

SEPTEMBER
CALENDAR

- September 1– Background Check Processing, Greenbelt Elementary School Volunteers– Cafeteria, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- September 1– Parent Portal Information Session, 6:30 p.m.
- September 1– PTA Meeting– Media Center, 7:00 p.m.
- September 5-7 Labor Day Festival– Come buy books! Come sell books! (See article inside)
- September 7– Labor Day– Schools and offices closed.
- September 15– Sally Foster Kickoff
- September 25 and 28– Schools closed for students

Pause with Ms. Seidel

Thank you for a wonderful first week of school last week. It was great to see so many parents and families at Back to School Night. Parents, we have so many opportunities to welcome the community into our school. Keep checking the newsletter for your next chance to see what we do at Greenbelt Elementary School!

With all of the headlines and press lately about the Flu Season, I have included some information for you about school system policies and resources available to you. You can find them on the back of this page, or on www.pgcps.org

Finally, I would like to ask for each of you to work on returning your child's forms as soon as possible. These forms contain crucial information that we need in case of an emergency. In today's world, we just don't know when an emergency will happen. When we ask our children to "Be Prepared," that includes adults as well, and this information is an important asset. Thank you very much.

Kimberly Seidel, Principal

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First Week a Great Success

The beginning of a new school year is always exciting, and last week was no exception! Parents have done a great job of getting their children to school prepared to learn. Please continue to make certain that you have your child to school so they have enough time to be seated at 9:15 a.m. If your child is dropped off at or after 9:15 a.m., an adult must accompany the child to the office to sign the child in for the day. Remember, our goal is to "Educate World Class Students" and to do that, we must create an orderly and safe environment for all.



A Note from Mr. Manfredi and Ms. Moscati

Please ensure that your child is wearing shoes that cover his/her entire feet on days when they have Physical Education. It is very easy to be injured during activities when you do not wear the right shoes.

Donations Needed!

Our wish list for donations currently includes:

- ♦ Gently used (adult) rocking chair
- ♦ Tennis balls
- ♦ Arts materials (music instruments, paper, crayons, notions, fabric)

Tomorrow is the "Big Night!"

Our first PTA Meeting will be tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. This is a great time to meet our officers, pay membership dues, purchase your Greenbelt Elementary School shirt (the green, or the international flags), and greet other parents and staff members. Free childcare is provided in the gym! See you there!





Labor Day Festival and Book Sale

This coming weekend is Labor Day, which is a great time to be a kid in Greenbelt! Why not give up two hours of your day to support the PTA book sale? We need shift volunteers for the PTA's annual Used Book Sale at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. The book sale is not only fun and educational, it is our PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year. Shifts at the booth are two hours: Fri. evening, Sat. 10 am - 11 pm, Sun. noon - 11 pm, and Mon. noon to 6 pm. To sign up, email amy.hansen@nasw.org. We also need help moving books on Thurs. Sept 3, especially if you have a van or pickup. Email melissa.j.sites@gmail.com if you can help sort or move books, or to help with the logistics of the sale. Thank you to the parents who have already donated time and labor...many hands make for light work!



A Moment for Our Health

With the flu season approaching, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is working to keep you informed and updated on the current health concerns including the potential H1N1 influenza outbreak. Being prepared and taking preventative measures are essential in keeping you and your family members protected.

All PGCPS offices and schools are stocked with soap and paper towels in the bathrooms for frequent hand washing by students and staff. Every public school bathroom in the county has a sticker detailing appropriate hand washing. Hand sanitizer will also be available in high traffic areas and classrooms in schools and offices.

To be sure that you receive messages about possible changes in school operations, it is very important that your child's school is provided with your most up-to-date contact information, including telephone number(s) and email address, and let the school know right away if any information changes. PGCPS will continue to work with the County Health department for guidance during the flu season and for any outbreaks.

PGCPS has developed a number of internet resources to aid parents during this time. This link is a Parent Action Plan for what do if students must stay home.
<http://www1.pgcps.org/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=98394>

As more resources become available, we will share them with parents. The key is to be prepared.

