

Green Township School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Green Township School District has launched an amazing school year for our students! The first month of school was filled with many wonderful moments of learning and excitement. From the nervous energy of the first day of school to the fun and laughter of our classroom lessons, September Pep Rally, fall sporting events, Garden Club, Choir and Band sessions, Art experiences, and PTA Fall Book Fair, the days have quickly turned into weeks! Thank you to our students, staff, parents, and community members for making the launch of the 2023/2024 school year such a resounding success!

As we move into the month of October, it is joyful to see the students settled into their routines and working hard each day to build their understanding and develop a deep awareness of the content being presented throughout their classes. Our students are engaged in meaningful learning opportunities with their teachers and peers. Moving throughout the building, it is amazing to observe the range of experiences from PREK to 8th grade! This month is going to be a great experience for our students! Please find updates to a variety of areas included below.

District Goals 22/23 School Year - We are pleased to share our district goals for the 23/24 school year. We will be working to implement steps to reach each of these goals throughout the year. Updates on these initiatives will be periodically shared via letter and presented at Board of Education meetings.

Goal 1: Initiate the development of curriculum maps for grades PreK-8.

Goal 2: Create partnerships that will enhance student learning.

Goal 3: Continue to ensure consistent and efficient communications with all stakeholders and provide opportunities for community involvement.

Arrival and Departure – Thank you for your support as we made revisions to our arrival and departure protocols. At this time, both arrival and departure are running in a safe and efficient manner without having anyone parked out on the roadway. This is such an improvement! Please be reminded that there are two acceptable entrances located by the back parking lot and front walkway. Additionally, please be reminded that everyone must exit from the exit closest to the softball field regardless of which entrance you utilize. At dismissal please be sure to monitor your children as you would in any parking lot area. If you wish to spend some time with friends, please bring your children to the playground area so that the children can safely play away from the vehicles in the parking lot. Finally, please continue to take your time when pulling in and out of the parking lot and always remember to show a little extra patience with one another to help to



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make everyone's day brighter! We appreciate everyone's support in our arrival and departure protocol!

Child Study Team, School Nurse, Guidance Counselor, and Student Support Staffing – We are excited to share the information regarding our team members who will be supporting your students this year. If you feel that your child is in need of additional supports, please feel free to email one of our team members, Mr. Bollette, or myself.

Staff Member	Role	On Site Days and Times
Dawn Peluso	Behaviorist	1 Day per Week
Kerry Burneyko kburneyko@greenhills.org	School Nurse	Monday – Friday 8:06 am – 3:16 pm
Adrianna Velez aevelez@greenhills.org	School Psychologist	Tuesday and Friday 8:06 am – 3:16 pm
Janice Faraone jfaraone@greenhills.org	Child Study Team Administrative Assistant	Monday – Friday 8:06 am – 3:16 pm
Tiffany Lutz <u>tlutz@greenhills.org</u>	Social Worker	Monday – Friday 8:06 am – 3:16 pm
Marybeth Stiles <u>mstiles@greenhills.org</u>	Guidance Counselor	Monday – Friday 8:06 am – 3:16 pm
Rachael Tucker rtucker@greenhills.org	Occupational Therapist	Monday - Friday 8:06 am – 12:00 pm
Allison Peck	Physical Therapist	Various Hours, Monday and Wednesday
Kathy Wolfe <u>kwolfe@greenhills.org</u>	Speech and Language Specialist	Monday – Friday 8:06 am – 3:16 pm

School Breakfast – We are offering school breakfast after the bell each morning to our students. The cost of breakfast will be \$2.25 and will be enjoyed during homeroom/first period.

Transportation Update – We are pleased with the transportation schedule and timeliness of the buses each day. Please remind your children that the expectation is that all students remain seated and buckled while on the school bus for their safety. This year we revised the protocol to load and unload buses and have received great feedback from our students, parent, and drivers



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alike about not having to wait to load and unload each day. We will be hosting our annual bus evacuation drills through the month of October to ensure compliance to this requirement. All students will exit out the back of the bus during our AM bus arrival under the supervision of our district staff.

Dress Code Reminder – Please be reminded that our district follows a dress code. While today's fashion is focused on crop tops and micro shorts, we have instructed our students that these trending fashion items are not in line with the district dress code. If you have a specific question or concern about dress code, please reach out to Mr. Bollette or myself to discuss.

Parent Partnership Committees – We are excited to announce several parent involvement activities for the 2023/2024 school year. All parents are invited to be a part of various advisory committees including the District Wellness Committee, Parent Advisory Committee, and Farm to School Initiative Committee. The District Wellness Committee will focus on supporting the overall well-being of our students and staff including nutrition, physical and social-emotional well-being, and making our school a safe and supportive space for all students and staff. The Parent Advisory Committee will focus on ensuring equity for all learners and engaging in discussion about how to make our school community a safe and inclusive environment for every student. The Farm to School Initiative Committee will work to promote our farm to school plans including gardening experiences with our students and staff. The meetings will be held on the following dates and times in person in the library. Please park behind the building to enter via the library doors for these parent engagement sessions.

District Wellness Committee	Wednesday, October 18 th at 6:15 pm – 7:00 pm
Parent Advisory Committee	Wednesday, November 15 th at 6:15 pm – 7:00 pm
Farm to School Initiative Committee	Wednesday, December 13^{th} 6:15 pm – 7:00 pm

Postings – The Green Township School District is currently hiring for the following positions. Please share this information with anyone who may be interested! Full postings can be found on our district website.

Part Time Speech and Language Support Paraprofessional Support -8:00 am - 10:00 am and 1:00 pm - 3:30 pmFull Time Middle School Special Education Language Arts Teacher Daily Bus Monitors from 3:10 - 4:10 pm

We are off to a tremendous start to this 2023/2024 school year! It is an honor to be a part of our amazing district! Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Jennifer Cenatiempo, Ed.D. Superintendent

Jon Paul Bollette Principal/Curriculum Director