Dear Green Gables Families,

Labor Day is coming soon, which means an end to the summer months and cooler weather just around the corner. The school year is off to a great start! I hope new and returning families have all felt welcomed as part of our school community. As is the case with each school year, the first weeks bring excitement, enthusiasm and a curiosity for what is to come in the new school year. For some, it also brings some nervousness and wondering what the school year will bring. The entire Green Gables staff has enjoyed connecting with students and hearing stories of the summer. We welcome you to a new school year and look forward to working together. Through all of the reconnecting, we are reminded of the important work to do. Each year, your children grow, change, and learn many new things. Our school mantra is “Leading, Learning, and Growing... Together!” This year we will continue with our school initiatives focusing on fostering social emotional learning, as well as an English Language Arts curriculum that integrates content mastery, character skills, and high quality student work and experiences. We connect this learning to all content areas as an important part of preparing students for the next grade, as well as their years beyond Green Gables. Through our work, we will empower our students to celebrate their efforts and learn from their challenges. Learning is a journey of continual growth and reflection. As always, the first few weeks we have focused on going for the G.O.L.D. by learning what it means to:

Give Respect
Offer Kindness
Listen and Learn
Demonstrate Safety

Continued...
Look for more information in our monthly newsletters, as well as the Sunday Messenger around our monthly and weekly social emotional learning foci. It is a great way to connect what students are learning in school and at home.

We stand ready to ensure your children have an opportunity to reach their highest potential. However, we cannot do it alone. Students benefit most when families and teachers work together. This is so very important to us. There are many opportunities for involvement and I would welcome ideas from you. One way to become involved is by joining our PTA meetings. We have an active PTA that plans multiple school-wide activities and fundraising endeavors. Our PTA meets the second Tuesday of every month from 5:30-6:30 in the library. Be sure to look on our school website calendar for specific dates. Our School Accountability Committee is another way to get involved. The Accountability Committee is an advisory board including families and staff. This committee will meet directly before the PTA meetings at 4:30 in the library. I highly encourage and welcome you to become involved in these partnerships and take advantage of any other volunteer opportunities. It really does take many hands to make a difference in the life of students.

Green Gables is an amazing community and I feel fortunate to serve as your principal. Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions about our school.  
Suanne.Hawley@jeffco.k12.co.us  
303-982-8314

Kind Regards,

Suanne Hawley
Your Green Gables Principal

have fun inspire connect explore create  
Free general admission for kids 18 and younger every day at the Denver Art Museum.
**Important Dates**

**September 2nd**  
No School - Labor Day

**September 3rd**  
Assessment Day - Attend Only  
During Your Students Scheduled Assessment Time

**September 4th**  
First Day of Band and Orchestra for 5th Graders

**September 5th**  
Back To School Garden-Kick Off 8:45am-12:00pm

**September 9th**  
Accountability Meeting 4:30-5:30pm

**September 10th**  
PTA Meeting 5:30-6:30pm

**September 12th**  
Youth Farm Stand 2:45-3:30pm

**September 13th**  
5th Grade Field Trip BC High School Parade 12:40-3:00pm

**September 17th**  
PTA Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser

**September 18th**  
Kindergarten Field Trip to The Children’s Museum 9:15-1:45pm

**September 20th**  
No School-Professional Learning Day

**September 24th**  
Watch Dog Pizza Night 5:30-6:30pm

**September 26th**  
Youth Farm Stand 2:45-3:30pm

**September 27th**  
Field Day**

- Kindergarten through 2nd- 9:00-10:45am
- 3rd through 5th—1:00-2:45pm

*Running Club is on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:10-3:55pm Starting on September 5th.*
save the date

Our next PTA meeting is September 10th in the library. Join us at 5:30 pm where we will discuss what’s happening at Green Gables and in the community. Pizza will be provided and children are always welcome.

Thank you to all our members and sponsors!

Follow Green Gables Elementary PTA on Facebook

JOIN PTA!!

Grab a membership form from the PTA bulletin board or at one of our meetings.

Message from the President

Our mission as a PTA is “To enrich and enhance Green Gables student experiences while engaging the school community.” What this means is that we continually work to ensure that everything we do will help make the most of every student’s experience at Green Gables. With this in mind, we do things like plan and help coordinate fun events like Science Night and Math Night, annual participation in Denver’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Before and After School Clubs, and others. We fund things like bus fees for student field trips, grade-level fun nights, teacher classroom resources, staff appreciation events, and more. Of course in order to provide these things we coordinate a number of fundraisers throughout the year.

There are so many ways that you can get involved in the PTA and there is a way for everyone to contribute—whether you have a minute, an hour, a day, or more. Please attend our first meeting of the year to learn about opportunities to get involved, and to learn how you can join the PTA. Our meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the school library. The first meeting is Tuesday, September 10th, 5:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there and working together to make this the best year yet for every Green Gables student!

~ Christy Cerrone greengablesptapresident@gmail.com
All visitors to our school must sign in and sign out in the front office. A visitor’s badge must be worn at all times while visiting our school.

*Please remember that a photo ID is required to check your student out during school hours.

