



1/04/2021

Happy New Year Gators! We made it through 2020. I hope you had a safe and enjoyable Winter Break. Our next virtual PTA meeting will be **Tuesday, February 2nd** at 7pm. All are welcome to join.

B-I-N-G-O

We are hosting a virtual Bingo night on Friday, January 22nd from 7-8pm. Similar to the event in the fall it will be hosted by Good Vibrations. All students are welcome to join. You must reserve your spot ahead of the event. "Tickets" will go on sale through Memberhub. Make sure to have your Memberhub information updated including your email address so that bingo boards can be sent for the event. Each participant needs one bingo card and their own device to fully participate. (The same board will be used for all rounds.)

Other Upcoming Events!?!? We want to hear from you.

We'd love to host more virtual events for the students. There is still time to fill out the virtual event questionnaire [Virtual Event Google Form](#). The tentative outline of events for the remainder of the year is as follows:

- Bingo this month
- Hopefully a Black History event and Valentines Day activities in February
- Spring Assembly
- Rock N Roll Recess most likely in May

Teacher Appreciation

I got to witness first hand the appreciation our community has for our teachers before the holidays and it was amazing. Thank you all for your generosity and show of gratitude to our faculty.

Commemorative T shirt

If you'd like to commemorate this "unique" year we are offering these once in a lifetime t-shirts. Youth, sizes XS-XL, will be \$10. Adult sizes XS-L will be \$12 and XL-2XL \$14. You can purchase by going to our Memberhub store: [MemberHub](#). They will be on sale

Sunday January 10th-Wednesday January 20th and will be distributed (somehow) in early February.



Room Parent Meeting

There will be a room parent virtual meeting next Wednesday, January 13th at 7pm to brainstorm ideas for Valentine's Day. We hope to ensure that all students/classes participate.

Topic: Room Parent Meeting

Time: Jan 13, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92281455431?pwd=YitLNVZNSjAyRzMwZ2xpWHITUFpJdz09>

Meeting ID: 922 8145 5431

Passcode: GY0D5t

Dining Night Out

January's DNO will be Thursday, January 14th, at Mamma Lucia's from 4-9pm. Take a break from trying to think of what to make for dinner and pick up some take out! You can order online or over the phone but must present or mention the flyer at the time. Flyer to be distributed next week. A portion of the proceeds will be given to Greenwood PTA.

Spirit Wear

HAPPY NEW YEAR Gator families!! Take advantage of 15% off select t-shirts for the month of January!

Design your own gator spiritwear here: <https://greenwoodspiritwear.com/>

**MONTHLY SPIRITWEAR COUPON FOR
January, 2021**

**15%
OFF**

GILDAN T-SHIRTS
(Items 8000, 8000b)
Coupon Code: **JAN21P**

Online purchases only. Cannot be combined with any other offer.
Valid: 1/01/21 - 1/31/21



**Visit our Spiritwear Store the entire month of January
to take advantage of this coupon!**

Yearbook

We are going to try and make the yearbook happen this year but **we need your help**. Please take a minute to upload pictures of your student to the Greenwood Shutterfly account. There are folders for each class. Please take a picture of your student and upload it to their class folder, this will be their yearbook portrait. There are additional folders for events (first day of school, Halloween, quarantine hobbies, etc) as well as PTA activities (Bingo night, virtual assembly, jingle jam, etc).

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 for assistance. I check the inbox frequently and am happy to help.

Thank you for helping us create memories at Greenwood Elementary!

MCCPTA News

Anti-racist Audit Happening Now

Learn about the MCPS Anti-Racist System Audit. The Board of Education gets an update this month. MCCPTA is updating you on Jan. 16. Come, learn, ask questions and bring someone with you. All are welcome.

SIGN UP: bit.ly/engagejan

Boundary Analysis

Unfortunately there is not much to share at this time in terms of the MCPS boundary analysis however you can still use the tool provided by WXY Studios (WXY) which provides a comprehensive assessment of MCPS boundaries by analyzing various data points. The interactive boundary explorer can be found here:

<http://interactiveboundaryexplorer.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>.

MCPS Board of Education Update

The Board of Education met Dec. 15 to discuss and take action on a plan for the return of students to in-person learning. MCPS staff provided an update on current health conditions in the county, results of the parent preference survey and expectations for the return of students to school buildings.

