



6/1/2021

*I apologize for the technical difficulties at the beginning of this month's PTA meeting. Unfortunately the zoom link shared via the ParentVue message (post Gator Gazette message) was from an old meeting. Thanks to all of you that persevered and attended this month's meeting!*

The last day of school is June 16th, which means this completely unprecedented year is coming to a close. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their understanding, patience, and perseverance during this time. In particular, I'd like to thank our amazing teachers and administration for going above and beyond for our students and parents. I'd also like to give a round of thanks to the PTA board; Christina Conroy as Vice President, Mandy de Roo as treasurer, Deb Schechner who joined the board sight unseen this year as secretary, Lauren Zarren as MCCPTA representative, and Christen Sandoval who also joined the board in the middle of a pandemic as our second MCCPTA representative. Lastly, please welcome Einat Posner who will be joining the board as our new treasurer starting in July and thank you to Lauren Zarren and Mandy de Roo for continuing on/changing roles to be the MCCPTA representatives for our school next year.

Here is the zoom info for tonight's meeting:

Topic: Greenwood PTA June Meeting

Time: Jun 1, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99110409200?pwd=SUI6OUUrK3NSdGk1cFBQUS9vTUUvUT09>

Meeting ID: 991 1040 9200

Passcode: Gator

**Come celebrate the end of the year with a sweet treat courtesy of the PTA. Details about the popsicle parade below!**

## **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**

There have been several volunteers that have helped things run smoothly this year.

These are this year's various committee chairs:

Melissa Frye, Teacher Appreciation

Andrea Hesse, Yearbook

Jessica Hawkins, Dining Night Out

Micole Haris, Room Parent Coordinator

Jaclyn Sass, Book Fair Coordinator

Brooke Cecil and Sarah Burnsky, Bingo Coordinators

Christina Conroy, DJ Dance party events

Kat Bachiochi, Assembly Coordinator

Lauren Zarren, Photography Fundraiser Coordinator

Thank you for all you do for Greenwood!!!

## **PTA Popsicle Parade**

On Wednesday, June 9th from 12:30-1:00pm we invite you to swing by Greenwood for a free popsicle to celebrate the end of the school year. Line up along Gold Mine and drive through the bus lot. We may even see some 5th graders driving by picking up recognition supplies, be sure to show our graduating students some love if you see them! Come celebrate the start of summer with us!!! Note: This is a free event sponsored by the PTA.

## **June DNO: Kona Ice Night**

Our last Dining Night Out of the year will be on Wednesday, June 2nd. From 4-8pm the Kona Ice truck will be at Greenwood. Also that evening at Greenwood the Tanterra Foodies will be hosting the Hangry Panda food truck. Come out and grab some dinner and then cool down with some yummy Kona Ice. Note: This is not a free event, a portion of the proceeds from Kona Ice will go to the PTA.

## **Curriculum Update**

As discussed previously there is significant learning loss this year due to the pandemic. In addition to any issues that may have arisen due to the virtual environment the curriculum itself had to be modified to fit. Therefore, by no fault of the teachers or children, all students have some level of learning loss. For those interested in what exactly was modified the MCPS has provided an outline [here](#).

At this month's PTA meeting we discussed the guidelines provided by the county for matriculation into the compacted 5/6 math class for our current compacted math 4th graders. They are:

1. The student must be currently enrolled in 4/5
2. Fall 2020 MAP RIT is 220+
3. Spring 2021 MAP is 238+
4. Score of 4 or 5 on Eureka Math District Assessments for MP1, MP2 and MP3\*
5. Marking Period Grades of A for MP1, MP2, and MP3

Direct assessment scores are separated into 5 color coded categories by the county. A score of 4 or 5 means that the student did better than the average, average would be a scale score of 3. Assessment scores were further defined this evening; MP1 assessment you needed 77%, MP2 79%, and MP3 92%. As of now, I do not believe parents have direct access to their child's assessment scores.

