



Greenwood

September 21, 2011 Weekly Bulletin



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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We had a wonderful opening school year and it is great having our Greenwood students and families join us for the 2011-12 school year! I want to welcome our new preschoolers who started school on Monday, September 19. They are a pleasure to have in our building.

Great News! Greenwood was only one of thirty-five schools statewide (in Seattle Times) who made significant academic achievement and was removed from the list of schools needing to make annual yearly progress (AYP). Because the state standards were raised last year in reading and math, hundreds of schools were placed on the AYP list based on their inability to make annual yearly progress. We have worked extremely hard at implementing best teaching practices and working collaboratively together to share effective instructional strategies. Our goal is to accelerate learning for emerging students and to stretch middle and advanced students to a higher level. As a result, our students are making substantial academic gains and experiencing success.

Students in grades 1-5 are scheduled to take the Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment in reading and math. The testing window is from September 19 through October 14. We will administer the test to grades 1-5 in the fall, winter and spring. Kindergarten students will take the test in the winter and again in the spring to measure their growth in reading and math.

The MAP (Measurement of Academic Progress) is sometimes confused with the **MSP (Measurement of Student Progress) which is the spring state test for students in grades 3-8.**

I hope to see all of you at the K-5 Open House which will be held on Tuesday, September 27 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. You will have a chance to become familiar with the classroom teacher and the expectations and requirements that occur on a daily basis.

The first early dismissal is **Wednesday, September 28.** Please note that school generally ends at 1:10 p.m. on early dismissal days,

Parent conferences are **November 21, 22 and 23** and there will be no school on those days. This will be another opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and discuss the progress your son or daughter is making.

The first bell rings at 8:55 so please ensure that your child arrives to school promptly between 8:35-8:55 each day! Be sure to read or be read to by your child for at least 20 minutes each day and communicate frequently with their teachers.

Sincerely,

Dr. Walter M. Trotter
Principal

Mark Your Calendars

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| 9/21 | PTA Meeting, 7PM, Commons- TONIGHT |
| 9/27 | Open House, 6PM (New Date) |
| 9/28 | Wed - 2hr Early Dismissal |
| 10/14 | NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work day |
| 10/21 | Jog-a-Thon |
| 10/26 | Wed - 2hr Early Dismissal |

Join the PTA!

The Greenwood PTA welcomes all families to our first meeting of the year next Wednesday, September 21st, at 7pm in the Commons. Come meet your community, learn about our plans for the upcoming year, share your ideas, and help create a great school experience for your child.



After the general meeting, we'll have break-out sessions for all the groups and committees preparing their plans for the upcoming year. We welcome everyone to participate in our school community, and hope you "find your tribe" where you can meet like-minded parents and get involved in ways that are enjoyable and meaningful to you.

These are the groups who will be meeting:

- **CONNECT:** Our multicultural and diversity group which sponsors events such as Planet Greenwood, Free First Friday Family Fun nights, and writes family profiles in the Weebie.
- **Music and Art Committee:** Integrating art and music into our school.
- **Gardening Group:** This new group has funding and approval to construct a new school garden this year
- **Single Parent Group:** Meet other single parents to share resources and community. Free childcare provided.
- **Gay and Lesbian Family Circle:** Meet other families to share strategies and stories.
- **Yearbook Committee:** Help create a yearbook that your child will treasure
- **Science Committee:** Sponsors the yearly Science Fair and investigate ways to excite children about science.
- **Auction Committee:** Plans our yearly auction fundraiser
- **OTHER.** Anything else you'd like to see at Greenwood? Let us know and we'll help you get going:

Free childcare will be provided.





The Jog-a-Thon is coming... mark your calendars!

The 2011 Jog-a-Thon is on Friday, October 21st. We will be raising money for the Greenwood PTA while also promoting fitness & fun. Kids from all classes will run as many laps as they can in approximately 20 minutes.

Pledge requests go to family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. and kids earn fun PRIZES. The pledge packets & prize information will be distributed soon.

We are still accepting sponsors! New this year, sponsorship funds will go to the child/family who procures the sponsor or if it is a Greenwood family business the funds will go toward the child/children's prize totals!

If you have any questions, wish to volunteer or need sponsorship forms, please feel free to contact us at Jogathon@greenwoodpta.org.



Hey Ladies – It's Margarita Time

Join the women of Greenwood Elementary on Friday, September 30th at 6:30pm to dine on a delicious taco bar and enjoy margaritas. It will be a fun, relaxed evening at the home of Laurel Glidewell to catch up with the ladies you already know and to meet some new ones. We would love to get to know some new kindergarten moms, so please join us. The cost of

\$30 per person all goes straight to supporting the PTA. Contact Heather Davis at heather.mc.davis@gmail.com to sign up!

