



4/1/2021

Welcome Back Gators!!! Grades 4 and 5 will resume in person classes on a rotating A/B week schedule beginning April 8th. Reminder, April 6th has been changed to a virtual learning day for all students.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their understanding, patience, and perseverance during this time of transition. In particular, I'd like to thank our amazing teachers for going above and beyond for our students (and parents).

**Anyone interested in being PTA treasurer or MCCPTA representative please contact our nomination committee.** Details about positions below.

Thank you to all that participated in the Olney Help Food Drive. We not only exceeded our personal goal but filled an entire car full of groceries that were distributed over Spring Break. I am proud to be part of our truly generous community.

Our next virtual PTA meeting will be **Tuesday, April 6th** at 7pm. All are welcome to join.

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://zoom.us/j/94760173681?pwd=YIBTekE4dHVWcIJQRUcwTIVGK0U3UT09>**

**Meeting ID: 947 6017 3681**

**Passcode: Gators**

### **Available board positions**

As of June 2021 three positions will be open on Greenwood PTA's executive board. Treasurer, which is a two year term, and two MCCPTA representative positions, which is a one year commitment. Details for both are below. If you would like more information you can reach out to our current board with questions! If interested in either position please contact our [nomination committee](#): Brooke Cecil, Christina Conroy, and Bini Abraham.

- **Treasurer:** This is a two-year commitment, required to attend all PTA meetings.

Establishes budget along with other Executive Board members. Fulfills signature of all disbursement checks by PTA. Is responsible for all banking transactions, ledgers, and production of the annual financial reports and Treasurer's Report, files yearly tax and non-exempt documents. Time commitment approximately 6-8 hours monthly.

- **MCCPTA Rep:** MCCPTA reps are elected every year for a one year term. This individual attends county PTA meetings and reports back important information to the board as well as presenting at monthly public PTA meetings. Time commitment 2-4 hours a month.

### **Teacher Appreciation**

Teacher Appreciation week is coming up May 3-7! Our staff has worked tremendously hard this year and we would like to show our appreciation for all that they have done. We already have some plans to celebrate and appreciate the amazing staff at Greenwood. We will be asking students to draw/write/make cards or tokens of appreciation for staff. Maybe consider doing a card or two over the next few weeks to have ready for that week. Think about staff members that aren't classroom teachers like our secretaries, specials teachers, and paraeducators.

Also, we are looking for a local restaurant that would consider doing a catered boxed lunch on Friday of that week. We used Sisters Sandwiches in March. If you have a suggestion and/or connection to a local restaurant please contact Melissa Frye ([melissafrye13@gmail.com](mailto:melissafrye13@gmail.com)).

Be on the lookout for more information and how to get involved in the next few weeks! If you have any ideas, suggestions, or are willing to volunteer, please contact Melissa Frye at [Melissafrye13@gmail.com](mailto:Melissafrye13@gmail.com).

### **Family Portrait Event**

On April 10th [Beth Caldwell](#) is hosting mini sessions for our Greenwood students and their families. From 9-12pm and 2-5pm you can book a mini session, \$50 for three family pictures plus one "school portrait"-type photo. You can find all the information for the event, including tips on what to wear at Beth's website: [Mini Sessions — Beth Caldwell Photo](#). A portion of the proceeds will go to Greenwood PTA. At this time all of the time slots are filled. We are looking into possibly reserving a second day, if you are interested let us know.

### **Dining Night Out**

This month's DNO will take place at California Tortilla. On April 14th from 11-8:30pm go to California Tortilla. 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**

Yearbook sales are live! You can purchase a yearbook online for \$15. If you would like a hardcover, it is an additional \$5. A limited number of yearbook copies will be available for cash purchase when yearbooks have printed. To ensure your family is guaranteed a yearbook, I encourage yearbook purchases be made on the Lifetouch website. **The deadline to purchase a yearbook online is Sunday, April 18, 2021.** Please click on the link below to buy a yearbook, or click the link found in the Lifetouch emails being sent today.

Greenwood Elementary School's Yearbook

Click [here!](#)

Yearbook ID: 14087621

### **5th Grade Update**

Hello 5th grade families!

If you are interested in receiving updates on both official and unofficial ideas for celebrating Greenwood's 50th year 5th graders, please send an email to [mandyderoo@gmail.com](mailto:mandyderoo@gmail.com) with your name, your 5th grader's name and teacher's name. Mandy will send recaps of the meetings we are holding with school administration regarding ideas/plans for official, school-sanctioned celebrations (such as t-shirts, clap out, etc.) as well as any unofficial, non-school sponsored ideas that arise. Mandy will also use this list to solicit volunteers to help with any items (such as chalking driveways) as necessary. It's not too late to participate in the school committee - if you want your voice to be heard, please join the next committee meeting!

### **MCCPTA update:**

On March 26, 2021, after a year of concerns raised by our Council and statewide leaders, National PTA revoked the charter of Maryland PTA (MDPTA). MDPTA is no longer a PTA affiliate and has no use of the trademarked name, symbol, brand, etc.

What does that mean for us, local units chartered under MDPTA?

From the National PTA Press Release: "National PTA is committed to directly supporting the local and council PTAs previously chartered by Maryland PTA until a new entity can be formed and leadership elected by the members." Details regarding dues, bylaws, local PTA standing, membership cards, financial reviews, elections, Reflections, etc. are

all located in this document.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YJdGcdsuKc1OhkV11VcOQnJIN54n6E7IS0hArMrVD70/edit?usp=sharing>

We will likely see little to no changes as a result of the revoking of the charter and establishing a new state organization. As of March 26, local units in Maryland are no longer under Maryland PTA but instead, each of our PTAs in the State of Maryland are in a direct relationship with National PTA. At this time, I have no other information regarding assets, resources, etc. but National attorneys and staff are working through those pieces.

### **Black and Brown Coalition**

As many students in Montgomery County transition to in-person learning, the work of the B&B Coalition continues to be critical as we advocate for high-quality education for ~90,000 Black and Brown students and those from families with low incomes who have been underserved. We know that a high-quality education unlocks the door to a successful life. Every child who goes to school in Montgomery County should be given a key. The Black and Brown Coalition recently released their first quarterly newsletter of the year. You can view it [here](#).

### **Social Media:**

Twitter: @GreenwoodPTA

Facebook: Greenwood Elementary School PTA

**NEW! Please spread the word to incoming Kindergarten parents there is a new Facebook group:** [Greenwood Kindergartners Fall 2021](#)

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**

- March 29-April 2: School Closed: Spring Break
- April 5: School Closed
- April 6: Virtual learning only
- April 7: 12-4pm MP4 Material Distribution for Virtual Students
- April 8: Return of grades 4+5 to in person learning
- Family Portrait Event
- April 16: End of quarter, no school

- April 14: DNO at California Tortilla from 11am-8:30pm
- April 18: Yearbook deadline, last day to order a yearbook
- May 11: DNO at Chick-Fil-A from 4-8pm
- May 31: Holiday, School Closed

Unbelievably we are about to begin the last quarter of a remarkable year. Our kids have shown amazing resilience during this difficult time. Let's finish the year out strong and hopefully next year will be a return to normal. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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