From Mr. Green’s Desk

Hello Greenwood Elementary Families!

Can you even believe it’s March already?!? I hope this newsletter finds you as we approach the end of a full week of school, which we haven’t had in a long, long time. With the amount of days canceled due to the snow and cold, you will find some time that will need to made up on the back of this newsletter. Please take note of the calendar changes and contact the school office with any questions.

Summer School planning is in full motion. Again, I am happy to share the Camp Invention opportunity with our Greenwood Families. This will be a phenomenal experience for our kids to work with science and technology, and put problem solving skills to the test! Please register with our office by March 13, so that we can take advantage of a discount that makes this affordable for our district. The cost for parents in only $15 for the whole week, and this is a 5 day, full day, program. Camp Invention runs the week of June 24-28. I hope you are able to join us!

The rest of the summer school schedule, to include swimming and summer recreation, will be shared in the near future. There will be two sessions of traditional summer school. They will run June 10-21, and July 8-19. Keep an eye out in Thursday Folders for those materials!!

Thank you all for your continued support of our Family Literacy Night. With just over 75% of our families in attendance, it was a great night for you to see some of the hard work our students do on a daily basis. They were very proud of their projects! Also, thank you for your support at our book fair. Your generous purchases allow us to continue filling our library with the newest titles that our students love.

As I start looking forward to next year, I will not have staffing assignments completed until well into the summer. However, if you wish to request a specific teacher for your child, please do that in writing to me by May 1. Please remember these are only requests. I do my best to accommodate, but will take many things into consideration when making class lists.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me anytime!

Mr. Green

Wisconsin Forward Exam

Testing season is here! All students in grades 3-8 will take the Wisconsin Forward Exam this Spring. The testing window is from March 18-May 3. All students will test in the areas of Language Arts and Math. Additionally, students in grades 4 and 8 will take tests in the area of science and social studies. These are the tests that play a huge role in the school report card we receive each fall. Last year, our students showed great growth and it was reflected in a stellar report card!! Please keep an eye on your child’s agenda and communication coming home about testing so you are aware of the testing times. Adequate sleep, a healthy breakfast, and a positive attitude are three of the most important contributors to great testing!!!
Greenwood’s Got Talent

On April 18, we’re going to showcase GES student, and even some teacher, talent with the Greenwood’s Got Talent show. Please use the enclosed form to encourage your child to sign up. We welcome all talents from singing and dancing to juggling and karate. Students can perform independently or with a group. More than one talent? Not a problem! Students can sign up with multiple talents. We look forward to sharing our talents with you.

We anticipate the show to be during the school day on April 18. The time will vary until we have our final number of talents. Information for the show will come out as soon as we have that information available.

Student Attendance

Regular school attendance has a direct correlation to the success of our students. The school day starts at 8:00am and ends at 3:10pm. Please make every effort to have your child to school on time and please honor the end of the school day as well. If your child needs to miss school, please give the teacher as much notice as possible. While we appreciate efforts to plan vacations outside of school days, we also understand that isn’t always possible or practical. Please do your best to communicate these trips well in advance so proper planning can happen and we can keep students on track for grade level success!

Elementary Parents Educators Community

Mark your calendars: A Night for the Arts will take place on Wednesday, May 22. Join us for an art show, musical selections, and the Get Your Color On Stampede. It’s going to be a wonderful, family event!

Registration forms and more information will become available as we get closer to the date.

Snow/Cold Make-Up Days

Due to the number of school days canceled this year from cold and snow, the School District of Greenwood will need to make up some of that time. Below is a list of changes to the calendar to accommodate our required hours of instruction.

March 15 - full day for students
March 29 - full day for students
April 23    - full day for students
June 6     - full day for students
June 7     - early release

The School District of Greenwood thanks you for your understanding and patience as we continue to put the safety of our students first!