

Welcome Back to School from the Greenbriar PTO!

Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We are hopeful that this school year gradually brings back some of our beloved PTO activities. As we have learned, flexibility will be key and we may have to adjust, BUT our goal always remains the same- to provide and create a supportive and caring community for **ALL** of our Greenbriar Greyhounds and beyond.

In this packet you will find information about the Greenbriar Parent Teacher Organization ("PTO"), the programs/activities we sponsor for the benefit of Greenbriar students and their families, fundraising information, and ways in which you can become involved. You will also find instructions for our online registration website, **Paperless PTO** and various other back to school information.

Key Information for the 2021-22 School Year:

- Check out the PTO website www.GreenbriarPTO.com. This is your one stop shop for information, volunteer opportunities, items for sale and much more.
- There are NO paper forms to turn in for PTO Membership, Spirit Wear, Block Parent, etc! Everything can be accessed electronically.
- Spirit Wear Days will be approximately 2 times per month on Thursdays. We are hoping to bring back Pizza days & Dairy Queen/Bundt cakes this Fall!
- Marla's Brown Bag is our sole school lunch program and is available 5 days a week (except for PTO Pizza Days). You can find the link to Marla's below.
- Spirit Wear will be available for purchase online.

The Greenbriar PTO truly appreciates the efforts, support, and participation of all Greenbriar families and staff. We thank you in advance for your support!

Please see all the pages in this packet for important information.

We look forward to meeting all our new families and seeing everyone soon!

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Back to School Check List

1. Log on to your PAPERLESS PTO ACCOUNT at www.GreenbriarPTO.com and pay for back to school items.

Site is LIVE~ Remember to go to the site to purchase PTO membership, birthday signs and spirit wear.

RETURNING FAMILIES: Your login will be the same as last year. Please manually update your child's teacher in Paperless PTO once classroom assignments have been sent (MY ACCOUNT > MY STUDENTS). If you have an incoming kindergartener, you can also add them on this page.

NEW FAMILIES: Welcome! Your account has been setup for you by our PTO team handling Paperless PTO.

Your login should be your primary e-mail account that was used while registering your child. There is one Paperless PTO account per family.

When you go to Paperless PTO for the first time, click on Forgot my Password, and you can reset your account.

For any questions on your account, please e-mail: greenbriarptonorthbrook@gmail.com

PTO Items:

- PTO family membership (\$25/family – includes the Paperless PTO App and Fees)
- Student Activity Fund (Suggested amount: \$25/student) Your tax-deductible donation supports PTO sponsored school activities such as: Welcome Back Lunch for the Teachers, Teacher Appreciation Week, Teacher Wish Lists, Field Trips and special school events.

Also available for purchase through our site:

- PTO Pizza Day lunches (will be available when we bring it back)
- Dairy Queen Blizzard/ Nothing Bundt Cake Treats (will be available in future)
- Birthday Signs – **Presale pricing ends 8/20. All sales end 9/3**
- Spirit Wear – available for purchase - samples sizes will be available for viewing in the Greenbriar office. Please note that no child can try on items this year, but one can hold up for sizing purposes.
-Spirit wear orders are due on Friday, 9/3

ALL ITEMS LISTED ABOVE CAN BE FOUND UNDER THE "**FOR SALE**" TAB ONCE YOU ARE LOGGED IN PAPERLESS PTO.

2. Complete the BLOCK PARENT FORM

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSGAWA_KJBDx1OQDoQX5QM_sQZ0btqNalrPSMjoDjkS0v7P-Q/viewform

Block Parent Day is Friday, September 10th. Follow the link for more information and to become a Block Parent.

3. Volunteer for PTO COMMITTEES

Volunteers are essential to the success of numerous activities and events hosted by the PTO. It is our hope to bring back as many of these events and programs as long as it is safe to do so and within District and IDPH guidelines. Please consider signing up for a committee (or multiple committees) to make Greenbriar great!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094ca4ab2fa57-20212022>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is the PTO and how does it benefit Greenbriar?

All families and staff in the Greenbriar community are invited to join the PTO. The goal of the PTO is to provide programs, activities and materials to support and enhance the academic curriculum and to enrich the grade school experience for Greenbriar students and their families. We also look to support our teachers throughout the year to give thanks for their amazing work. We truly appreciate and depend on all the parents and teachers who volunteer their time and talents to make our endeavors a success.

Spirit Wear- See our new Spirit Wear items – Remember to order items on the Paperless PTO system.

