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Principal's Message

Dear Greenbrier Middle School Families,

This will be our final newsletter for the school year. There are many events scheduled in the next few weeks where we will recognize the accomplishments of many of our students. We look forward to seeing you here. Be certain to check the dates on the back page and not miss in on the opportunity to celebrate your child and his/her success! Be sure to check your child's Edline and team webpage for additional updates.

Our teachers and staff have been working diligently to educate your children. Many students are rising to the occasion and are exceeding our expectations. Others have relied heavily upon the support offered and have really made a connection to the challenging content. Teachers are still seeking ways to help struggling students and making continued efforts to provide assistance. The Standards of Learning tests will begin to be administered May 18 and will be taken through June 5. Our teachers have gone to impressive lengths to prepare your children for these important assessments. We look forward to giving the students an opportunity to show us what they have learned.

I would be remiss if I did not take this time to thank the phenomenal PTA at Greenbrier Middle School. With John Admire serving as our president this year, he has led this fine group of volunteers to accomplish great things on behalf of our school. Thanks to ALL who contributed, volunteered and supported the numerous PTA events this year. It has been a pleasure working with this board of dedicated parents.

If your child is moving up to the high school next year, I wish you and your family much success. Thank you for sharing your child with us in the middle school years. For those returning to us next year, I look forward to watching your child grow and develop to being the best he or she can possibly be.

Wishing you and your child a successful close to our school year and a wonderful summer break!

THE PARENT SURVEY IS ONLINE!!!!

The parent survey is online on the school's website (Greenbriermiddleschool.net) and Edline. Please be sure to take this opportunity to give us feedback on how we can better serve you and your children.

We are constantly looking for ways to improve and protect the quality and integrity of your child's instructional time. We would like to avoid any unnecessary classroom interruptions next year, due to forgotten homework, lunches, and other items. We would love to hear from our parents with suggestions to help us avoid these interruptions. Please submit your suggestions to Mrs. Porter.

Thanks for your continued support!

**SPRING INTRAMURAL
SPORTS**

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

The tournament will be a 10 vs. 10 round robin tournament. Space is limited to 10 teams. The tournament will be held Tuesday, May 19 through Thursday, May 21 from 3:30-5:30 pm. Open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

This program is FREE. Please see Mr. Oliver for more information and a permission slip.

THERE IS NOT AN ATTENDANCE LINE AT GRMS. PLEASE SEND A NOTE WITH YOUR STUDENT WHEN THEY RETURN FROM AN ABSENCE. YOUR NOTE EXCUSES THEIR ABSENCE! THANK YOU.



MAKE UP PICTURES

There will be make up Spring Pictures taken from 8:30—9:30 on May 4th. Students must be certain to listen for the announcement to get this last opportunity for pictures to be taken this year.

CINCO DE MAYO~

Mrs. Kenley's Spanish I students will celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Each student has been working on their project, creating a restaurant brochure. They will present their brochure and bring samples of the house specialties to the fiesta on Tuesday, May 5th! Ole'



HAVE YOU MOVED?

If you moved to a new address during the school year, please be sure to provide a copy of your current GAS, WATER or ELECTRIC bill showing usage at your new address. This will ensure that all final report cards, SOL scores and schedules for next year get mailed to the correct address. The address will not be changed in the student's record without this information.

COUGAR TEAM—END OF YEAR PICNIC



The Cougar Team will have its annual end of the year picnic on Monday, June 1 from 6:00-7:30 at the Chesapeake City Park, Shelter 1.



NURSE NOTES: MEDICATIONS

Please pick up your student's medication in the clinic by noon on the last day of school, Thursday, June 11. Any medication left after that time will be discarded as directed by school board policy. Thanks for your cooperation.

Students who have been absent should be checking the website and/or Edline for missed assignments

YEARBOOK NEWS:

PARENTS! There's still time to order your student's yearbook for the 2008-2009 school year. Simply go to www.jostensyearbooks.com and order your student's yearbook quickly and easily! There are only 200 books left, so ordering ahead will assure your student will not be disappointed. Check and mail orders are no longer accepted at Josten's. Extra books not ordered will be sold at the end of school for \$40 each. Special personalization is not available now, but plastic covers and autograph sections are still available when you order!

ORGANIZED CHAOS

Come out and support the GRMS premier step team, "Organized Chaos", for the last two competitions of the year.

May 9	IRHS	6:00 pm	\$8.00
May 15	CCC	6:00 pm	\$15.00

(Chesapeake Conference Center)

GREENBRIER MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC NOTES

The Spring Band concert will be held on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00. The concert will feature the 6th, 7th, 8th grade bands and the Jazz Band.

The Spring Chorus Concert will be held on Thursday, May 14 at 7:00.

