

# GREENWOOD PRIDE!

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF GREENWOOD ELEMENTARY



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## Important Dates:

**March 31st - April 3rd**  
No School for Staff/Students  
Spring Break

**April 9th**  
E-Learning Day

**May 3rd - 7th**  
Teacher Appreciation Week

**May 26th**  
Color Run  
(Details on back)

It is the policy of the School District of Greenwood that no person may be denied admission to any public school or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.

## From Mr. Green's Desk

Hello Greenwood Families!

First, I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well. What a year this has been so far. I have found myself staying busy with contact tracing and quarantine letter writing. Thus, the number of newsletters has been significantly less as well. Thankfully, our area seems to be in a much better state of health as our Covid numbers continue to go down and hopefully stay there! Nonetheless, we will continue to follow the guidelines of our State and local health officials in terms of mask wearing, social distancing, and handwashing. On a positive note, the number of influenza cases has been extremely lower this year. Maybe we can learn from this to keep those numbers lower in the future as well.

Spring is upon us and the weather as of late has been welcomed! As the snow leaves and the frost comes out, winter gear for our students is always in question. For now, students do not need winter gear to play outside. Coats are still needed at school as temperatures are still falling overnight. There is always that chance for more snow, so please do not bury the gear too deep. If the playground gets too muddy, students without boots will be restricted to the paved areas of the playground.

March is also the start of our testing season. All students in grades 3-6 at the elementary school will be taking the Forward Exam. This testing will start on April 20 and should be completed by the end of April. Attendance is very important for these tests as make-up testing can be difficult and can also be more challenging for the student. Keep an eye on your child's classroom newsletter for more information and specific dates. If you do not want your child to participate, please contact me directly.

I continue to be impressed with the dedication of our families to make this school year work the best it can for our students. When you look around, there is not a doubt that we have put our students in a great position to continue learning at high levels by attending school each and every day! From the implementation of our 1:1 device program to purchasing online resources to deliver our reading and writing instruction through Google Classroom and Seesaw, our students, staff, and families have embraced these challenges and turned them into opportunities for growth for our kids! Our students have been real troopers as well. Generally, they want to be at school and are willing to do what it takes to be here! They are amazing! Please, keep your child reading. Thirty minutes per night will make a tremendous difference!

We will get back to a more normal situation. I look forward to getting events and activities such as a Christmas concert, Kids' Club, and Literacy Night back on track. These are such integral parts of student growth. Again, thank you for your continued support and partnership. If you have any questions, please contact me at anytime.

*Mr. Green*

## School District of Greenwood Core Values

- Students First
- Stakeholders committed to Pride, Passion, and Excellence
- Parent/Community Partnerships
- Results Matter
- Next Generation Skills
- Quality Facilities and Equipment



## 2021 Summer School

Summer school will be here before we know it! Registration forms were sent home last week. Please contact the Elementary Office if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

## 2021 Summer Recreation

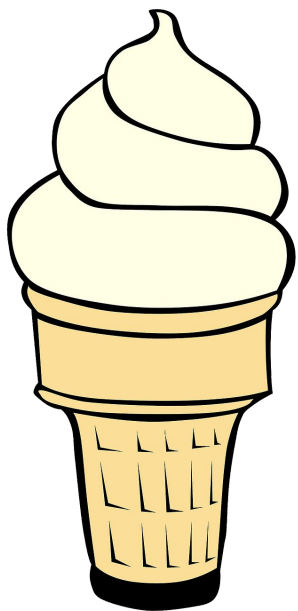
A variety of programs are being scheduled for athletes this summer. We've sent out information on baseball and softball opportunities. More will be available soon so keep an eye on Thursday folders!

## 2021 Get Your Color On Stampede

We've tentatively scheduled the Color Run for **Wednesday, May 26th**. Like many things this year, it could change but we are feeling confident that we will be able to take part in this awesome tradition! More information will come out soon.



## Ice Cream Machine



GES was very fortunate to receive a donation from Cal's Rock Dam of a soft serve ice cream machine! We plan to use it for student activities, like Popcorn Friday, and family events. Thank you to Cal's Rock Dam!

## Outdoor Classroom

The Greenwood High School Manufacturing class has been working on installing the ceiling in the outdoor classroom. We are hopeful to continue our work and make this a year-round building for our students and the community. If you would like to make a contribution to this building project, please contact the elementary office.

