GreenWood Charter School

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# Welcome Newsletter

## Greenwood's Vision

**We are embarking on the next decade of growing healthy bodies and healthy minds while we focus on getting back to our roots. We are eager to celebrate and invigorate our practices through applying our vision of Educating the Whole Child.**

**Greenwood**

- **Ignites a passion for a holistic lifestyle through practicing mindfulness, gratitude, and healthy habits to**
- **Grow the ability to build respectful relationships, actively seek knowledge and improvement, through feedback and revision so that we can**
- **Advocate and care for the natural world, solve problems with innovation, and preserve the dignity of each person.**

This year's theme

**EL Education focuses on building student confidence by creating learning experiences that foster a sense of mastery, promote character growth, and encourage risk-taking. The curriculum emphasizes student agency, collaborative work, and rigorous academic challenges that help students develop into confident, capable learners and citizens.**

## Calendar & info

- August 7 - Kindergarten Check-in
- August 14 - Back to School Event, 2-6 PM
- August 19 - First Day of School for 1st-8th grade
- August 20-22, 25 - Kindergarten Assessment
- August 26 - First Day of School for Kindergartners
- August ? Hearing Screenings
- August 28-29 Upper Grove Campout
- September 1 No School (Labor Day)
- September 5 - FCO Meeting @ 9 AM

## Back to School Checklist

- [ ] Meet teacher
- [ ] School Supplies
- [ ] School Picture
- [ ] Lunch Application
- [ ] UG Class Schedule
- [ ] School Information

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## Parent Helps

### LUNCH PAYMENTS

You can pay lunch payments a few ways.

- Pay in the office with Cash or Check
- Online (school website) with Credit Card

Payments take approximately 1 school day to post to your account. If your account is in the negative, you will receive an automatic email. Please review our Unpaid Meal policy

### ATTENDANCE

Important work and learning happen every day at GreenWood Charter School; consequently, regular attendance is expected and required for students to fully benefit from the educational opportunities offered.

In the event that your student is absent, please find the Excuse Absence button on our school's website or email attendance@greenwoodcharter.org

If a student is 10 minutes late or needs to be checked out, please come to the front office. A driver's license or valid ID is required for check out.

### PHONE POLICY

We have had great success with cell phones & devices this week. Please remind your students of what your family's decision with If you would like to update your plan or have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Clark

Here is a great flyer to reference.

### Pick-up & Drop-off

It takes us all a few days to get back into the routine of pick up and drop off.
Thank you for your patience!
Here are a few items to help the process run smoother:

- Please pull all the way to the car in front of you to allow other cars access to the students
- If you need to get out of your car to help your child in or out of the vehicle, please park your car in the parking stalls and come to the front doors for pick up
- Please do not merge until after the crosswalk
- As you are entering the parking lot, please note that there are two lanes. Please merge into one lane as you are approaching the school curb.

## Director's Message *by Mrs. Nelsen*

Welcome back and welcome to all of our new families! We are so glad to have you! If you see someone new, reach out and see if you can help make them feel welcome. "We are crew, not passengers!" Crew is what makes us unique and connects us all. Don't miss our opening Crew Circle Night on September 12th to find out more about crew, to get to know more about your teachers, and to meet our amazing families at Greenwood.

We are so excited about this upcoming school year. I hope you had some great down time with family this summer and enjoyed some time in the outdoors together. We are so excited to launch a new year at Greenwood. Our theme this year is "Radiate Confidence". Our students are amazing and we want them to know it! This year we are going to focus on building a growth mindset, strengthening resilience, and increasing perseverance. Your children are capable of amazing things. We want to support them to grow socially, emotionally, and academically to be the best version of them that they can be. We are looking forward to seeing the growth in each child. In order to be successful, we need them here.

"Chronic absence measures lost time from learning. It is defined as missing 10 percent or more of the total number of days enrolled during the school year. **Just two days per month can lead to chronic absence.** It includes both excused, unexcused, and out-of-school suspensions. For example, a student who has been enrolled for the first 30 school days at the beginning of the school year and has been absent three of those days is chronically absent. If a student misses 18 days in 1 school year, they will be chronically absent. Being chronically absent has a huge impact on a student's ability to read at grade level, perform academically, and graduate on time. Good attendance can help children do well in school, and eventually in the workplace." (CT.gov, 2025)

Please make sure that your students are here daily and that you are reading with them every night. Attendance and parent support make a huge difference! Please help us to help your student "Radiate Confidence"! We need you. We want to have you volunteer in classrooms, help with fieldwork, be part of our Family Crew Organization (FCO). Be sure to check in with your students about what they are learning and be involved. Together we can make this year at GreenWood the best one yet!

**Enrolling for the 2025-2026 School Year**

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*Share with your Neighbors, Friends, & Family!*

## LGCs & Opening Circle

September 12th we will be holding our Learner Goal Conferences and our Opening Circle Night for families. It was a great event last year, and one we will do annually. We are excited to bring families together with teachers to learn more about what their students will be learning this year and to set some goals for the year.

We will also have vendors and fun activities for the family along with food trucks and options to purchase dinner.

This night will be packed full of information and fun. You won't want to miss it!

## Back 2 School Mental Health Corner

To effectively transition into a back-to-school routine, start by establishing consistent sleep schedules, creating structured morning and evening routines, and organizing school supplies and a designated workspace. Additionally, involve children in the process, communicate clearly, and adapt the routine as needed to ensure a smooth and successful return to school.