



Greenwood

March 3, 2010

Weekly Bulletin



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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Families, students and staff had a lot of fun at our Hip Hop performance! Students in grades K-5 did a great job of learning movement and dance with Ms. Bastasch and the two Artists-in-Residence sponsored by the PTA. I believe that we may pursue this again in the future based on the positive affects it had on our students physically, emotionally and socially.

We had a school wide assembly in tribute to Black history month which is part of our American history. Personal consultant, Kimi Rabun, did a fine job with story-telling and sharing her knowledge of Black history with students.

Currently K-3 students are learning to express themselves through choir with an Artist-in-Residence instructor sponsored by our fabulous PTA. They are really coming along and we plan to have an evening performance on June 9.

Unfortunately, due to budget cuts, I have been informed that Seattle elementary schools will no longer have counselors next year. This will significantly impact services to students and I plan to strategize on ways to help compensate for this loss. Over 50 students currently receive services through group and/or individual counseling.

We will be involved with math training during the early release time today and begin learning more about a new reading and math assessment that students will be given next year. The assessment is called the Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP). It is computerized so everything is done on the computer and students are tested in the area of math and reading. The assessment is given three times per year (fall-winter-spring) and takes the place of current district measurements in reading and math. You will hear more about this district assessment in time, especially next year.

The Measurement of Student Progress (MSP) for students in grades 3-5 will begin in May. This assessment is the state test that takes the place of the WASL. So we have two assessments, one is a "district" test (MAP) for all students in grades K-5 and the other is a "state" test (MSP) that replaces the WASL for students in grades 3-5. I'll keep you updated and try to confuse you even more in the future – just kidding.

Please ensure that your child arrives to school promptly between 9:05-9:20 each day. If they eat breakfast at school, talk to them and make sure they are getting to class on time after breakfast. The first bell rings at 9:20 and school begins at 9:25.

Be sure your child reads or that someone is reading to them for at least 20 minutes each day. Help them complete their reading and physical education logs each month!

Sincerely,

Dr. Walter M. Trotter
Principal

Mark Your Calendars

3/3	Early Dismissal TODAY, 1:30PM
3/4	Literacy Night 6:00PM
3/12	New Family Tours, 10:00AM, Art Room
3/14	Daylight Savings Time Begin
3/16	New Family Tours, 10:00AM, Art Room

WeeBee from Down Under

Next week the WeeBee will be coming from the sunny beaches of Cairns, Australia. Since I am going to be on holiday (as they say in Australia) I am hoping to be able to put the computer down for as much as possible and enjoy the weather, water and people.



This week only, I am asking articles for the WeeBee be submitted no later than 6PM Saturday, March 6. If they arrive after this date, I cannot guarantee that they will be printed. Thanks for your understanding and have a great week!

Luke Papineau, WeeBee editor

Literacy Night

Thursday, March 4 6:00PM

Come to the Olympics Literacy Night!
All students and families are welcome!

Free Hot Dog Dinner!
Free books and prizes!

From Susan Tye

Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteers needed for Ms. Bastasch. 12:40-1:00pm during recess, to count laps for our new walking club.

Ms. C-B could always use help during your child's art class! Feel free to ask your teacher when they have art, or contact Susan Tye, sfletch64@yahoo.com.



Greenwood Elementary is Great

Assist with School Tours!

Greenwood Elementary will be hosting two additional school tours on Fri. March 12 from 10-11 a.m. and Tues. March 16 from 10-11 a.m. We need:

- 4-5 people who can bring in store bought or home baked cookies, muffins, brownies, etc.
- 1-2 people as Greeters by the main office from 9:45-10:05 a.m.
- 4-6 people from 10-11 a.m., to guide small groups of parents around the school. The majority of families attending these tours will be future kindergarten families, so showing them the classrooms, library, cafeteria, art room and gym will be the main focus.

If you can help please contact Deb Fitzpatrick, dfitzprick@greenwoodpta.org or 206-852-8897.

Is your child protected from H1N1 flu?

Is your child under 10 years of age? Has your son or daughter received the second dose H1N1 immunization?