The Spring Orchestra Concert will be held on Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00.

On Friday, May 29 the Music department will have a POPS concert featuring a combination of band, orchestra and chorus students. They will be performing a variety of motion picture themes.

EDLINE INFORMATION



Edline is an online program which allows parents to access their student's grades. Edline is updated every Wednesday. Parent activation codes and instructions were mailed home with your student's schedule in August.

If you have not accessed Edline and have misplaced your activation code, contact GRMS at 548-5309. Leave your name, phone number, and child's name and Mrs. Toleman will return your call. If you have activated your Edline account and are having difficulty, please contact Ms. Coles at 548-5309.

VIRGINIA READERS' CHOICE PROGRAM

The Virginia Readers' Choice Program is sponsored by the Virginia State Reading Association. Its purpose is to "encourage young readers to become acquainted with contemporary books with outstanding literary appeal and to broaden students awareness of literature as a life-long pleasure." In order for students to participate in voting they had to have read at least four of the ten books listed below.

Adam Canfield of the Slash. Michael Winerip, Roaring Brook Press, 2005.

Airborn. Kenneth Oppel, HarperCollins, 2004.

Black Duck. Janet Taylor Lisle, Philomel, 2006.

Blue. Joyce Moyer Hostetter, Boyds Mill Press, 2006.

Hattie Big Sky. Kirby Lawson, Random House, 2006.

Hitler's Canary. Sandi Toksvig, Roaring Book Press, 2007.

La Linea. Ann Jaramillo, Roaring Book Press, 2006.

The Loud Silence of Francine Green. Karen Cushman, Houghton Mifflin, 2006.

The Mailbox. Audrey Shafer, Random House, 2006.

Surviving Antarctica: Reality TV 2083. Andrea White, HarperCollins, 2005.

The following students and faculty were eligible to vote:

Amanda Austin*, Arielle Cromer*, Mrs. Doren*, Mrs. Dotson*, Angela Hinton*, Danielle Hodge*, Caroline King*, Ms. Lovin*, Matthew McGee*, Mr. Oakley*, Mrs. Sabbato*, Bailey Stewart*, Mrs. Garrett, Kaitlin Mayberry, Ms. Rogers, Stephanie Schapowal, Taylor Young, Kayla Miller, Ms. Skeete, Chrisana Cuffee, Kelsey Schnoebelen, Jarad Taylor, Alden Jackson, Dan Jelf, Marjani Williams, Kayla Brooks, Kara Daniels, Zachary Evaristo, Grant Jarvis, Chasity Jordan, Kylie Kennedy, Vanessa Mercado, Caitlin Nemeth, Autumn Parker, Thomas Sudlow, Kaytlynn Ayers, Mrs. Bowden, Justin Hash, Nicolle Jimenez, Nicole Mandley, Eliza Munoz, Sydney Parker, Kriti Sehgal, Kristina Soriano, Allison Sorrell, Rachel Whitesitt

*denotes the reader read all ten books

SINGING PANTHERS



Congratulations to the twenty four chorus students who participated in the 2009 All-District Chorus in February. This group represents the best singers in Chesapeake, Portsmouth, and Suffolk. **Greenbrier Middle had the highest number of middle school students selected!!**

All three grade levels participated in their Choral Performance Assessments during the month of March. Each group performed and received scores and comments from judges on their performances. The Sixth Grade Chorus participated in the District IV Performance Assessment on Saturday, March 21 at Wilson High School in Portsmouth. They received Superior ratings from all three judges! The Seventh and Eighth Grade Choruses participated in the Chesapeake Performance Assessment on Saturday, March 28 at Oscar Smith High School. The Seventh Grade Chorus received an overall Superior rating, and the Eighth Grade Chorus received a Superior rating in every category!! Congratulations!

Congratulations to Andrew Dulce and Rebecca Strunc who were selected to the Virginia Middle School Honors Chorus. They represented our school April 23-25 in Fredericksburg, VA. This is a huge honor!!! Congratulations also to Rebecca Stamp who is an alternate!

IRHS SUMMER READING



All students enrolled in Honors English 9 for the 2009-2010 school year must complete a summer reading assignment due on the first day of class. The assignment and the assessment tool (grading rubric) will be posted on the IRHS school website. The student's 8th grade teacher will distribute a hard copy of the assignment to each student before the end of the school year.



16th Annual Concours de Français

The following 8th grade French I students represented Greenbrier Middle School on Saturday, April 26 at the 16th Annual Concours de Français: Gerard Bennett, Sydney Brown, Jesse Cannon, Alyssa DeLeon, Ron Escueta, Justin Hash, Alphonso Hyman, Rachel Kennedy, Katie Lange, Tara Leatherwood, Karly Lemm, Sydney Parker, Jenna Saniano, Dinar Yusufov, and Deanna Zelinski. The competition was held at Virginia Wesleyan College and included French students from all over the Tidewater area. All participants should be commended for representing their school well, and for their many hours of practice preparing for the competition.

