



**Greenwood Elementary PTA
2009 - 2010 Handbook**

Fundraising & Events - From A to Z!

See <http://www.greenwoodpta.org/help.html> for the latest news and opportunities on how you can help.

Greenwood Elementary PTA is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization.
All contributions are tax deductible; Tax ID #91-1426142.
fundraising@greenwoodpta.org

Art & Artists-in-Residence

The PTA raises and provides funding for Visual, Vocal and Theatre Arts. The school's Art Committee serves as advisors to the PTA Board on arts education, and also interviews and selects the Artists in Residence.

Visual art instruction takes place weekly in a dedicated art classroom and is a highlight for many students. All of the arts are important because they allow students to express themselves in a wide variety of ways, whether with paint, glue, song or instruments.

Student art work is often seen gracing the hallways and classrooms. A few times each year there is an Art Walk when guests can view a selection of student work throughout the school, often in conjunction with a school concert. Art work is also created for Greenwood's Annual Auction. Students and teachers often collaborate to provide unique pieces, such as quilts and tile projects. The beautiful auction art raises monies for future Artists in Residence. We are fortunate to have the variety of arts instruction available at Greenwood Elementary throughout the year.

Auction

Greenwood's Spring Auction is the largest fundraiser of the year. There is both a silent and live auction that includes classroom art pieces, vacation packages, fun activities/parties, gift certificates, wine, delicious desserts and lots and lots more.

The 2010 Spring Fundraiser will be held Saturday April 10, 2010 and in honor of the 100-year anniversary of Greenwood Elementary, we are inviting any alumni (21 and over) to join our evening event.

Auction Committee - planning meetings start in the Fall to make sure this event is a fun-filled evening with lots of opportunities to raise money for our school. It really is a 'can't miss' event.

If you like having fun and would like to be a member of this year's Auction Committee, contact Anne Musquiz, Traci Underhill and Stacie Van den Dyssel at auction@greenwoodpta.org.



Albertsons

Register your Preferred Savings Card and every time you shop, Albertsons will contribute a percentage of your eligible purchase to support our fundraising goals!

Greenwood Elementary PTA's Community Partners ID is #**49001016243**. Here are the ways to register:

In store: Present your Preferred Savings Card and ask your cashier to use the Greenwood Elementary PTA Community Partners ID #49001016243 to start earning \$ for our school!

Online: Go to www.albertsons.com. Click on "In The Community" then click on the Community Partners logo link. Select Login or Register your Preferred Savings Card. Then click on Sign Me Up! Be sure to use ID#49001016243.

By Mail: Complete the form in your Fundraising packet and mail to:
Community Partners Program Headquarters, PO Box 193, Bethel Park, PA 15102-0193

You may also turn in the form in the Fundraising Box in the office or via Kid Mail or give it to any of the VP's of Fundraising & Events.

If you do not have a Preferred Savings Card, you can get one at any Albertsons or request one at www.albertsons.com.

Assemblies

PTA Fundraising dollars help to provide assemblies for the entire school to enjoy such as Book-It Repertory Theatre which transforms literary works in to theater productions, the Reptile Man, and Pacific Science Center mobile units.

Families are invited to come to assemblies too! These are often held Wednesday mornings or afternoons, so check-out the school calendar.

Book Fair

The annual Book Fair is a fundraiser for the library. For every book purchased, our school is able to keep a generous portion of the proceeds that is used to supplement the library budget. In the past, Book Fair proceeds have paid for classroom sets of literature, atlases and geography materials, and new and popular fiction and nonfiction titles.

This year our Book Fair will be held in December. We'll be open before and after school in the library and also during our 100-year celebration. Come support the library by buying some great books. If you are interested in volunteering for the Book Fair, please contact Jessica McAdams at bookfair@greenwoodpta.org.

Boxtops

There are 3 ways that Boxtops can support our school.

1) **Clip Box Tops from products that you already buy**

Look for the 10¢ Box Tops coupon on hundreds of your favorite products. You can find Box Tops on brands such as **Cheerios®**, **Betty Crocker®**, **Pillsbury®**, **Ziploc®**, **Kleenex®**, **Hefty®** and more! Turn in your Box Tops in the Fundraising Box in the office, through Kid Mail in an envelope marked Box Tops, bring them to the after-school sales table or to any PTA Meeting.

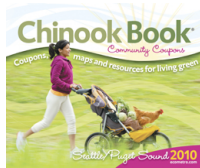
2) **Shop at your favorite online stores at the Box Tops Marketplace**

www.boxtops4education.com/Marketplace

You can shop at over 60 online stores including **JCPenney**, **The Gap**, **Nordstrom**, **Old Navy**, **Target** and **Lands' End**. A portion of every qualifying purchase is donated to Greenwood - all at no additional cost to you!

3) **Reading Room**

You'll be able to earn cash for Greenwood just by buying the books that you love! When you begin your shopping at the Box Tops Reading Room, you'll **earn up to 6%** on purchases made online at **Barnes & Noble**.