In order for a child to be fully protected from H1N1 they need to have at least one H1N1 immunization. If they are under 10 years of age, they need to have a second dose.

This is an effective vaccine, and there have not been significant problems with the shots.

In the United States at this time less than half of the eligible children have received adequate H1N1 immunization.

Even though the H1N1 virus has been relatively mild so far, there have been a number of hospitalizations required, mostly for children with other chronic health conditions.

The reason for getting immunized is that if enough people are immunized against a flu, it has less chance to spread. And it then has less chance to mutate into a more serious strain of flu.

Please consider getting all members of your family immunized. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me on Thursdays at 206-252-1407.

Mary Proudfoot, RN, MN
School Nurse

Desserts Needed for Auction!

Are you known for making a delicious dessert? One of the many memorable fundraisers at our April 10th auction is the Dessert Dash! Please consider what you (or a friend) can make. Contact Marcy Harrington at marcyjharrington@gmail.com or 206-782-6722 with questions or ideas.

Parent Education

What are your interests? What types of topics would you like to have presented at the PTA Meetings: Information about curriculum, child safety issues, sleep, media and children, discipline, various "How to" topics??? Your presidents, Deb and Julie, would like to know. Please email us at president@greenwoodpta.org with your suggestions.

Want to Know What's Going on?

Sign up for the new Greenwood PTA Community Mailing List! We'll send you information about coming events, school news, volunteer opportunities, and much more! Best of all, unlike some email lists, this one does not allow replies - so you will not have your mailbox filled with endless email chains, just one good solid informative email whenever there's really something newsworthy.

Please email sterne@greenwoodpta.org with "Sign Me Up!" in your subject line. You'll be added to the list within 1 day!

The WeeBee email / Articles

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

To sign-up, email to WeeBee@Greenwoodpta.org with "email me the WeeBee" and your contact information (name and email 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 email these no later than 6:00PM on Saturday (this week) night to: weebee@greenwoodpta.org with "WeeBee" in the subject line.

Library News



There are only three more months of monthly reading logs left: March, April, and May! There are no reading logs in June. However, in June we will have an all-school assembly to honor the students who returned their reading logs every single month. If your student is on track for 100 percent completion, you might want to clear your calendar on that special occasion (the date will be forthcoming).

Twenty-five 4th and 5th graders participated in this year's Global Reading Challenge. Our in-house challenge took place last Thursday and the "Golden Dragons" prevailed and will represent our school in this month's semi-final round on March 17 at the public library downtown.

Sadly, four students had to give up their spot on a designated team, as we had to pare down from 25 to 21 students, so we thank Hannah L., David, Dah'Neya, and Zoe Z. for graciously stepping aside. All 25 students have benefitted greatly from the extra reading and camaraderie.

We hope your children have enjoyed their two RIF books this year.

Our final RIF of the year will be in April. Because of budget woes at the Federal level, RIF may not continue next year. Obviously, we hope for a positive outcome, as RIF is very popular at Greenwood, as it is in all schools that participate.

Parent involvement = Great Greenwood Elementary!

Many things happen each month at Greenwood Elementary, and none of them would be possible without the hard work of our volunteers, teachers, staff and PTA board members. The Nominating Committee is looking for those people who'd like to do more for and at Greenwood Elementary! Look for additional information coming soon to the "Weebee" and www.GreenwoodPTA.org about these PTA board positions and more....

- PTA Co-President (2 positions are open)
- PTA Co-Secretary (2 positions are open)
- PTA Treasurer
- VP of Fundraising-Grants



Spring Gala/Auction Update NEW LOCATION!!

We have moved our venue to a beautiful, waterfront location! It's the Shilshole Bay Beach Club which is just downstairs from our previous site at the Elks Club.

Tickets went on sale last week. Come to this fun event and support our kids!

The next Auction Committee meeting is on Friday, March 12. For more information, please contact auction@greenwoodpta.org. Thank you to all who are procuring, donating, and helping with art, gift baskets, decorations and more!

We still need empty, clean water or soda bottles up to 2 liter size. Drop them off in the box in the Office. Thank you - Anne, Traci & Stacie.