BigFoot Water Polo

Does your boy or girl like the water? Enjoy team sports? Then Bigfoot Water Polo is for them. Our brand-new team is looking for players to try out this exciting sport this fall at Sand Point Country Club. A flexible schedule, levels for everyone from beginners (Splashball from ages 5-9) to experienced players and an encouraging coaching staff means that Bigfoot Water Polo is great for those looking for something a little different.

Feel free to try out Big Foot for one week with no commitment. Big Foot Water Polo is a non-profit organization. Check us out at www.bigfootwaterpolo.org or call 206-456-4282.

Are You Missing Some Utensils?

These items were leftover from the Carkeek Potluck and are in the PTA room

- a red silicone hot pad
- a slotted spoon
- a blueish/greenish cooler

Please claim by Sept. 30th, or they will be donated to the staff lounge.

Any questions contact events@greenwoodpta.org

A huge thanks to everyone who contributed food and time to make this event a huge success!

The WeeBee email / Articles

If you didn't receive the WeeBee last night in your e-mail inbox, you're missing out! Sign-up and help reduce the carbon footprint.

To sign-up, e-mail to WeeBee@Greenwoodpta.org with "e-mail me the WeeBee" and your contact information (name and e-mail address).

If you have an article, comment or suggestion that you feel would make the WeeBee better, we want to hear from you! To submit an article or pictures, please be sure to e-mail these no later than 6:00PM on Tuesday night to: weebee@greenwoodpta.org with "WeeBee" in the subject line.

Clubs Corner With Monique Dawson

CLUBS REGISTRATION IS DUE BY FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30th! Everyone should have received Before and After School Clubs information and directions for registration via kidmail. If you did not receive the flyer, do not fret, you can register for clubs online at www.tinyurl.com/GreenwoodClubs.

OR if you do not have computer access, please call Monique to register over the phone at 206-601-0980.

NEW CLUBS ALERT: (this is not the full list of clubs. Go to URL above for full listing.)

Acting for Movies: Mondays after school, 3rd – 5th grade, Instructor: Scott Jackman. This club is going to be lots of fun! Kids will become familiar with how to film a movie scene and what it takes to act in the movies! Students will view and study some very popular movie scenes and learn the secrets behind the success of the actors. This class will cover basic filmmaking, monologues, two-person acting scenes, non-verbal acting, scene work for auditions and more.

Math Games: Tuesdays after school, 1st and 2nd grade, Instructor: Ms Wilson. Math really is fun! Ms. Wilson has all kinds of materials and tricks to show kids how to use math for fun and games.

Basketball Club: Wednesdays after school, 1st – 5th grade (two age groups), Instructor: Stuart Michie. We are very fortunate to have One on One Basketball at Greenwood. This program will teach athletic fundamentals as well as life skills, including team work, respect and self-control. For more information about Coach Stu and this organization, visit www.1on1basketball.com/seattle.

Hip Hop Dance: Thursdays after school, 2nd – 5th grade, Instructor: Megan Becker, ADI. Students will gather on the playground with parent volunteers and walk to American Dance Institute at 80th and Greenwood Ave. This is going to be a high energy dance class!

Lego Club: Thursdays after school, 2nd – 5th grade, Instructor: Play-Well TEKologies. We've been on the wait-list for this club for a year! Using 100,000 LEGO pieces, students will explore concepts in physics, architecture, mechanical and structural engineering! For information visit www.play-well.org

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! For your time, you will receive a tuition waiver for one club! Here is what we need:

Snack volunteers: Several helpers needed. Help purchase snacks at Costco, Grocery Outlet, etc. (will be reimbursed). Help organize and count out snack for various clubs. Help deliver snack to clubs that need them on a given day. If you can volunteer 15 minutes just before school ends on any day of the week, let me know!

Martial Arts – need a volunteer to check kids in/out.

Math Games – check kids in/out, distribute snack and help with games

Basketball – Calling Basketball players!! Check kids in and out, distribute snack and help with drills.

Hip Hop – check kids in at meeting spot on playground, distribute snack and walk kids to American Dance Institute on 80th and Greenwood (two blocks!). Do not need to stay for the class!

Lego Club – check kids in/out, distribute snack for first 15 minutes while instructor sets up, help as needed.

Spanish – check kids in/out. Walk to lunch room or playground after club.

Drama – various volunteer positions. Stay for duration of club!

Again, for all clubs information, meeting day, time, instructor etc. go to www.tinyurl.com/GreenwoodClubs.

Boy Scout Pack 100's Info and Sign-Up Night

When: Monday, September 26th, 2011, 7-8pm

Where: Calvary Lutheran Church (NE corner of 23rd Ave NW & N 70th St)

Who: Boys in Grades 1st-5th and their parents are welcome to attend! Pack 100 is particularly growing it's Den for boys in Grades 1, 2 & 3. However, all grades welcomed and encouraged to attend!

Questions? Contact Javier at 206-660-6967 or BallardPack100@hotmail.com.

