

# Newsletter Volume 1

## Greenbriar PTO

Dear Greenbriar Families,

Thank you to everyone who has paid their PTO membership and who has volunteered for our school activities. We have had a great turnout of volunteers! Thank you to everyone who joined us for Coffee with the Principal and our first PTO meeting of the year. Attendance was high and many important events and activities were discussed. You will find highlights of what we talked about in this newsletter and lots of important information to keep you up to date on PTO events happening at Greenbriar. Your PTO contributions help to fund so many memorable school activities that your child experiences at Greenbriar. We can't accomplish any of it without the amazing volunteers and teachers that we are so lucky to have at our school. Thank you to everyone for all you do to help enrich your student's school experience. Also, thanks to Katie Gierke and Lucky Fish for an amazing moms night out! Enjoy our first PTO Newsletter of the year!

Maureen Ferrick

PTO President

### Did You Know



Funds that you contribute to support the Greenbriar PTO are used to support many school events and activities. One of our most popular being **Art Adventure!**

Art Adventure is a PTO sponsored program that gives parent volunteers the opportunity to teach art and cultural appreciation through classroom lessons and cultural events.

Each school year, every grade will experience one **cultural event**. Much time has been taken to research various cultures. It is presented as an age appropriate hands on learning experience for the children. Cultural events usually include a history of the culture, music, art and food. The children have the opportunity to taste a sampling of a popular food from the culture. Activities may include an art project, games, presentation from a cultural expert, music and dance. It is a very large undertaking to put each cultural event together. A room is recreated to represent the culture often with tapestries and art from that culture. Volunteers set up the night before and are ready to go the next

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### Upcoming Events

#### September 15

Last day to order birthday signs. Go to [GreenbriarPTO.com](http://GreenbriarPTO.com) to order now!

#### September 27

Greyhound Gathering 5:00-7:00pm

#### September 28

Pizza & Spirit Wear Day! Order Pizza online by noon the Tuesday before (9/26)

#### October 2

Boosterthon Kick off!

#### October 12

Boosterthon Fun Run

#### October 17-19

Book Fair

### Example of Birthday Signs



day with a scripted lesson plan. The cultural events are very exciting for the children and they look forward to them every year!

All classroom lessons also include scripted lesson plans and materials. Each grade gets 3 lessons per year. Children learn about various artists and recreate an art piece. PTO funds are used to support this endeavor. Lots of art supplies are needed for each child for each lesson and they have to be restocked every school year! Our volunteers are working year round to support this program.

Many exciting updates are happening this year! Look for enhancements to our 3rd and 4th Grade Cultural events. Our Art Adventure committee is busy rewriting curriculum and updating the cultural events. This means new supplies are needed! Your PTO contributions will go directly to help with this undertaking.

Thank you to our Art Adventure committee for all you do to give our children this experience! Art Adventure committee: Committee Chair: Kelley Peifer, Committee co-chair: Jenny Beban, Grade Level Reps: Jenni Roth, Farrah Daley, Nicole Nortman, Jenny Beban, Nicole Woods, Dorie Gaty, Kerry Weinzimmer, Anne Nielsen, Rachel Tzinberg

Want to get involved? Go to [GreenbriarPTO.com](https://GreenbriarPTO.com) and signup! No creativity or art experience is required.

## PTO Committee Updates

### Greyhound Gathering

Our committee is hard at work putting together an amazing fall event for our Greenbriar community! On the agenda: games, an obstacle course, a petting zoo, a photo station, apple cider and much more!! There will be amazing raffle prizes: \$3 for one raffle ticket, \$5 for two. Look for pre-order information coming soon for dinner from **Meatheads!** See our flyer for more info: <https://tinyurl.com/greyhoundgathering>

### Boosterthon

This year's main fundraiser is the Greyhounds Run! It's a 9-day program that kicks off with a Pep Rally on October 2. Families will then gather pledges for every lap your student runs (30-35 laps), and we'll celebrate at the Fun Run on October 12. With our big goal of raising \$25,000 for new playground equipment, revisions to our amazing cultural art adventures, as well as support for our ongoing PTO activities, we asked the Fun Run experts at Boosterthon to power our Fun Run and make it more profitable, easier, and fun.

Students will also experience an amazing character theme, **CASTLE QUEST**, an English castle theme all about being brave and living with character. On their quest to regain Bravemore Castle, students will learn the "SIX VIRTUES of a TRUE HERO" from a cast of colorful characters.

Donations will go toward the Greenbriar PTO and to the entire 9-day experience. So please help our school by reaching out to sponsors. All children will receive a free t-shirt to wear during the Fun Run. Also, all families are invited to come out and cheer on your student at the Fun Run! Thank you for your support!

### Book Fair

Our popular Fall Book Fair is coming Oct 17 - 19. Plan to stop in the small gym after school or during conferences to check out our amazing collection of books. The children will visit the book fair ahead of time and create book "Wish Lists" for parents. It's a great time to buy holiday and birthday gifts. The teachers will also have "Wish Lists" for their classroom for you to donate a book! Exact Book Fair Store Hours coming soon.

### PTO Birthday Gifts

The PTO purchases a small birthday gift for each child at Greenbriar. The Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> graders can choose a book from a selection of grade appropriate books. **New** this year, the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders get to select a paw-themed trinket to remember Greenbriar!

### Spirit Wear

Thank you to all who ordered Spirit Wear this year. We had so many fun new items this year and sales were up from last year! Spirit Wear orders are expected to arrive by the end of September or first week of October. Items will be distributed and sent home in your child's backpack.

### Pizza Day

Pizza Day is off to a great start! Can't remember if you ordered pizza for your child? Go to the Paperless PTO App on your phone or tablet and select the Lunches button. There will be a list of the dates you ordered by child and number of slices. You can order pizza online via the [greenbriarpto.com](http://greenbriarpto.com) website by Tuesday at noon before pizza day or bring cash on pizza day. You can order pizza on the website through December.



# Greyhound Gathering

Fun for the whole family

**Wednesday 27 September**  
**5pm-7pm**

• **Activities** •

Obstacle course • Tug of war • Pumpkin golf • Catch net

Scooter races • Pumpkin ring toss • Scavenger hunt

Cub scouts • Photo station • Petting zoo

Raffle prizes \$3 for one \$5 for two

Sweets table • Apple cider

Look for pre-order form from **MEATHEADS**