C hinook Books

Chinook Book is a one-of-a-kind resource — a coupon book, a directory, a source of ideas and inspiration. It's your guide to living well and having fun in the Seattle metro region. Save hundreds of dollars while exploring the community and supporting local, sustainable businesses. Over 300 valuable coupons make this the largest book yet. Businesses with coupons include grocery, dining, entertainment, travel, garden and home adding up to savings of over \$3,000.

All products and services appearing in *Chinook Book* meet specific environmental and community criteria. More information is available at www.ecometro.com/seattle.

Greenwood Elementary PTA is excited to be selling these wonderful books for the second year. Books are \$20 and the school gets \$10 for each one we sell.

Look for them during after-school sales, PTA meetings and at our other events. You can also send in a check via Kid Mail and we will send a book home with your child. Tell your friends, co-workers, family members or neighbors that might want one, to buy from Greenwood!



C ool Clothing

The Stars Are Out! Support our school in style with the Greenwood Stars t-shirts and hoodies. We carry both adult and child sizes so you can outfit the entire family!

Shirts come in various colors, all with the Greenwood Star proudly displayed in the front. Hoodies, with the star design on the back, also come in both sizes.

More colors may be added throughout the year so be on the lookout for seasonal fashion roll-outs!

Proceeds benefit your Greenwood Elementary PTA--only \$15 for kid shirts and \$25 for kids' hooded sweatshirts. \$20/shirt and \$35/hoodies for adults.

C lubs

The Greenwood Elementary PTA offers a wide selection of clubs for our students. Offered both before and after school, there is a reasonable fee for each club per term. These fees help to run the Clubs as well as contribute to the other PTA events and programs. Financial assistance is available and if a parent volunteers, the club is free for your child!

Each quarter's clubs schedule is provided by the After School Activities Coordinator and at our website at <http://www.greenwoodpta.org/programs-clubs.html>. For more information contact the Coordinator, Kubi Thomas at mekubi@aol.com.

Centennial Celebration

Greenwood Elementary School is proud to announce it's 100th birthday. To celebrate this extraordinary event, Greenwood Elementary invites neighbors and alums to participate in our centennial year.

Mark your calendars – the community celebration and open house is coming **December 5, 2009**. This is more than a party, throughout the Fall, preparations will be underway for a time capsule, commemorative art work, historic displays, and student projects. For more information visit the 100th website, http://www.greenwoodpta.org/gwe_centennial.html, or contact Marcy Harrington at 100th@greenwoodpta.org.

Corporate Matching Programs

Check out your employer-sponsored giving program – this can double your donations to the school. You may find that your contributions to the school in \$ or time are matched by your company! For example, Microsoft and Boeing have programs and often these benefits are available to retirees.

Event Calendar

Here is a general overview by term of our major events for the 2009-2010 year. There are other smaller fun events and activities planned for the year and a more detailed calendar will be provided on our website. If you have any events questions or wish to volunteer for any events, please contact Heather Shilling at events@greenwoodpta.org.

Fall	Winter	Spring
Welcome Back BBQ Jog-A-Thon Food Drive	Book Fair Centennial (100-Year) Celebration	Auction/Evening Fundraiser Teacher Appreciation Talent Show

Escrip

Go to www.escrip.com and earn money for our school in the following ways:

1. Register any one or all of your existing grocery loyalty, debit and credit cards for use in the program

In particular, if you have a Safeway club card and register it, Escrip will contribute up to 4% of your eligible purchases!

2. Shop online through escrip.com and participating merchants will make contributions to Greenwood based on purchases made by you, just by using the cards you have registered.

Be sure and select Greenwood Elementary as your designated organization. Your purchases are tracked and available to you online, allowing you to see just how much you are earning for your child.

Fund Drive

Direct contributions are a large part of our fundraising efforts. Starting at the beginning of the year, we will be campaigning to meet our \$7,000 goal. While we are working to meet this goal early on, we welcome one-time or monthly contributions any time throughout the year.

A letter will be sent out in Fall with more information, but at anytime you can send a check to "Greenwood Elementary PTA" and send the PTA Treasurer through the school office or 'kid mail' (your child's school folder). All contributions are tax deductible; our Tax ID is #91-1426142. For more information, please contact fundraising@greenwoodpta.org.

Fun Fridays

On certain Fridays after school (mainly in the beginning and end of the school year) we will be selling popcorn, our gear (t-shirts/hoodies), Chinook Books, and other merchandise. Look for our table near the pick-up area and support your school while purchasing fun stuff!

Greenwood All Star Rock Show

Support the Greenwood Elementary music program and listen to local live music all in one night! Enjoy live music from hot local bands featuring Greenwood parents! All proceeds will benefit the school. More details will be announced soon. Until then, rock on!

Greenwood Market

Shop at Greenwood Market or any of the Town & Country Markets (including Ballard Market and Central Market) and they will donate 1% to our PTA! Keep your receipt and turn it in via Kid Mail, the Fundraising Box in the office or at any of our PTA meetings.

Islandwood

Each year, our 4th & 5th grade students have had the privilege to attend IslandWood environmental and community learning center. This experience is a highlight for many students, teachers (and volunteer parents). The two day program integrates environmental sciences, stewardship, and team building. Learn about Islandwood at <http://www.islandwood.org/>.

