

# Greenbelt Gazette



## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- September 22– Sally Foster Kickoff
- September 25– schools closed for students– Professional Development for teachers
- September 28- Schools closed for students– Yom Kippur
- October 6– First Quarter Progress Reports released
- October 7– Walk to School Day
- October 15– Individual pictures
- October 16– State Teaching Convention– Schools closed

Greenbelt Elementary School , 66 Ridge Road , Greenbelt, MD 20770

## *Change in Arrival Procedures*

As we have been observing our students for three weeks now, we have made a change to morning arrival. Please remember that students should not be dropped off, or arrive at school before 8:50 a.m.

At 8:50 a.m., Mrs. Case will come out and call for attention. She dismisses students to breakfast, and at 8:58 a.m, she will dismiss the longest line of students into the building.

If your child arrives after his/her line has already gone in, he/she will be asked to wait. After classes have started moving in, Mrs. Case forms two lines of students to minimize everyone's wait to come in.

## Pause with Ms. Seidel

We are continuing to assemble all of the forms that are being returned to school. Please make certain that you have turned in all of the emergency forms that we need to protect your child. This information is not shared outside of the school and is so important in case we need to contact you.

Please also turn in the money for the Scholastic Weekly Reader and Time for Kids as soon as possible. The PTA generously paid for the subscriptions for our school and would like to have that money to apply to other expenses for our children.

Our dismissal is running very smoothly now, but I would still encourage you to consider parking on the street and having your child cross at the crossing guard to meet you. Please remember that you **MUST** stay with your car and follow the directions given by the staff outside. We need to keep all of our children safe.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school!

*Kimberly Seidel, Principal*



Stay up to date with the school website!

Class pages can be found on the Staff page.

Important dates can be found on the Calendar page.

Past issues of the **Greyhound Gazette** are found on the News page.  
<http://www1.pgcps.org/greenbeltes>

## Donations Needed!

Our wish list for donations currently includes:

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

## *Have You Heard?*

The numbers are in for the PTA Labor Day Book Sale!! Watch this space for a complete rundown of how many books were sold, how many were collected, and how much money was raised in total! Thank you all for your support of this major fundraiser!

## How can you help your child soar to success at Greenbelt Elementary School?

As parents, you have significant impact on your child's day. Consider signing papers at night, as part of the homework routine, and packing up the child's backpack at night before bed. Then, in the morning, all your child needs to do is eat a healthy breakfast (or arrive at school early enough to eat here) and kiss you goodbye.

Another thing you can do is to ask your child these two questions at dinner (or before bed):  
"Tell me three things you learned today."  
"Tell me one thing that you are happy about today."

By asking questions about your child's educational experience, you are showing that you are involved in what is going on and the value you place on school. You are also teaching your child to find something positive in each day!

## Music Groups are Coming!

By now, you've seen chorus contracts and instrumental music forms coming home. Please talk with your child (for chorus, grades 3-6, and for band, 4-6) about this commitment before returning the paperwork to the Music Department. Greenbelt Elementary School is known for our quality music programs, and we'd love to have your child participate! For more information, please contact your child's music teacher.

## Announcing the Return of the Book Review!!

In the spring of last year, we announced that the Gazette would publish book reviews, written by students. Please turn in your book review to Mrs. Case and she will publish it in a future issue! This week's reviewer is ...Mrs. Case!

**Book Title:** The Name of This Book is a Secret

**Author:** Pseudonymous Bosch

**Who should read this book:** Fifth and Sixth Graders, especially those who love the Series of Unfortunate Events

**What it's about:** This is a fun story about a big secret that two nosy kids, Cass and Max-Ernest, who set about to unravel a story about a magician, a lost twin brother, a creepy "perfect" woman, and things that smell weird!