Birthday Signs –The PTO will put Birthday signs in your yard for your child’s birthday or half birthday (if the child's birthday is in the summer)! Signs are available for purchase through the PTO website. **Pre-Sale ends August 20th end of day.**

PTO Committees – Would you like to get involved but aren’t sure where or how to get started? We can help you find something that fits your time constraints and schedule! There really is something for everyone with both daytime and nighttime activities and events.

A complete description of committees and volunteer responsibilities can be found here:

<https://www.greenbriarpto.com/pto/members/documents/GB%20PTO%20Committee%20Descriptions%202021-2022.pdf>

Paperless PTO– This is access to our Paperless PTO system- This online application contains the Directory and there is an App you can download to your phone! This will be your main site for all things PTO! The PTO system is where one purchases spirit wear, pizza days, blizzard days, and any PTO sponsored items.

What does the PTO sponsor or organize?

*Art Adventure – Grade specific programs that allow the students to learn about various artists throughout the year and once a year grade level events that take the student on a journey through diverse cultures to learn about history through art. You can also participate in the adventures with your child!

*Book Fair – Fall and Spring opportunities to expand your child’s home library.

*Fifth Grade Yearbook and Year End activities

*Marla's Brown Bag lunch – Marla's is the lunch provider that Greenbriar uses.

*Spirit Wear & Spirit Days – The PTO makes Greenbriar wear easy to purchase. and order online! See the calendar for a list of spirit days.

There is a full comprehensive list of all that the PTO (See PTO Committees above)

* The PTO spends a majority of its time and efforts on teacher recognition and support. Back to school lunches, conference lunches, grants, and so many other programs which happen throughout the year.

During the pandemic, the PTO focused on supporting our teachers and staff. From a Dunkin Donut coffee truck to a taco Tuesday meal and so many other treats, the staff felt really appreciated in what was the most difficult year on record. The PTO was also able to fund a new circulation desk which will be debuted at the start of this new school year.

How does the PTO raise money?

*PTO Membership dues: A portion of the **\$25.00 fee per family** covers the cost of our Paperless PTO website, directory and App. The Directory will be accessible only through the Paperless PTO website or an app on your smartphone or tablet. (No printed directory). In order to receive the App you must be a PTO member and pay the \$25 dues. Membership dues also cover the costs of all Halloween, Holiday and Valentine's Day Class Parties.

*Student Activity Fund: The PTO asks families to donate a suggested amount of **\$25 per child**. 100% of your donation goes directly to helping Greenbriar families in need and funding valued programs like Art Adventure, Science Night, Family Evenings, 5th Grade Celebrations, Field Trips, and many much more. Company matches are also welcome.

*Book Fairs, Spirit Wear, Hot lunch program, Pizza lunch, Birthday Signs and Dine & Shares, etc.: These activities provide additional fundraising dollars in addition to being enjoyed by many families.

How do I get involved?

*PTO MEETINGS: In this packet, you will find a yearlong Calendar summarizing all of the PTO events, including dates for each PTO Meeting. **Everyone** is welcome to join in any and all PTO meetings! ***Note**: Meetings for the 2021-2022 year will continue to be conducted virtually. We will provide login information prior to each meeting and make meeting minutes available on our website.

*VOLUNTEER FOR COMMITTEES: The PTO is only as strong as its volunteers! Whether you are new or a veteran, please consider volunteering for a committee. It is a great way to get to know the families and staff in the Greenbriar community! Use the Sign-Up Genius link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094ca4ab2fa57-20212022>

If you have any questions about any roles, please feel free to email Kimberly Yen or Marie Junkmann. The PTO e-mail account will go to both:

greenbriarptonorthbrook@gmail.com

*VOLUNTEER FOR ACTIVITIES/EVENTS: Watch for information in the Greenbriar Gazette or in email blasts from our website throughout the year about how to sign-up for many PTO sponsored activities (i.e. Family Service projects, Art Adventures, etc.).

What else do I need to know?

*School Supplies: If you preordered last Spring, supplies will be delivered to your child's classroom. Remote Learning Academy students will be designated a time where they can pick up their kit boxes. If you did not pre-order school supplies, the complete list of school supplies can also be found on the Greenbriar website.

*Communications: The Greenbriar PTO will continue to communicate primarily by email, as well as through our Facebook page and the Paperless PTO website.