Students should not be at school prior to 8:10 a.m. unless they are eating breakfast as there isn’t an adult available to supervise them.
**Student School Fees Are Due**

School fees can be paid in our office with cash, check or credit/debit card. Fees can also be paid online with the following link using a debit/credit card:

https://jeffcoconnect.jeffco.k12.co.us/

Student lunch and breakfast can be paid for by cash or check at our school. You may use the following link to pay with a debit/credit card or to set up a scheduled payment plan. Students will need to learn their student ID number in order to purchase school meals.

https://www.schoolcafe.com/jeffcosd

It is very important to keep track of your student’s lunch account balance!

There is a link on our Green Gables website to our monthly lunch menu.
Crossing Guards Needed

Crossing guards are a very important part of our school's safety. We need volunteers from 8:10-8:20am and in the afternoon from 3:05-3:15pm. If you are able to commit to one or more times please call the office or stop by to sign up.

Watch D.O.G.S.

Our Watch D.O.G.S. program is a wonderful opportunity for dads, grandfathers, uncles or other father figures to help support our school. It provides a positive male role model for our students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important. Our Watch D.O.G.S. also adds extra set of eyes and ears to help enhance our security and help reduce bullying.

Please sign up for our “Dads and Kids Pizza Night” on September 24th 5:30-6:30pm to learn more about the program at ggwatchdogs@yahoo.com.

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GREEN GABLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE & TARDY POLICY INFORMATION
ATTENDANCE LINE 303-982-8309

In accordance with the State Board of Education regulations (I CCR 301-78) for student attendance, Green Gables would like to inform you of the following attendance and tardy guidelines. (See pages 27 – 32 in Conduct Code)

ATTENDANCE
The following are examples of EXCUSED ABSENCES:
- Funerals
- Legal Obligations
- Illness
- Religious Observations
- Injury
- Extenuating Circumstances determined by the principal
- Medical Procedures
- School Sponsored Activities
- Visiting parent/guardian who is an active duty member

Any other absences are unexcused. Please call our attendance line at 303-982-8309 by 8:45 am on the day of the absence to report any absence or tardy. If you fail to report an absence, a confirmation call will be made to the contact number(s) listed in Jeffco Connect. Please respond to this call/message as quickly as possible as any absence that is not confirmed within 24 hours will be considered an UNEXCUSED absence.

Parent/Families requesting Pre-Arranged Absences (vacation) must have prior approval from the principal 3 days prior to the absence. In order for the absence to be excused, the parent must complete the “Pre-Arranged Absence Form” and meet the following criteria:
1) Student is in good academic standing
2) Has no unexcused absences
3) Has four or fewer excused absences in a semester or seven or fewer in a school year

The school will adhere to the school policy for makeup work.

It is the responsibility of the parent to submit the Pre-Arranged Absence Form to the office staff. A separate form is required for each child. Approval for each Pre-Arranged Absence Form will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

TARDIES

Tardies are excused or unexcused based on the same guidelines as the Attendance policy.

UNEXCUSED TARDIES

Examples of UNEXCUSED TARDIES include:
- Running late
- Business call/meeting
- Overslept
- Lost Keys
- Alarm clock failure
- Misplaced homework
- Car trouble
- Bicycle problems
- Traffic
- Construction
- Parents running late
- Spending time w/Parent
- Late night-student is sleeping in
District Guidelines Regarding Medications

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES

The process for administering medication (prescription and non-prescription) to students has been updated. Parents must provide a medication order signed by their healthcare provider if their student has a condition that will require administration of any medication (prescription or non-prescription including Tylenol). Parents are asked to provide medication along with the appropriately signed medication form that can be picked up at your student’s school. A nurse may delegate administration of either a prescription or over-the-counter medication, based on the healthcare provider’s order. Please contact your school’s clinic aide or the Health Services Department at 303-982-7251 should you have any questions.

⇒ All prescription medications must have a medication form filled out by your student’s physician and it must have a pharmacy label on it.

⇒ All over the counter medications such as cough drops and Tylenol must have a medication form filled out by your student’s physician and be in their original container.
Friday, September 27, 2019

Kindergarten through 2nd grade is in the morning from 9:00 am-10:45 am.

3rd through 5th grade is in the afternoon 1:00 pm-2:45 pm.

If you are interested in volunteering please sign up below in the sign-up genius. If you have any questions please email me at eminer@jeffco.k12.co.us


Thank you for being a vital contributor to the Green Gables Elementary Field Day. This is a day for students, teachers, parents and community members to enjoy outdoor games in the name of fun. We want to encourage all students to enjoy being active and give them the opportunity to thrive in an active environment. This day is about being active together and congratulating each other on the effort we give. Please remind students to high-five, and congratulate other participants in their events after the races. This instills great sportsmanship and teaches our students the importance of being a good sport. We want students to learn how to work together, motivate themselves, and reward themselves and each other with hard work.

Please remind your student to wear sunscreen, running shoes, and to carry a water bottle for hydration. Parents if you are joining us for the event please make sure you sign in at a Field Entrance and wear a visitor's tag. Most of all have fun, smile, enjoy the laughter and promote an active lifestyle.

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Making family reading a priority is a vital way to help your child become an expert reader.