Jog-a-Thon

Be a part of Greenwood's annual Jog-a-thon! During the school day on Friday, October 16, we will hold our annual Jog-a-thon which has been one of our top fundraisers in the past. It's an easy way for friends, family members and community businesses to make a contribution to our children and our school while also promoting exercise and fitness.

Children from each class run laps to raise money for the PTA. Pledges can be made per lap or a set amount. It's fun to watch them jog around a mini-track and get cheered on by parents, teachers, friends and family. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer and/or come and support our Greenwood Stars! Hope to see you there!

More information and pledge sheets will be sent home with your children a few weeks prior to the event. For more details, please contact Kim Dixon, Andrew Fitzpatrick or Jared Van den Dysse at jogathon@greenwoodpta.org.



Buy qualifying student school supplies at Office Depot and then designate Greenwood Elementary to receive 5% of your qualifying purchase. Visit your local Office Depot store to find a listing of "5% Back to Schools" ID numbers or designate Greenwood Elementary as the school of your choice at order confirmation.

PTA Meetings

At every PTA Meeting and major event, we'll have a booth/table where clothing/merchandise will be sold and you will have a place to turn in order forms, receipts, Box Tops or any other fundraising information.

Puget Sound Community Card



Puget Sound Community Change card holders and businesses give back to their community and make a powerful social statement through donations to local nonprofits and schools of their choice. Puget Sound Community Change participants receive cash rewards for shopping with local participating merchants, and share them with local nonprofits and schools.

By using a Community Card consumers become "savers and givers" linking personal self-interest to the good of the larger community, assigning at least half their rewards to their chosen beneficiaries. Your online account and personalized statements show the positive impact made both individually and collectively through participation in the program.

When you sign up for a Puget Sound Community Card, be sure and select Greenwood Elementary as your designated beneficiary and then use your card at such local vendors such as PCC, Greenwood Hardware, Theo Chocolate, Honey Bear Bakery and also those who support our school such as Strut shoe store. You'll earn a rebate for your school with every purchase!



Qwest For Education

When you sign up for Qwest 1% Back to Schools, Qwest will donate the equivalent of one percent of your monthly Qwest bill to the eligible school district of your choice - at no extra cost to you.

Go to <http://www.qwest.com/onepercent/index.html>, and click on Join Now. You can choose the Seattle School District. Although the funds do not go to the school, they can be used at the district level for technology purposes.

Go Green for Schools – you can also recycle your cell phone with Qwest which raises money for public school districts and pre-K through 12 educational initiatives.



Register your Safeway Club Card at www.escrip.com and select Greenwood Elementary as your designated organization. We will receive up to 4% of your eligible purchases to help fund music & art and other great PTA initiatives!



Stacia's Pizza Coupons

Anytime you want to order pizza, buy a Stacia's Pizza coupon from your PTA! We sell them for \$20 and Greenwood Elementary PTA gets a whopping \$10 for every coupon sold. They have great pizza and lots of choices for everyone – it's a delicious way to support your school and feed the family!

Target

If you have a Target credit card, register your card online at www.target.com and enroll for Greenwood Elementary. Target will donate a percentage of your purchases to Greenwood! All you have to do is use your Target® Visa® or Target® Card. We will receive a percentage of the amount of each purchase in the form of a cash donation from Target through the Take Charge of Education® program. It's easy. Just visit target.com/tcoe, or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school.

Greenwood's School ID is: 106417

If you're going to Target anyway, please consider using your Target® Visa® or Target® Card. Big thanks to those who are already doing their part to make a great school even better.

- Find out how much money our school has already received at target.com/tcoe.
- Grandparents, alumni, neighbors and friends can take part, too.

Talent Show

For the second year, "Greenwood's Got Talent", a fun-filled talent show will be held in the Spring. It's a great way to showcase your child's talents, whether they be singing, dancing, playing an instrument, reading a poem or something else unique.

Teacher Grants and Allowances

Another way we put your dollars to work is to help support our wonderful teachers. They are the foundation for our children's education. The PTA provides an allowance for each teacher to use at their discretion for supplies, furnishings, etc. whatever they feel they need for the students or classrooms. In addition to the allowances, teacher grants are also available upon application and approval by the PTA.

Volunteers

None of the PTA and school successes would be possible without the help of you, our volunteers. Thank you for everything that you contribute – your time, your room-parenting - sewing – construction – baking – sales – painting skills – and the list goes on and on. Each of our fundraisers and events needs volunteers. For more information and to find out more about opportunities, please contact our wonderful Volunteer Coordinator, Susan Tye at volunteer@greenwoodpta.org or 252-1410.

Z – Okay so none of our events or fundraising activities actually start with a Z but we know there must be one out there. If you can think of one and want to share, we'd love to hear from you.

Send us an email, call us, send us a note in Kid Mail, mail us something – we want to know what great ideas are out there. We are looking to you, our wonderful families, to help support the PTA's mission and programs.

Sincerely,
Greenwood PTA
fundraising@greenwoodpta.org