Paperless PTO: www.GreenbriarPTO.com

Facebook: Be sure to "Like" our page:
www.facebook.com/greenbriarptonorthbrook

2021-22 PTO Meeting Dates

PTO MEETINGS

Meetings will be held virtually

September 14, 2021 @ 8:45 am

October 12th, 2021 @ 8:45 am

November 9, 2021 @ 8:45 am

December 2021 – No PTO Meeting

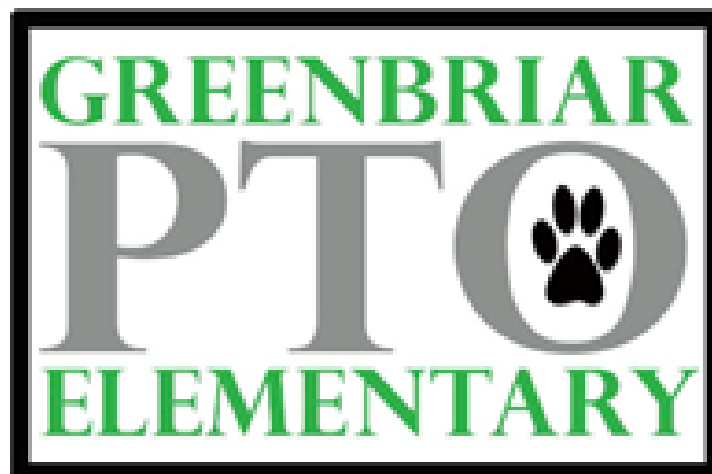
January 11, 2022 @ 8:45 am

February 8, 2022 @ 8:45 am

March 8, 2022 @ 8:45 am

April 12, 2022 @ 8:45 am

May 10, 2022 @ 8:45 am



Greenbriar PTO Calendar At-A-Glance

2021 - 2022

August

8/18	Kindergarten Meet and Greet	10:45 - 11:45 am
	Meet the Teacher (via Zoom)	1:30 - 2:30 pm
	Staff Back to School Lunch	12:00 pm
8/19	First Day of School	
8/26	PTO Informational Meeting	6:00 - 7:00 pm
	Curriculum Night (via Zoom)	6:30 - 7:30 pm

September

9/3	Half Day of School	
9/6	NO SCHOOL	
9/7	NO SCHOOL - Rosh Hashanah	
9/9	Spirit Day	
9/10	Picture Day	
9/14	PTO Meeting (via Zoom)	8:45 am
9/16	NO SCHOOL - Yom Kippur	
9/22	Greyhound Gathering	5:00 - 6:30 pm
9/23	Spirit Day	

October

10/7	Spirit Day	
10/12	PTO Meeting (via Zoom)	8:45 am
10/14	Half Day of School/ Parent Teacher Conferences	
	Book Fair	1:00 - 8:00 pm
10/15	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Institute Day	
10/21	Spirit Day	
10/29	Halloween Parade and Classroom Parties	1:15 - 3:15 pm

November

11/3	Cultural Fair	6:00 - 7:30 pm
11/4	Spirit Day	
11/9	PTO Meeting (Zoom)	8:45 am
11/18	Spirit Day	
11/22 – 11/26	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break	

December

* NO PTO Meeting *

12/2	Spirit Day	
12/10	Winter Sings	
12/16	Spirit Day	
12/17	All School Pajama Day Classroom Holiday Parties	
12/20	NO SCHOOL – Winter Break	

January

1/3	SCHOOL RESUMES	
1/11	PTO Meeting (Zoom)	8:45 am
1/13	Spirit Day	
1/14	Half Day of School	
1/17	NO SCHOOL - MLK Jr. Day	
1/27	Spirit Day	

February

2/8	PTO Meeting (Zoom)	8:45 am
2/10	Spirit Day	
2/17	Half Day of School/ Parent Teacher Conferences	
2/18	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Institute Day	
2/21	NO SCHOOL – Presidents’ Day	
2/23	Family Service Night	6:00 - 7:00 pm
2/24	Spirit Day	

March

3/8	PTO Meeting (Zoom)	
3/10	Spirit Day	
3/16	Science Night	6:00 - 7:00 pm
3/21 – 3/25	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break	
3/31	Spirit Day	

April

4/12	PTO Meeting (Zoom)	8:45 am
4/14	Spirit Day	
4/15	NO SCHOOL	
4/27 - 4/28	5th Grade Musicals	7:00 - 8:00 pm
4/28	Spirit Day	

May

5/2-5/6	Teacher Appreciation Week	
5/10	PTO Meeting (Zoom)	8:45 am
5/12	Spirit Day	
5/19	Art Show and Open House Book Fair	6:00 - 7:00 pm 3:30 - 7:00 pm
5/25	County Fair	5:30 - 7:30 pm
5/27	Field Day Spirit Day	
5/30	NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day	

June

6/1	Last Day of School	
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