



Green Township School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians of the Green Township School District,

Spring is finally upon us in Green! We are all thankful for today's weather after the rainy Spring Break that we all just experienced! Hopefully we are moving towards more of these sunny warm days as we look ahead to the third semester of the school year!

We are so proud of our students for all that they have accomplished so far this school year! From improving in reading and math to learning new techniques and skills in the arts and music, our students continue to shine like the stars they are! It is an exciting time of the year with so many wonderful events and activities planned for our students and school community. Please see the following updates regarding some of the great things happening in our school district!

Climate and Culture Meeting Tonight, In Person and Remote Option Available -

Please join us to discuss best practices in promoting dignity, engagement, and individualization for every student. These meetings will provide participants with opportunities to share their thoughts regarding the student experience at the Green Township School District. As part of a comprehensive Climate and Culture Initiative within the district, Dr. Kennedy Greene will facilitate these sessions to generate conversation, promote reflective inquiry, and consider current structures that may impact the school experience for our students. Through this work, we will explore pathways to achieve our mission as a school community.

Upcoming Climate and Culture Meeting Information

Dates: April 9th, May 7th, June 11th

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Green Hills School Library

Remote Option Available: Please RSVP to jcenatiempo@greenhills.org for the remote meeting link

Facility Updates – We are pleased to note that the natural gas line has been run to the school. This work was completed over the break to avoid impacting our daily operations and will allow for the district to utilize natural gas as a fuel source in the upcoming school year. The conversion project from oil boilers to natural gas boilers will occur over the summer. Additionally the small set of stairs alongside the gym has been restored and will be open for use later this week. Please note that the other larger set of stairs alongside the building will be restored over the summer. We are proud of our building



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and grounds and thank our amazing custodial team for all of their efforts in maintaining and improving our facility.

School Play – Please join us for this year’s school theater production of Into the Woods, Jr. to be performed on Thursday, April 18th and Friday, April 19th. Doors open at 6:30 pm for the 7:00 pm performances. Our students and teachers have worked tirelessly on this incredible performance! Please join us for two great evenings of theater!

Bicentennial Event at the Green Township School District – Please save the date of May 16, 2024 for our Green Hills School District Bicentennial Event! This event will showcase student work and performances that commemorate the 200 years of our historic township! More details to follow as we get closer to this important event.

Dress Code Reminders – Hooray for warm weather! We are all excited for the warmer weather. We appreciate your support in guiding your children to follow the school dress code. Please know that while current fashion is promoting a certain style, our dress code will remain in accordance with Policy No. 5511. For your convenience, the expectations for dress code are listed below.

A. General Rules

1. Pupils are expected to be clean and well-groomed in their appearance.
2. Pupils are expected to avoid dress and grooming that is likely to create a material and substantial disruption to the school environment.
3. Dress or grooming that jeopardizes the health or safety of the pupil or of other pupils or is injurious to school property will not be tolerated.

B. Prohibited Clothing and Articles

The following garments and articles are prohibited in school and at school-sponsored indoor events:

1. Extremely low-cut, tight fitting or transparent clothes, bare midriffs, and suggestive clothing, halter tops, tube tops, strapless tops, excessive bare midriff tops, spaghetti strap tops/dresses, mesh or revealing shirts or tops. Excessively short shorts/skirts/dresses are all unacceptable as school attire.
2. Skirts, dresses, and pants that end higher than mid-thigh;
3. Bare feet, unsafe footwear, cleated shoes, and footwear intended for the beach; open backed shoes (such as flip flops);
4. Patches and decorations that are offensive or obscene;
5. Undershirts (underwear) worn without an outer shirt;
6. Clothing that is overly soiled, torn, worn, or defaced;



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7. Nonprescription sunglasses, glazed, and tinted glasses, except as prescribed by the pupil's doctor;
8. Portable audio or video devices;
9. Other summoning devices, except as permitted in Policy No. 2360;
10. Clothing, apparel and/or accessories which indicate affiliation with any gang associated with criminal activity or have references to alcohol, controlled dangerous substances, or tobacco;
11. Clothing containing profanity or sexual references or innuendoes;
12. Clothing which includes racial or ethnic violence;
13. Hats, hoods, visors, headbands and other headgear unless allowed by the individual teacher, but not allowed in hallways.
14. Any clothing that is likely to create a material and substantial disruption to the school environment.

Should there be a concern raised about violations of the dress code, the Building Principal or designee, will interpret and apply the code. If a student does not dress in accordance with the above policy, the parent will be called to bring appropriate change of clothing or the parent may take the student home to change. A student will not be allowed to participate in any co-curricular or class activities if dressed inappropriately.

NJDOE School Performance Reports – We are proud to share the 2022-2023 NJDOE School Performance Reports results with our school community. According to this report, our school district exceeded the standard in English Language Arts with a score of 69.5 and met the standard in Math with a score of 53.5 for student growth compared to other students. In terms of performance on the state standardized assessment, our district met the standard in English Language Arts with a pass rate of 71.1% and met the standard in Math with a pass rate of 55.8%. In the area of chronic absenteeism, our district scored 15.4%. We are committed to supporting every student to reach their greatest potential as a member of our safe and supportive school community. We will continue to review all data available to support our progress in all areas of student achievement. For the full report, please navigate to the following web address. <https://rc.doe.state.nj.us/2022-2023/district/summary/37/1800>

Thank you for your continued support! Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cenatiempo, Ed.D.

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