



10/26/2020

Happy Fall Gators! Our next virtual PTA meeting will be **Thursday, November 5th** at 7pm. All are welcome to join.

**Greenwood PTA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**Time: Nov 5, 2020 07:00 PM**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://zoom.us/j/92427759582?pwd=RFhvMTZXa1FiYUthRUpuQytnYytSUT09>**

**Meeting ID: 924 2775 9582**

**Passcode: Gator**

Thank you to our Bingo Night organizers, Brooke Cecil and Sarah Burnsky. They did an amazing job coordinating a fun, virtual night for our students.

We also had our first virtual assembly last month with Corey the Dribbler. I loved seeing so many of our students enjoying the tips and tricks that Corey shared. Thanks for tuning in!

Please consider donating a jar of jelly to help the local food bank, Olney Help, as part of a cluster-coordinated effort this Thanksgiving. Info below.

### **Book Fair**

We're excited to be kicking off the 2020 Scholastic Book Fair this week! This year's fair will begin on Friday, November 6, and run through Thursday, November 19.

Because this year is virtual-only, we'll be sharing a unique link for you to shop through prior to November 6th. It's important to remember that the only way the proceeds from your purchase will be applied to Greenwood's book fair and benefit the school is to shop through that unique link during those dates.

During last year's book fair, as a community we spent more than \$15,000, which earned almost \$4,000 for Greenwood. Let's see if we can do even better this year! Funds

earned for Greenwood through this year's fair will be used to support the 5th grade graduation, provide stipends to our wonderful teachers to purchase more materials for their classrooms, and more.

Click here to visit the [Greenwood Book Fair homepage](#) or [here to view the flyer](#).

If you have any questions about the book fair, reach out to Jackie Sass at [jaclynsass@gmail.com](mailto:jaclynsass@gmail.com).

### **Teacher Appreciation**

As part of the monthly PTA newsletter we'd like to offer a strategy to practice Gator Gratitude. Every month we will suggest a simple way to show appreciation to those in our Greenwood community.

In November, we pause to think about all that we are thankful for. Consider having your child write a personal thank you note to their classroom teacher or other staff member. Deliver the notes digitally directly to their email or print them out and have them handwrite (or draw) their message. We will place a "Thank You Box" outside the front doors of the school every Thursday in November (11/5, 11/12, 11/19). It will be there from 8am-8pm and any items will be put in the staff members' mailboxes to be there for the next time that they are at school. The PTA will be delivering special gifts for our teachers this month as well, so they will be encouraged to stop by according to their availability.

Please take a few minutes to think how we can lift the spirits of our teachers and staff as we enter into the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of a virtual school year.

If you're looking for some online templates:

<https://www.greetingsisland.com/cards/thank-you/teacher-appreciation>

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Thanksgiving-Thank-You-Cards-for-Teachers-Freebie-4204958?st=fc1a1a30a9b1d739c2581c0750464199>

<https://www.canva.com/templates/?query=Teacher-Thank-You>

### **Room Parents**

We are looking for parents to become virtual room parents for each class. Normally room parents are in charge of planning and overseeing the Halloween and Valentine's Day parties, as well as coordinating class gifts to teachers (such as an end of the year gift). This year is definitely different and we are working to redefine the role to fit our

virtual classrooms for this semester and beyond. With the holidays coming up we want to make sure that each class has at least one room parent to support and show appreciation to our amazing teachers.

These are classes that **DO** have room parents:

George (K)

Boray (K)

Voorhees (K)

Matz (1)

Mankulish (1)

Cravath (2)

Falzarano (2)

Mencia (3)

Krantz (4)

Delaney (4)

If your students' teacher isn't listed above and you are interested in becoming a room parent for your class please contact Micole at [bklyn\\_girl@hotmail.com](mailto:bklyn_girl@hotmail.com).

### **Volunteers Needed**

We have ideas; lunch break trivia time, milk and cookies virtual reading night, and DJ dance hours but **we need you** to make them happen! If you are interested in running any of our virtual events or have ideas of your own for fun virtual Greenwood events please contact Mary at [President@greenwood-pta.org](mailto:President@greenwood-pta.org).

### **Cluster Food Drive**

The schools in the Sherwood cluster are banding together to support our local food bank, Olney Help, in it's distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets this year. Greenwood has been assigned the task of collecting **jelly**. There will be a drop box in front of my house (you can check our directory or email [President@greenwood-pta.org](mailto:President@greenwood-pta.org) for address) beginning November 1st. Thank you for your kindness!!

### **Dining Night Out**

November's DNO will be Wednesday, November 18th, at Chipotle from 5-9pm. Take a break from trying to think of what to make for dinner and pick up some take out! A portion of the proceeds will be given to Greenwood PTA.

### **Yearbook**

The following is a note from our yearbook coordinator Andrea Hesse:

I am excited to start planning for the 2020-2021 Greenwood Elementary yearbook. This year, I would like to celebrate our Gators' hard work in the distance learning world as well as capture special memories during this unique time in their lives.

I will be creating folders on Greenwood's Shutterfly shared site for picture uploads throughout the year. Below are some of the folders I have there currently: · Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (Pictures captured throughout the school year that do not fit the other categories.)

- Summer 2020
- First Day of School
- Virtual Bingo Night
- Spirit Days
- Behind the Masks (Students should wear their masks in the picture) · Halloween
- Quarantine Hobbies
  - Cooking
  - Gardening
  - Outdoor activities (hiking, camping, etc.)

You may have received an email from Shutterfly titled "Picture Day: Snaps @ Home." This email encouraged parents to capture a selfie of their child and apply a Lifetouch background. Parents were given the option to purchase those pictures as portrait packages. **If parents pursue this option, that image CANNOT be used in the yearbook.** Furthermore, if Lifetouch is able to photograph students this year and parents purchase those portraits, families will have purchased two packages at that point. I recommend holding off until we know more about this school year's portraits.

To access Greenwood's Shutterfly shared site:

1. Click this link: <https://greenwoodmcps.shutterfly.com/>
2. A password prompt will appear. **GreenwoodMCPS** is the password. This ensures only Greenwood parents are able to access the site.
3. Shutterfly will ask parents to create a free, Shutterfly account OR login with an existing account.
4. Once parents are logged in, folders will appear, and uploads can begin! Photo uploads are allowed and appreciated. However, photo downloads for any reason are disabled for the privacy and safety of all Greenwood



families. Once the yearbook has been created, all images from the shared site will be deleted. An announcement will be posted on Greenwood's Shutterfly shared site when this occurs at the end of the year.

If you have questions about the yearbook or Greenwood's Shutterfly shared site, email [yearbook@greenwood-pta.org](mailto:yearbook@greenwood-pta.org) for assistance. I check the inbox frequently and am happy to help.

Thank you for helping us create memories at Greenwood Elementary!

### **Spirit Wear**

In November there is a promotion of 10% off Coast Hoodies as well as the usual **Free Shipping** on orders over \$50. Check it out at <http://www.greenwoodspiritwear.com/>

### **Memberhub**

I'm thrilled that so many families have joined the PTA already this year. Your participation and input is invaluable. Most families have purchased their PTA memberships but in order to utilize our new communication portal we need you to complete the registration process by joining \*Memberhub as well. Within our MemberHub site, you will find our e-store, newsletters, signup sheets, shared calendar events, files, photos, reminders, and much more all in one place! At the very bottom of your PTA receipt there should be a link to create a Memberhub account. However you can also join by going to <https://greenwoodpta.memberhub.com/join/5apfcc>.

### **Sister School Committee**

After our last PTA meeting a Sister School Committee was formed in order to help others in our MCPS community. We are in the process of partnering with Strathmore/Bel Pre Elementary Schools. If you are interested in helping out in the committee or if you have questions or concerns, please contact Mary at [President@greenwood-pta.org](mailto:President@greenwood-pta.org).

### **MCCPTA News**

#### ***Boundary Analysis***

At the recent boundary analysis webinar they discussed an interactive boundary explorer. The tool has been developed by WXY Studios (WXY) as part of its ongoing work with the district to provide a comprehensive assessment of MCPS boundaries by analyzing various data points. They are asking for people to use it to explore the data pertaining to the MCPS school boundary analysis. More importantly, there is a survey included.

Definitely take the time to complete the survey! The interactive boundary explorer can be found here:

<http://interactiveboundaryexplorer.com/>

### **Board of Education**

The October 27th Board of Education meeting focused on diagnostic assessments data (ie loss of learning measured by MAP testing), changes to the elementary school schedule, athletics, enrollment numbers, and county health metrics for reopening. There was not a discussion of detailed plans for a hybrid learning model or return to in-person learning. **Specific recommendations of a reopening timeline and how to bring back groups of students (if metrics allow) will be discussed in upcoming meetings on November 6 and November 10.** If you'd like to look over unofficial notes of the meeting [Moderately Moco](#) has published them online.

### **Library Books**

Hundreds of books were turned in to the media center in the past few weeks. Thank you! If you aren't sure if you have a book hidden somewhere in your home you can check using the [Destiny system](#). This is the system recently introduced by Mr Chludzinski that you can use to [check media books out weekly](#). Bins are placed outside of the front doors of Greenwood daily for book return.

### **Social Media:**

Twitter: [@GreenwoodPTA](#)

Facebook: Greenwood Elementary School PTA

Kindergarten: [Greenwood Elementary Class of 2026 Mamas](#)

1st Grade: [Greenwood Elementary-Class of 2025](#)

2nd Grade: [Greenwood E.S. - Second Grade Parents \(class of 2024\)](#)

3rd Grade: [Greenwood Gators Third Grade Parents](#)

4th Grade: [Greenwood Elementary Class of 2022 Mamas](#)

5th Grade: [Greenwood Elementary class of 2021](#)

### **Important Dates**

November:

- Recovery Plan to be reassessed in November 2020 for Second Semester
- Week of November 2: Imagination Celebration Art Classes Begin
- November 3: Schools and Offices Closed
- November 4: Schools Closed

- November 5: 7-8pm Virtual PTA Meeting
- November 6: BOE meeting
- November 6-19: Virtual Scholastic Book Fair
  - <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/.../cptoo.../homepage.do...>
- November 9: School Closed
- November 10: BOE meeting
- November 23: Early Release Day
- November 24: Early Release Day
- November 25: Early Release Day
- November 26: School Closed
- November 27: School Closed

December:

- December 9: 4pm Chick-fil-A Dining Night Out

Thank you for your continued understanding and patience during this extremely unique and difficult time. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,  
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