GREENWOOD CHARTER SCHOOL

Educating the Whole Child

NEWSLETTER

Radiate Confidence

SEPTEMBER 2025 | WE ARE CREW + MINDFULNESS

DIRECTOR MESSAGE

We have had a great first couple of weeks! Your students have met their crews, learned the norms and started working on academics. We are so excited for this school year. Our theme this year is "Radiate Confidence". We have noticed that our students need some support in perseverance and growth mindset. We want our students to know how amazing they are and what they are capable of. Our hope is that you will work with us to create a school environment where learning is important, treating one another with respect matters, and students feel heard and seen. Please join us for our first FCO (parent meeting) meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday. We would love to see you there and partner with you to grow Greenwood together! Have an amazing September and don't miss out on our Opening Crew Circle. This event will help you be in the know this year!

Adventure Mondays

This year, Greenwood is launching Adventure Days as part of the "Take Me Outside Yearlong Learning Challenge". For five Mondays throughout the year, students will spend the entire day outside with their Specials teachers. Each Adventure Day has a special theme:

Learning the Land
Reciprocity & Gratitude
Grit in the Wild
Stories the Land Tells
Celebration of Stewardship

Please help your child come prepared with weather-appropriate clothing, sturdy shoes, and a water bottle. Crew teachers will share specific dates for when your child will participate. Together, we'll be building connections with the natural world while learning, growing, and celebrating stewardship!

Calendar Events

September

1st - Labor Day - No School
2 - Fire Drill
5 - Forest Crew - K-8 (Sparrows)
5 - FCO Meeting @ 9AM
8-12 - We are Crew Week
8 - Adv Monday - 4&5 grades
12 - Forest Crew - K-8 (Sparrows)
12 - UG Stomp (during school)
12 - Opening Circle Family Night
15 - Adv Monday - 2&3 grades
17 - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
19 - 4th grade fieldwork
22 - Adv Monday - K&1 grades
26 - TLD - No School

ACADEMIC TIPS - MATH

Hello families! It is so exciting to get back to school and start making our brains stronger! Each month, I will be sharing a fun opportunity for you to connect with math with your kids. You won't want to miss them!

This month, we are starting with a fantastic website called Bedtime Math. bedtimemath.org You look at a picture and solve a question. There are different questions for different ages, and you can get an app to have it quick at hand for those long lines at the grocery store or just before bed. If you do one of these problems with your kids daily, they will have nearly 200 more times to think mathematically this year, and THAT will have a huge impact on their success. You are going to love it! And please share your fun! Send me an email at kclark@greenwoodcharter.org or post on our Family Facebook page with the hashtag #GreenWoodMathRocks

Mathematically yours,
Mrs. Clark

FAMILY CREW ORGANIZATION (FCO)

When parents are engaged, kids succeed. Greenwood's Family Crew Organization (FCO) is our version of a PTA, where families come together to support classrooms, the lunchroom, library, fieldwork, book fairs, special events and even the "Back Seven". Our first meeting is Friday, September 5th at 9 AM after Forest Crew—join us and see how even a little of your time can make a big difference for your student!

State Parent Resource & Support Website - LINK

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"We are crew, not passengers.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is one of the most important factors in your child's success. When students miss school, even just a day or two here and there, it adds up quickly and can affect both their learning and their confidence.

Why Attendance Matters:

- **Learning builds daily**. Each lesson connects to the next, and missing class makes it harder for students to keep up.
- **Good habits last a lifetime**. Being on time and showing up regularly teaches responsibility and perseverance.
- **Connections are key.** Consistent attendance helps children build friendships, feel part of the class community, and develop stronger relationships with teachers.

Achievement improves. Research shows that students who attend school regularly are more likely to perform well academically and graduate on time.

Together, we can give every child the best opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed!

Info

Pick up and Drop off Norms

Morning Drop-Off

- Pull all the way forward before stopping.
- Have children exit the vehicle immediately.
- If you need extra time to say goodbye, please park.

Afternoon Pick-Up

- Pull forward before stopping for children to enter.
- If your child needs extra time or help, please park and walk to the school door.
- Do not leave your vehicle unattended in the pick-up lane.

Cell Phones

- Stay hands-free and alert at all times.

Highway 89 Parking

- Never park south of the school entrance—this is the only entry point.
- Avoid parking north of the entrance whenever possible.

STILL ENROLLING 2025-2026

We still have a few spots available! Please invite your friends and family to join our adventures. We have invites in the office, or you can share this link!

Mental Health Boost

Hi,

I made the Mental Health newsletter portion about how routine and schedules are important for families and students!

As everyone heads back to school, having a daily routine supports positive mental health. Schedules help reduce stress and anxiety by creating a sense of security and control for your student. Routines also help students manage their time, build healthy habits, and feel more prepared for each day.

How Routine Boosts Mental Health:

- Reduces uncertainty and anxiety by making the day more predictable.
- Encourages healthy habits like regular sleep, healthy meals, reduced screetime, and movement.
- Improves focus and academic performance by setting clear times for work and rest.
- Builds confidence as students learn to manage their time and responsibilities.

Tips for Starting the Year off Strong:

- Set regular sleep and wake times–aim for 8-10 hours of sleep.
- Plan time for breakfast to fuel the day.
- Create a daily homework routine in a quiet, consistent spot for no more than 30 minutes.
- Schedule breaks for movement or relaxation in the evening.
- Wind down at night with a calming activity as a family (reading, music, or gentle stretching).

Here is an additional resource for you to start your family's back school routine. Small, steady routines can make a big difference for mental health and a successful school year!

Ms Liz

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SPIRIT WEEK

Opening Community Circle Family Night

Opening Community Circle at GreenWood is an opportunity for relationships to be built between faculty and families. We meet together to build the spirit of Crew beyond teachers and students, create a positive first contact, share what's in store for the new school year, and share grade-level mastery goals.

September 12 | 5-7 PM

5:00-5:15: Early Grove Presentation
5:30-5:45: Middle Grove Presentation
6:00-6:15: Upper Grove Presentation

This year, we're thrilled to welcome our very first vegan food truck to Family Night, a dream years in the making! Join us for a night full of health and wellness vendors, exciting raffle prizes benefiting the Greenwood Gardens, and a chance to tour the Back Seven. It's a unique opportunity to try fresh, plant-based foods that reflect Greenwood's values of healthy habits and environmental stewardship. How often do school events give families the chance to explore new foods together? Come hungry, be adventurous, and share in this exciting step for our GW community!

Forest Crew

Most Fridays at 8:30 a.m., our school community gathers in the auditorium for Forest Crew. This weekly tradition provides students, parents, and faculty the opportunity to celebrate achievements, strengthen our sense of community and school pride, practice both presentation and audience skills, and build our Culture of Crew together.

- We have updated the schedule to rotate with K-5 grade, 6-8 grade, and on select weeks the entire student body K-8. Classes and Leadership students (Sparrows) will also rotate in presenting during Forest Crew. Please follow the school calendar, located on the school's website, for the weekly schedule

SAFETY CORNER

At GreenWood, safety is a top priority. Each month, we practice drills with our teachers and students to ensure everyone knows what to do in an emergency. We are also staying up to date with State guidelines to make sure we are doing everything possible to keep our students and staff safe. For your reference, here is a helpful resource with more information.

COMMUNITY CLASSES

My HomeTown is a community partnership that offers free classes. **They are currently offering language classes, art classes, parenting classes and more!** Sign up today, as spots are limited.

MY HOMETOWN WEBSITE