GREENWOOD CHARTER SCHOOL

Educating the Whole Child

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025 | *HEALTH VALUE - HEALTHY HABITS*

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DIRECTOR MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that it is October already! This month is full of fun. We start by kicking off October with the annual Fun Run and end with Safety Week. If you have never been here during the Fun Run, I recommend coming to support your kiddo. It is so much fun to cheer them on. The proceeds from the Fun Run help to support our expeditions, both the projects and the fieldwork. This month we also have Student Led Conferences (SLCs) and Fall Break. Please note that the first day of SLCs we have a regular school day and the second day we don't have school. That day is just for SLCs. If you have never been to SLCs (or you need a refresher), you can read the parent guide to be prepared to support your student. Empower your student by asking good questions and listening closely to what they have to say. Ask them how you can support them this year.

"There is something so special in the early leaves drifting from the trees – as if we are all to be allowed a chance to peel, to refresh, to start again." — Ruth Ahmed.

I love the fall. It feels like a great time to re-center and set some goals for the year. Help your students be successful this year. Attend Celebrations of Learning, Student Led Conferences, Family events and really listen to them! Let's make this year the best one yet!

Attendance Tips

Attendance at school is important for learning, developing academic and social skills, teaching responsibility, and for future education and career success.

Here are some tips to support school attendance:

1) Have a consistent routine at home including bedtime and mornings.

2) Limit screen time to no more than two hours per day (No social media for any child under 16). Monitor what your children are seeing/doing on screens to make sure it is appropriate for their age.

3) No screens one hour before bedtime to help their young brains and bodies relax and prepare for good sleep. Blue light from screens also makes it hard for people to relax and go to sleep. Children need 9-12 hours of sleep per night.

4) Talk with your child about why attending school is important for their future self to be successful.

5) Encourage education and doing their best work at school. Remind them it's okay to not know something or to make mistakes. Mistakes are how we learn. We can always ask for help.

6) Stay in touch with your child's teacher about any academic and attendance concerns so you can work together as a team to help your child be successful at school.

Calendar Events

October

3- Fun Run, Forest Crew K-8 (Sparrows)
6 - 5th Gr Fieldwork, Adv Monday UG
7 - Picture Retakes, Art/Kinder Expert
9 - FCO Meeting after school
9 - Fun Run Skate Party
10 - Forest Crew K-5 (Kinder Crew)
10 - UG Gardening Fieldwork
10 - 2nd Gr Fieldwork
13 - 15 Book Fair
14-15 - Student Led Conference
14 - Flu Clinic 3:30-6:30 PM
15 - SLC/No School
15 - Board Meeting 6:30 PM
16-17 - Fall Break - No School
20-24 - Safety Week
20 - 2nd & 3rd Gr Fieldwork
21 - Kinder Fieldwork
24 - Forest Crew K-5 (Kinder Crew)
24 - End of 1st Quarter
27 - Kinder & 1st Gr Fieldwork
28 - K-8 Vision Screening
29 - 4th Gr Fieldwork
31 - Lockdown Drill

ACADEMIC TIPS - MATH

Hello Families!
Happy Fall Y'all! This week and month is prime leaf viewing time! As you are enjoying the colors add some counting into the mix! For beginning counters see how many leafs you can count! For intermediate counters, try creative ways to group your leaves to count even higher. For advanced counters, think about the ratio of red leaves to yellow or leaves on the tree to leaves on the ground. Have some fun and add some number sense making to your conversation! Post on our Family Facebook page with the hashtag #GreenWoodMathRocks

Mathematically yours,
Mrs. Clark

BOOK FAIR

We are excited to be working with Scholastic Book Fairs and offer a large variety of books for all readers to enjoy.

Schedule
Monday - Oct 13 - 2:30-4 PM
Tuesday - Oct 14 - 4-7 PM
Wednesday - Oct 15 - 10 AM-6 PM

Children do need to be accompanied by an adult in the book fair.

New location - Stage

State Parent Resource & Support Website - LINK

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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- LEGO CLUB {**Sign-Up Form**} Tuesdays, Oct 7–Nov 18, 2:15–3:15 (no club Oct 14 for SLCs).
- After School Clubs Interest Survey {**Click Here**}
- **Coaches Needed** for Basketball (K-3) & Wrestling
- Parent Clubs - Interested in leading (reading, robotics, art, fitness, etc)

Sign up deadline - OCTOBER 15

Email Coach D with interest & questions - **dsciandra@greenwoodcharter.org**

GARDEN & AGROFORESTRY NEEDS

We're collecting clean leaves (no pet waste) and large pieces of cardboard for projects.

