to make this work best for our students, if there is something that you need or some way for the PTA to help you please let us know. We are actively thinking of ways to be of service at this time.

And to our Greenwood family emergency responders, health care professionals, and all individuals out there working to help us in our time of need. Thank you. From the very bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Please feel free to contact the PTA with any questions or comments. Your insights are invaluable to our school. If you have not done so already Like our Facebook page "Greenwood Elementary School PTA" and be sure to visit <http://greenwood-pta.org/> for up to date information. Please do your part to flatten the curve and keep others in our community safe, stay inside and practice social distancing!

Sincerely,
Mary Quirion