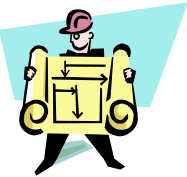


The International Baccalaureate Academy has accepted the following students: Leizel Baker, Tyler Bodge, Ariane Caday, Alyssa DeLeon, Jalen Gray, Justin Hash, Kelsie Jacobs, Ian Lim, Siobhan MacFarlane, Matthew McGee, Jessica Miller, Isis Monteiro, Dana Nelson, Caitlin Nemeth, Jenna Saniano, Stephanie Schapowal, Kristina Soriano, Jacob Stevens, and Rebecca Strunc.

The Technology Academy has accepted the following students: Nicholas Bellucci, Taylor Bobrow, Tyler Bodge, Justin Dickason, Nikolasa Kaniewski, Siobhan MacFarlane, Matthew McGee, Isis Monteiro, Andre Ovalle, Sydney Parker, Stephanie Schapowal and Jaron Waters.

The Governor's School of the Arts has accepted the following students: Arielle Cromer, Grant Jarvis, Micah Kalagayan, Illya Lykinin, Ryan McGovern, Anthony Smith, and Austin Wilkins.

BUILDERS CLUB KUDOS



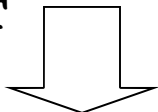
The staff at Our House Family Shelter was delighted to receive over 260 household cleaning supplies donated by the GRM Builders Club. The donations greatly assisted needy families at the shelter and demonstrated the generosity of the students and families at Greenbrier Middle School. The local Kiwanis Club members visited the GRM Builders Club monthly meeting. They enjoyed observing the highly dynamic group having lots of fun while working on projects that benefit the school and the local community. The local Kiwanis Club sent a letter of appreciation stating, "The Kiwanis Club of Chesapeake is very proud of the GRMS Builders Club. We appreciate the commendable efforts of Mrs. Galford and Mrs. Crawford, as advisors to the club, and those of the school administration who combine to make these great opportunities available to our young people for community service".

Many thanks to the following
businesses for being our
Partners in Education

JASON'S DELI, CG CLEANERS, GREEN-
BRIER DENTAL CARE, RED ROBIN,
GREENBRIER ANIMAL CARE CENTER,
BAKER'S CRUST, TUTORING CLUB,
RITA'S WATER ICE, CHICK-FIL-A, TGI
FRIDAY'S, CINEMA CAFÉ, HAIR CUT-
TERY AND GREENBRIER FLORIST.



IMPORTANT
DATES



FLICK OPEN A
GREAT BOOK



Greenbrier Middle is going into summer full speed ahead with our reading incentive for the last nine weeks. Students reading the highest percentage on their reading goal will be given the opportunity to attend one of two movie nights scheduled at GRM. 50 students from each grade level will be invited to attend a viewing of the movies "Twilight" or "Bedtime Stories". The movie nights are scheduled for June 9th and 10th. Encourage your Panthers to "flick" open a book and get involved with this exciting opportunity! Please contact Kathy Doren, media specialist, for more information on this event.

5/1	Spring Musical	7:00	Auditorium
5/4-5/8	TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK		
5/4	City Track Meet	5:00	GFHS
5/5	Jason's Deli Night	5:00-8:00	Jason's Deli
5/6	National School Nurse's Day		
5/7	Cheering Info Meeting	6:00	Room 900
5/8	8th Grade Dance	3:30-5:30	Cafeteria
5/10	Mother's Day		
5/11	PTA Board Meeting	6:00	Media Classroom
5/12	Band Concert	7:00	Auditorium
5/12-5/15	Cheering Tryouts		
5/13	Spring Sports Awards	6:00	Auditorium
5/14	Chorus Concert	7:00	Auditorium
5/18-6/5	SOL TESTING		
5/18	Interim Reports go home		
5/19-5/21	Dodgeball Intramurals	3:30-5:30	Gym/Aux Gym
5/19	Orchestra Concert	7:00	Auditorium
5/25	Memorial Day NO SCHOOL		
5/29	Spring POPS Concert	7:00	Auditorium
6/1	6th Grade Awards Reception/Assembly	6:00	Auditorium
6/2	7th Grade Awards Reception/Assembly	6:00	Auditorium
6/8	8th Grade Awards Assembly/Reception	7:00	Auditorium
6/11	Last Day of School		
6/18	REPORT CARDS MAILED HOME~		

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER...SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!!