[View the PowerPoint Presentation](#) and [Watch a Recording of the Meeting](#)

Health Metric Matrix for a Safe Phased-in Return to In-Person Instruction – Revised (12/15/20)

14-Day Raw Average of New Cases		52-105	105 -157	> 157
14-Day Average New Case Rate* (MD Calculation Model)		5-10	10-15	> 15
14-Day Average New Case Rate* (CDC Calculation Model)		70 - 140	140 - 209	> 209
14-Day Average Test Positivity Rate <5%	Special Student Populations	Partial in-person experience	Partial in-person experience	Virtual
	Group 1	Partial in-person experience	Partial in-person experience	Virtual
	Group 2	Partial in-person experience	Consider partial in-person experience	Virtual

- Per 100,000 Residents. The models are calculated using a population estimate of 1.05 million residents in Montgomery County
- In-person experience includes physical distancing, mask wearing and frequent hand cleaning

Reassess if new case rate increases by 2 per 100k or if positivity rate increases by 1.5% within 2 weeks

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- MCPS has developed a [health metrics dashboard](#) for a safe, phased-in return to in-person instruction. The grid is aligned with CDC guidelines and was developed in consultation with Montgomery County health officials.
- The Board reaffirmed the health metrics threshold of a **14-day new case rate below 15 cases per 100,000 residents** and the **test positivity rate below 5 percent**. They approved updates to the metrics framework that will allow MCPS to safely serve more groups of students when the case rate is below 15 cases.
- If metrics are met, the district will start to bring some students back for in-person instruction beginning **February 1*, 2021**. The initial return will focus solely on students in [specific special education](#) and [Career Technology Education \(CTE\) programs](#). These families will be notified if selected.
 - * This was changed from a mid January date at the December board meeting.
- How instruction will be delivered once we return to buildings may be differentiated for students, given capacity restrictions and staff availability. Parents will receive more information about their school-specific model in January. Survey responses will be used to develop each community and level-specific model. Again, all students may opt to remain fully virtual, and we

know the virtual model will play a significant role in our delivery of instruction for the foreseeable future.

- The board approved a phased return plan that:
 - Accelerates the return of elementary school students, specific special education programs and students in identified career technology programs.
 - Allows for in-person athletics and extracurricular activities to begin when the first student group returns for in-person instruction in buildings.
 - Allows for individualized in-person experiences and support by appointment.

Proposed Phase-In Models			Proposed Phase-In Model: Phase I		Proposed Phase-In Model: Phase 2	
Phase I	Group 1.1	Group 1.2	Group 1.1	Group 1.2	Group 2.1	Group 2.2
Phase II	Group 2.1	Group 2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Specific Special Education Programs ● CTE ● Grades K-3 = 18,673 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Specific Special Education Programs ● Grades 4-5 = 9,833 ● Pre-K = 1,183 ● Grade 6 = 4983* ● Grade 12 = 4,371* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 8 = 4966 ● Grade 9 = 5411 ● Grade 11 = 4186 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 7 = 4840 ● Grade 10 = 4956

- The Board will meet again on Jan. 12, 2021, to determine if metrics can be met by Feb. 1 for a safe return to in-person learning. While the first group of students are currently scheduled to begin the transition back to in-person learning on Feb. 1 if metrics allow, we have not determined specific dates for when the other groups of students will begin to phase in.
- Note, the survey that was distributed in December is for the remainder of the school year.
 - If you indicated virtual learning, your child will be virtual for the remainder of the year.
 - If you did not fill out the survey, your child will be virtual for the remainder of the year.
 - If you indicated that you'd like your child to be in person, you can change to virtual if you are not comfortable with the in person environment.
- **As of January 4 the current stats are 9.15% (testing % positive) and 40.31 (case rate per 100K)**

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

- January 6th: 12-1:30pm Curbside Book Checkout Pick-Up and Book Return
- January 13th: 12-1:30pm Curbside Book Checkout Pick-Up and Book Return
- January 13th: 7pm Room Parent Virtual Meeting
- January 14th: 4-9pm Dining Night Out at Mamma Lucia's
- January 16th: Anti-Racist Audit Update
- January 20th: 12-1:30pm Curbside Book Checkout Pick-Up and Book Return
- January 20th: 12-4pm Material Distribution at Greenwood
- January 22nd: 7-8pm Virtual Bingo
- January 27th: 12-1:30pm Curbside Book Checkout Pick-Up and Book Return
- February 1st: Phased in return to school for Special Populations (*if health metrics are met)
- February 2nd: Monthly PTA meeting
- February 10th: Valentine's Day Event
- February 12th: No school for students, Professional Day
- February 15th: Presidents Day, no school for students

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. Be safe Gators.

Sincerely,

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