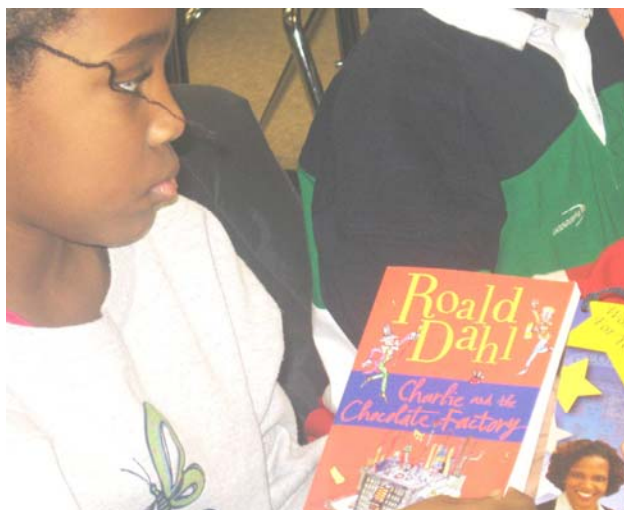




Councilwoman Ingrid Turner Visits, Donates Books



Third Grader Brooke Goggins shares her book and bookmark courtesy of Councilwoman Ingrid Turner.

Councilwoman Ingrid Turner has always had a special commitment to education. She has supported programs at Greenbelt Elementary School throughout her tenure, so it was no surprise that her office called to say that she wanted to come and read to students at our school.

However, when Councilwoman Turner arrived with books in tow to donate to our students, the

children were excited and thrilled to see her. Each student received a copy of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl, as well as a bookmark. Then, she had all of the students open the books and she began a read-aloud of the first chapter! The students were excited to hear the story being read and were happy that Ms. Turner took time to come and visit their class.

Ms. Seidel, our school principal, commented, "It is awesome to have someone partner with our school and support us when needed."

Thank you so much, Councilwoman Turner, for thinking of our students!

Pause with Ms. Seidel

Congratulations to the students who participated in the school STEM Fair on Thursday, January 21, 2010. This was one of the best STEM Fairs we have had, and the judges and other teachers in our school were greatly impressed by the work of our children.

Congratulations to Mrs. Zanin for an excellent STEM Fair!

This issue of the Gazette celebrates our school's achievements in the first half of the academic year. We have much to be proud of, and a strong foundation to build on. It is great to be a Greyhound!

Kimberly Seidel, Principal

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- January 27– Vision and Hearing Screening– Ms. Katz’ class 2-3:00 p.m.
- January 28– Vision and Hearing Screening– Ms. Simms’ class 2-3:00 p.m.
- January 29– Vision and Hearing Screening– Ms. Hancock’s class 2-3:00 p.m.
- February 3– Second Quarter Report Cards released
- February 12– No school for students– Professional Development Day for teachers
- February 15– No school– Presidents’ Day

Notes from the Office

Greenbelt Elementary School is considered a late school. Our students are permitted to enter the building at 9:00 a.m. to prepare for the instructional day that begins at 9:15 a.m. When the school system announces a two hour delay, students are to report to school at 11:00 a.m. Breakfast will still be served.

Our students must be properly supervised at all times. Parents who drop their students off before 8:50 a.m. are placing their child/ren in an unsupervised, potentially unsafe environment.

A reminder about our regular arrival procedures:

8:50 a.m.– Doors open for breakfast

9:00 a.m.- Students are allowed to enter the building.

9:15 a.m.– The instructional day begins.

Dismissal Times:

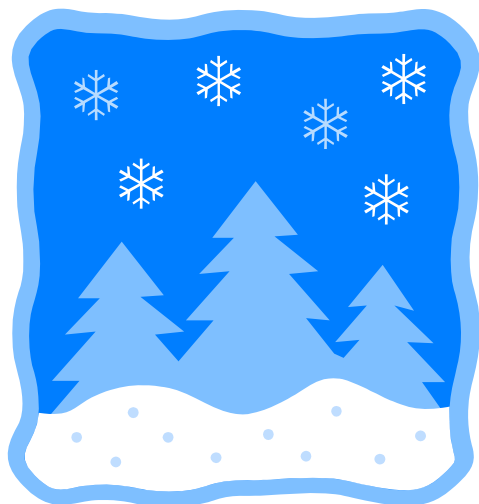
Please plan for all early dismissals to be completed before 3:00 p.m. If your family is experiencing an emergency, please contact the school secretary for help with an early dismissal.

3:25– Walkers are dismissed.

3:28– Parent pick-ups are dismissed.

3:45 p.m.—All students must be picked up prior to this time.

College Park Preschool
Education Fair, Saturday
January 30, 2010
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.



On Saturday, January 30, 2010, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., there will be a preschool education fair sponsored by the city of College Park Education Advisory Committee. There is no cost to attend and refreshments will be served. Meet teachers and parents from local programs. The fair will be held at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park, MD. For more information, please call 301-441-2647. There will be a Spanish interpreter available.