“Stuff” the Turkey

Beginning November 1 thru November 18, Greenwood will be collecting items for our military soldiers who are helping to keep our country safe.

A large turkey has been placed in the hallway for students to “stuff” with lip-balm, toothbrushes, soap and shampoos.

The items must be new, not used. We will be collecting food items in February.

A great big “thank you” to the PTA Benevolence Committee who is assisting with this project.

Our Motto:
“Greenwood: Doing what is best for kids!”

Principal’s Perspectives

It goes without saying that parents want what is best for their child. But oftentimes, parents seem to underestimate the importance of getting their children to school on time or at all. Parents may even find an occasion when they ask themselves, “Is it really that big of a deal if my child misses school today, after all it’s only kindergarten?” or think, “We’ll just sleep-in a little today, and go to school a little late.” Of course, occasional tardiness is not the end of the world. Nor is the occasional day away from school. Yes, it is better to bring your child to school tardy than to not bring him/her at all. But tardiness, is not beneficial for your child.

Classroom work starts at the moment the bell rings, and if your child isn’t there, he/she will miss important information; miss part of the academics of their first class; disrupt the class and create a disturbance to the instructional process; require special attention and take time away from others while the teacher spends time catching him/her up on their work; and chronic tardiness can even lead to low self-esteem.

Research is increasingly showing that attendance at all ages is incredibly important and is correlated to student success and graduation rates. Parents can demonstrate the importance of school attendance by making sure to value education and give it a high priority in the family. This conveys a positive attitude about school and treats going to school as part of the normal course of events, something that is expected of your child; and helps your child develop good study and work habits. I realize that illness and family emergencies occasionally occur. However, I encourage you to be committed to the benefits of good school attendance.

If there are medical reasons that account for chronic absences, please be sure to provide a medical note from your child’s physician to the office.

Mr. Aten

Thank you to the PTA who paid for part of the bus transportation to Boyert’s Farm for the kindergarten field trip in October. A big thanks to our adult helpers as well.

What a great time!
From the Nurse... 

It is important to keep in mind that most viral illnesses are contagious before a child shows any symptoms of being sick. In other words, a child who is infected is often spreading the virus even before feeling sick—which makes it virtually impossible to stop the spread of infections. The best way to try to prevent the spread of germs is to encourage frequent hand washing, even when kids feel well. Kids should wash their hands after playing outside, before eating, after coughing or sneezing, and after going to the bathroom.

Granted, kids don’t always listen when you tell them to wash their hands, but it’s a message worth repeating. Hand washing is by far the best way to prevent germs from spreading and to keep your kids from getting sick. Good hand washing is the first line of defense against the spread of many illnesses, from the common cold to more serious illnesses such as meningitis, bronchiolitis, influenza, hepatitis A, and most types of infectious diarrhea.

Here’s how to scrub those germs away. Demonstrate this routine to your kids—or better yet, wash your hands together often so they learn how important this good habit is:

1. Wash your hands in warm water. Make sure the water isn’t too hot for little hands!

2. Use soap and lather up for about 10 to 15 seconds (antibacterial soap is not necessary—any soap will do.) Make sure you get in between the fingers and under the nails where uninvited germs like to hang out. And don’t forget the wrists!

3. Rinse and dry well with a clean towel.  

Debbie Goldie, CMA

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It’s Spirit Wear Time!

The Green Primary PTA has begun it’s Fall Spirit Wear Fundraiser. Fundraiser orders can be taken through Wednesday, November 9th. Items will be on display at Greenwood. Please feel free to stop by and check them out anytime.

If you are ordering items as Christmas gifts and do not want them sent home in your child’s backpack, please mark “PICK UP” on your order form. Orders that are marked for “PICK UP” will be available at Green Primary School (the 1st—3rd grade building) from 3:00– 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Information and order forms will sent home with student on Monday, October 31. Please check your child’s backpack.
I am here Monday, and Wednesday, all day, and Friday AM only. Please let me know if I can help your child in any way this year. This month we are focusing on caring. In the classroom, we will discuss how we can care for our friends, ourselves and our community. I will be discussing ways they can give back on their own. This includes giving their time to help out others in need.

I will also introduce a way that students can express their feelings to their friends. It is called “a bug and a wish” Students will practice saying “It bugs me when____________. I wish you would________________.” For example, it bugs me when you kick my chair. I wish you would stop. Please encourage your child to use this language to effectively express their feelings.

We will also discuss some ways the children can help give back this holiday season. During the month of November we will “Stuff the Turkey” with toiletry items to send to our U.S. Military stationed over seas. You will see a flyer with more information about the program.

Veteran’s Day Observance

This year we would like to help students learn and understand the importance of Veterans Day. A letter went home with some of our students to invite veteran’s in their family to come and join our celebration. If you received a letter and have not sent back your letter, but would like to invite a veteran please call me at 330-896-7579 by November 7th so that we can include your veteran. During the celebration the Green High School Color Guard will come to present the colors and do the pledge with our students. They will also be demonstrating how to fold and care for our flag. Our hope is that students will begin to understand the meaning of Veterans Day and learn a bit about how to honor our flag.

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Conferences

- **Thursday, Nov. 3**  4:00—8:00 pm
- **Friday, Nov. 4**  (For Half-Day KG Only)  8:00 am—4:00 pm  (No School Half-Day Students Only)
- **Monday, Nov. 7**  4:00—8:00 pm

All parents should have received a conference invitation and confirmation notice to verify the date/time of your child’s conference. If not, please let your child’s teacher know right away!

**Conference Tips**  
(from Russell A. Johnson, Three Views Education Seminars)

**You Should:**
- Compliment and commend your child on his successful work. Compliment before criticizing.
- Compare your child’s work to his ability rather than some other child.
- Filter carefully what your child tells you about his experiences at school. It is a good rule for a parent to realize that they should not believe everything they hear about school, and that the school personnel should not believe everything the child says about what goes on at home.
- Commend the school on what you consider to be good ideas and programs.

**You Should Not:**
- Use your child’s grades as the only basis for judging the amount of academic success.
- Compare or criticize your child’s teachers or the school in front of the child.
- Be critical of new ideas or programs without getting all of the information about them.
- Expect the school to do disciplinary training that should be done at home.
- Exert undue pressure on your child; set reasonable goals for him/her.