Info

- **You can access your child(ren)'s grades on JumpRope. If you can't access your account, please contact our office and they can help you login. If you have any questions on grades or assignments, please check in with the crew teachers.**
- **We schedule Student Led Conferences via Compass. Please watch for an email letting you know sign-ups are ready!**
- **All upper grove students will have new electives each quarter. The quarter ends on October 24.**
- **Progress Reports will be emailed on October 31st**
- **UG Winter Intensive sign-ups are coming soon - so watch your emails!**
- **Cold Weather is Coming! Please help your child be ready for success at school by dressing them for the weather. We are active outdoors each day, and it can get chilly without the right coat, shoes, and warm layers.**

FUN RUN

October 3

Schedule

8:30-9:15 - 4th & 5th grade

9:30-10:10 - 2nd & 3rd grade

10:20-11:00 - Kinder & 1st

1:15-2:00 - Upper Grove

Skate Party

October 9
Neptune Skating
5:30-8:30 PM

Mental Health Boost

The week of October 20 to 24 is Safety Week! Our students will participate in schoolwide Crew plans and activities focused on keeping themselves and others safe. Here's what they'll be discussing:

- Personal Safety: Understanding safe and unsafe situations, and learning strategies to stay safe at school, at home, on the internet, and in the community.
- Recognizing Unsafe Behaviors: Practicing how to identify unsafe actions and what to do if they or someone else feels uncomfortable.
- Trusted Adults: Learning who they can talk to if they have a problem or need help.
- Emergency Procedures: Reviewing fire drills, lockdown procedures, and how to respond in emergencies.
- Role-Playing & Discussion: Students will participate in scenarios and stories, helping them build confidence to make safe choices.

We encourage you to ask your child about what they learned during Safety Week and to continue these important conversations at home. Working together, we can help ensure a safe and supportive environment for all students! Here is an additional resource about safety too.

Ms Liz

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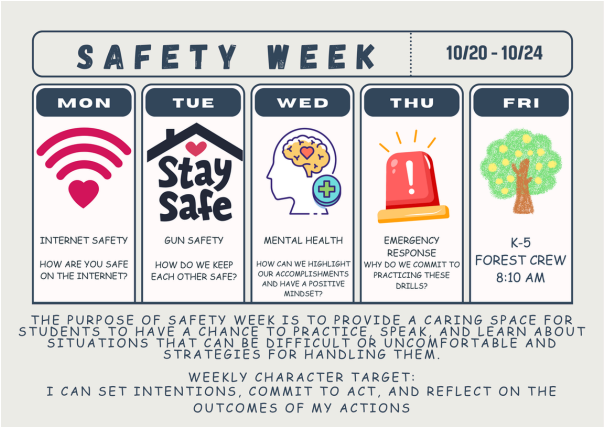
SAFETY WEEK | OCT 20-24



Student Led Conference

What sets our conferences apart in EL Education schools is the responsibility of every student to lead the conversation. They should be familiar with their personal strengths and opportunities for growth in each subject area based on observable artifacts and assessment data–and able to communicate them to you. In this way, students and their families stay well-informed about the students' educational progress at GreenWood.

These conferences are an opportunity for students to celebrate their success with you, and set goals to overcome any difficulties they are having. They are designed to support students to take responsibility for their academic progress.

October 14 & 15

Tuesday, October 14 will be a normal school day, with conferences starting at 3 PM. Wednesday, October 15 there will be no school, but conferences throughout the day. Watch for an email invite to sign-up for a Student Led. This is done through Compass. Attendance to Student Led Conference is REQUIRED. If you are unable to attend during these days, please reach out to your child(ren)'s Crew Teacher and set up a different time.

Family Surveys

Watch for our bi-annual parent survey. We will be doing it during SLCs and at our FCO meeting. We want your feedback. Please make sure you take it. We look at every response and take your feedback into account when we make decisions.

Forest Crew

Most Fridays at 8:10 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. Ms. Misty is our School Safety Specialist, and our School Guardian is completing state-required training. We follow the Standard Response Protocols (SRP), which align with local law enforcement to ensure consistency and collaboration.

✅ Visit our school website to review the SRP and our updated Safe School Policy.

💬 Join us at the upcoming FCO meeting to share feedback and ask questions. Oct 9th

We'll continue to strengthen our safety plan and keep families updated throughout the year. 💚

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