\*\*There are very few children at Greenwood that hit this criteria, despite the class starting with over 40 students. *Even before Spring MAP has concluded.* However, administration recognizes how challenging this year has been and wants to work with parents to do what is best for their child. In the coming weeks Greenwood will be providing the information above to each parent. Once parents see where their child lies in terms of guidelines they can work with administration to choose what is best for their student.\*\*

### **Yearbook Update**

Yearbook distribution will most likely be in July. Production has been delayed due to the pandemic. However, all families with an order will receive their order, and we will keep you updated. We will be in touch with distribution details when we have a better concept of delivery. Thank you for your understanding and patience!

### **MCPS Anti Racist Audit**

Montgomery County Public Schools is engaging in a comprehensive Antiracist Audit because racial disparities can be seen in almost every area of MCPS from reading levels, participation in higher level classes, graduation rates, suspension and discipline rates, and staffing. While there have been many reports and initiatives to understand and address racial gaps in Montgomery County Public Schools, the Antiracist Audit is the first time that MCPS is implementing a comprehensive analysis across all policies, practices, and systems. For more information, visit <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/antiracist/>

### **NAACP Update**

There was an excellent NAACP-MC Parents' Council meeting in May, the agenda included:

- MCPS' Anti-Racist Audit
- MCPS Boundary Analysis report

- Assessing and Addressing ‘Unfinished Learning over the past year
- Summer School Plans and Enrollment
- Plans and Key Decision Points for Fall Academic Semester

Click on the links below for the meeting artifacts (including link to the presentation).

- [Meeting Video](#)
- [Jack Smith Tribute Slideshow](#)
- [MCPS Handout](#)
- [Meeting Chat Log](#)

### **Summer School**

MCPS will offer a wide range of summer programs for elementary, middle and high school students. Programs will be focused on helping students engage in unfinished learning following this unprecedented school year, with a focus on mathematics, literacy, enrichment, and preparing for the next grade level. Programs will:

- Be offered at no cost to all students, with transportation available
- Be offered in all local schools/clusters
- Have all-virtual and in-person options\*  
*\*All-virtual programs will be offered centrally and have student enrollment across many schools. Local school programs will offer in-person instruction.*
- Registration will open May 3, 2021 at 3pm
- Run 5 days per week (except July 5), approximately 4.5 hours per day
- High school credit courses: Begin June 28, two 3-week sessions
- Elementary and middle school programs: July 6 – 30 and Title I Schools: July 6 – August 6

For more information visit the [MCPS website](#). The deadline for enrollment is Friday, June 4th.

### **Before and After Care at Greenwood For 2021/2022 School Year**

MCCA (Montgomery Child Care Association) is returning to Greenwood to offer before and after care services next year. Open from 7-9am and 3-6pm. For any of you that may be interested please contact [Georgia.ferentinos@mccaedu.org](mailto:Georgia.ferentinos@mccaedu.org) about enrolling.

### **Weekly Attestation Form**

If attending in person school you need to fill out and turn in a [weekly attestation form](#).

## 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

- June 1: PTA meeting, 7-8pm
- June 2: DNO Kona Ice truck at school 4-8pm
- June 4: Wear GES gear or green, deadline for summer school enrollment
- June 9: 12:30-1:00pm Popsicle Parade (free event for all students)
- June 16: **Last day of school (Early Release)**

As mentioned at the May PTA meeting, the Petropolis family has graciously donated a buddy bench to be installed on the playground. I'm sure this will be a wonderful addition to our playground as things return to normal next year. Thank you!!

Despite this year sometimes feeling like a whopping 4,000 days, it's kind of hard to believe that it's almost over. Let's finish the year out strong and hopefully next year will be a return to normal. We are going to hopefully hit the ground running next year as things return to normal. Be on the look out for messages from me starting in August as we determine which events can be held. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out. Have a wonderful summer!!!!

Sincerely,

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