Newsletter Volume 2

Greenbriar PTO

Dear Greenbriar Families,

We have had quite a few events in the last month! Thank you to everyone who has come out to support our school. Greyhound Gathering was an enormous success and we've had such wonderful feedback from teachers and families. Thanks again to the committee that organized the event. We are looking forward to next year already! Mom's Night Out had a great showing of Greenbriar Moms! It was fun to catch up and meet new people. And the kids have been enjoying the Castle Quest videos in anticipation of the big Fun Run. Thank you to everyone who has made pledges. The Book Fair, Halloween parties and our Family Service night are all right around the corner! Hope to see everyone at these upcoming events. Enjoy our 2nd PTO newsletter of the year!

Maureen Ferrick

Did You Know

We have some amazing **Hospitality Committees**! Several committees fall under the umbrella of "Hospitality." One group handles special staff lunches and is made up of two committee chairs with four separate committees and 20 committee members. The other group handles Staff Appreciation Week with 2 committee chairs and 4 volunteers.

A large portion of our PTO budget goes to these committees. PTO funds pay for:

- Back to School luncheon for the teachers and staff in August
- Dinner and lunch during Parent / Teacher conferences in both October and February
- Luncheon during Staff Appreciation Week in May
- Snacks and decorations in the Teacher's Lounge during Staff Appreciation Week

And all of this is for 90 staff members who work hard for our school. There is a lot of planning involved but it's well worth the effort! We appreciate everything our staff does for our children and we are happy to be able to offer this as a small gesture of thanks.



Upcoming Events

October 18-19

Book Fair! Hours are:

Wed 3:30-7:30pm

Thurs 12:00-8:00 pm

October 31

PTO Halloween Class Parties @ 2:45 pm following the parade @ 2:15 pm

November 14

PTO Meeting @ 8:45 am

November 16

Family Service Night 5:30-7:00 pm

Come to our Book Fair Oct 18-19



Many thanks to our committee members and our committee chairs. Our chairs are so great at planning these events and working with the committees to make sure everything is perfect. None of this could get done without all the volunteer parents who help set up, clean up and bake desserts for these events. Committee Chairs for Staff Luncheons are Amee McCaughan and Vinita Patel. Our Staff Appreciation Week chairs are Kelley Peifer and Janet Footlik

Vinita and Amee are retiring from their positions this year. We are looking for a new committee chair to step in starting with the 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested or have any questions about this chair position please contact Amee McCaughan @ <u>ameevm@gmail.com</u> or Vinita Patel @ <u>vinita@vinitapatel.com</u> You can "shadow" them during one of the events to see how it all works. This is a great way to get involved and show support for our teachers and staff.

PTO Committee Updates

Boosterthon

Boosterthon was a great success! The kids have had a lot of fun being able to participate in an event to help their school! All Greenbriar students ran and received a Fun Run t-shirt regardless of pledges made! The shirt makes a great Spirit Wear shirt to wear on Spirit Days at school. We have one week after the run to get final pledges and collect any checks from those who didn't pledge online. Once we have all funds collected and have had a chance to evaluate the event we will provide an update. Thank you again to everyone who helped to support this fundraising event! Thank you to our committee chairs Ann Randall and Tracy Williams and all of our parent volunteers on the committee.

And a huge shout out to Mrs. Hiltz and Greenbriar teachers and staff for supporting the run!

Book Fair

It is time for the Fall Book Fair!! The book fair will be held on Wednesday the 18th between 3:30PM-7:30PM and on Thursday the 19th between 12:00PM-8:00PM in the Greenbriar little gym. We will be open all thru conferences. Students and their families are invited to stop in and shop for books. There will be a wide variety of books for ALL ages. Keep in mind that books make great gifts for Birthdays and Holidays. Get your Holiday shopping started early this year!! There will also be a Teacher Wish List section so families can donate books to your child's classroom if they would like. Proceeds from the book fair go to the Greenbriar PTO. Thanks you for your support! See you at the Book Fair! We need volunteers to help with our Book Fair. Please click on the sign up genius link to sign up for a slot: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49aea829a1f58-book

Committee chairs: Erica Lallas and Monique Howard

Spirit Wear

Orders are expected to arrive any day now! Items will be distributed and sent home in your child's backpack. We will let you know when to look for them.

Family Service Night

Please join us on November 16th to help us put together items for the charity "Families Helping Families". We will be collecting items for a birthday bag (cake mix, frosting, etc.) for families in need. We will be putting the bags together during our Family Service Night. There will also be other family activities at the event for you and your children to participate in. More information coming soon.

All School Cookbook

A committee is being formed to put together an all school cookbook. Be a part of it by submitting a favorite family recipe with your child's name. The cookbooks will be available for pre-order. Start deciding on your recipe to submit soon. More information and details to follow.

Paperless PTO

The app on your phone or tablet now shows the directory for all of the schools in our district. Find the information by going into the Class Directory or Name Search. Final updates to the desktop version of the directory are in progress.



Photos from Greenbriar Moms Night Out: