

# Greenwood Elementary PTA Newsletter

January 2017

Home of the Gators

## Principal's Corner

Happy New Year Gatorland! It has been a joy welcoming your students back from the winter break. 2017 should prove to be an exciting and learning-filled year. A new year often brings with it the desire to improve and grow. Our overarching goal at Greenwood Elementary is for all students to learn at high levels. We emphasize the following four essential questions as we work towards that goal:

1. What do we expect students to learn?
2. How will we know what students have learned?
3. How will we respond to students who haven't learned?
4. How will we respond to students who already know?

The time you spend supporting your students and our school in your homes is invaluable. We are deeply grateful for the effort you make as your students hone their reading, math, and writing skills. Working together we can help all of our students learn at high levels, and have a wonderful experience being a Greenwood Gator!

Warmest regards,  
Mr. Killpack

## PTA President's Message

We finished out the year with a PTA sponsored Santa shop. It was busier than Santa's workshop! Students were excited to be able to shop for their family and friends. Huge thanks to those who were able to volunteer to help during that event.

We hope to see you at our PTA meeting on Thursday at 3:45 in the media center. Come be involved in your child's school!

## **YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!**

The prices for yearbooks will change on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Get yours now while the prices are still \$10.00 each. Yearbook order forms were sent home with students, or you can pay for them in the school office.

If you don't remember if you've ordered a yearbook yet, please call the office and they can check the list.

**We're on Facebook**  
**"Like"**  
**Greenwood Gators**

**For updates and  
our school calendar  
visit our website:**  
Greenwood.alpineschools.org



We always need volunteers!  
Email: [ptagreenwood@gmail.com](mailto:ptagreenwood@gmail.com)  
for more information!

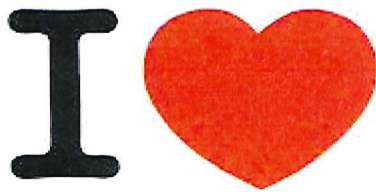
## BOX TOPS CONTEST!!

Students and Parents!

We had a great time with our December box top challenge, and a lot of box tops were turned in! A new contest will be announced soon. Any box tops you turn in now will count towards the new contest, so keep them coming!

## What's Happening?

- 1/5 – PTA Meeting @ 3:45pm
- 1/9 – Family Night Assembly @ 6:30pm  
Alaskan Husky Sled Team
- 1/10 – Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
- 1/13 – Clark Planetarium Assembly
- 1/16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
**NO SCHOOL**
- 1/23 – SCC Meeting @ 5:15pm
- 1/25 – PTA Birthday Table
- 1/27 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Donut Day
- 2/2 – PTA Meeting @ 3:45pm
- 2/3 – STEM (Science) Fair



## CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT

Join us for this month's spirit night! We will be at Chick-Fil-A from 5:30-8:30pm on January 10th.

Bring your families and enjoy a great meal while supporting our school. Be on the lookout; you might just see your favorite teachers there too!

January  
9th  
6:30pm

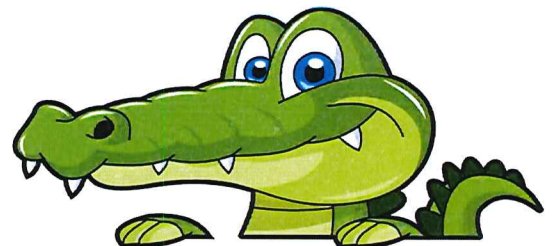


**Greenwood  
Family  
Night**

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## STEM (Science Fair) Coming Soon!

The STEM Fair will be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Teachers will be sending home more information with students with details about rules, deadlines, and exhibit times.





*January*

*9th*

*6:30pm*

*Alaska Husky Spirit*



# **Greenwood Family Night**

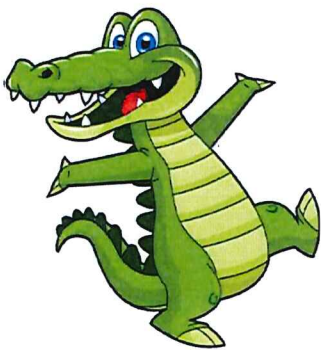
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Remember - "To be a star, you must shine your own light, follow your own path and don't worry about the darkness for that is when stars shine the brightest!"

*We'll see you Monday night!*

# GREENWOOD ELEMENTARY SPIRIT NIGHT



**Tuesday – January 10, 2017**

**5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**(Breakfast menu items will be available)**

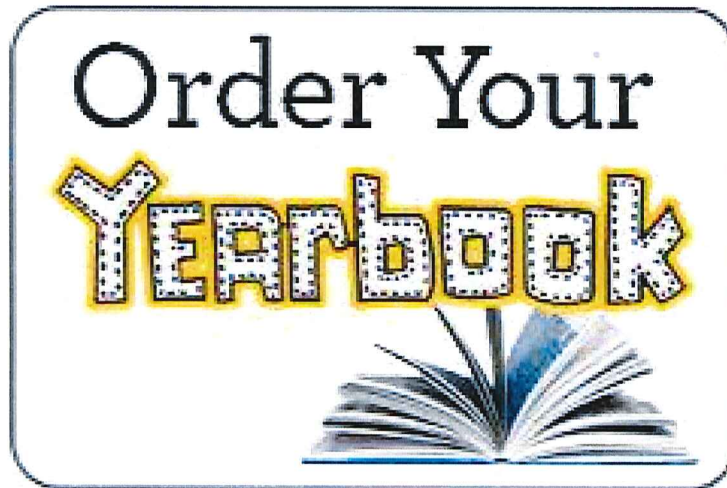
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183 North West State Road - American Fork

**Visit Chick-fil-A and tell them you are there to support Greenwood Elementary School and 20% of all revenue will be donated to the school.**





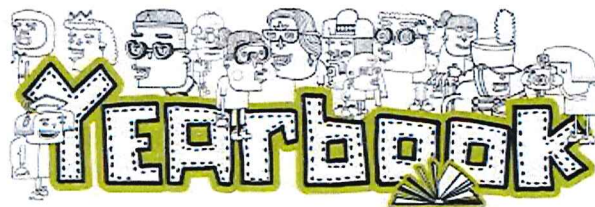
*Yearbooks are now on sale!*

*Order before February 13<sup>th</sup> \$10*

*Order after this date \$15*

*You can pay in the office with exact cash or check  
(made out to Greenwood)*

*Yearbooks are full color and professionally printed  
(We're using the same company as last year)*





# January



## MONDAY

2

**Holiday Break - No School**



9

- Mini Corndogs
- Chicken Patty Sandwich
- Potato Wedges
- Diced Peaches
- Veggie Bag

16

**MLK - No School**



23

- Chicken Corndogs
- Chicken Patty Sandwich
- Potato Wedges
- String Cheese
- Strawberry Cup
- Veggie Bag

30

- Dutch Waffle with Scrambled Eggs
- Chicken Patty Sandwich
- Hashbrown Patty
- Veggie Bag
- Strawberry Cup

## TUESDAY

3

- Pepperoni Pizza or Cheese Pizza
- Pork Rib-A-Que Sandwich
- Baked Beans
- Banana
- Applesauce
- Veggie Bag

10

- Pepperoni Pizza or Cheese Pizza
- BBQ Pork Sandwich
- Baked Beans
- Juicy Juice Berry
- Veggie Bag

17

- Pepperoni Pizza or Cheese Pizza
- Pork Rib-A-Que Sandwich
- Baked Beans
- Pears
- Diced Peaches
- Veggie Bag

24

- Pepperoni Pizza or Cheese Pizza
- BBQ Pork Sandwich
- Baked Beans
- Juicy Juice Berry
- Diced Peaches
- Veggie Bag

31

- Pepperoni Pizza or Cheese Pizza
- Pork Rib-A-Que Sandwich
- Baked Beans
- Banana
- Applesauce
- Veggie Bag

## WEDNESDAY

4

- Chicken Bites
- Hot Dog
- Potato Wedges
- Side Salad

11

- Chicken Tenders
- Deli Sandwich
- Mac and Cheese
- Side Salad
- Strawberry Cup



18

- Orange Chicken with Steamed Rice
- Hot Dog
- Chocolate Chip Cookie
- Side Salad
- Strawberry Cup

25

- Hawaiian Haystack with Steamed Rice
- Deli Sandwich with Nacho Cheese
- Dorito Chips
- Pineapple Tidbits
- Side Salad
- Toppings for Haystack
- Peas
- Diced Celery
- Chow Mein Noodles

## THURSDAY

5

- Chicken Drumstick with Mashed Potatoes
- Chicken Gravy & Dinner Roll
- Hamburger
- Veggie Bag
- Green Beans

12

- Thick Sliced Turkey with Mashed Potatoes
- Turkey Gravy & Dinner Roll
- Hamburger
- Green Beans
- Veggie Bag

19

- Chicken Drumstick with Mashed Potatoes
- Chicken Gravy & Dinner Roll
- Hamburger
- Green Beans
- Veggie Bag

26

- Alpine Chicken Bowl with Dinner Roll
- Hamburger
- Veggie Bag
- Corn

## FRIDAY

6

- Pizza Rippers with Marinara Sauce
- Chicken Patty Sandwich
- Double Fudge Cookie
- Diced Peaches
- Side Salad

13

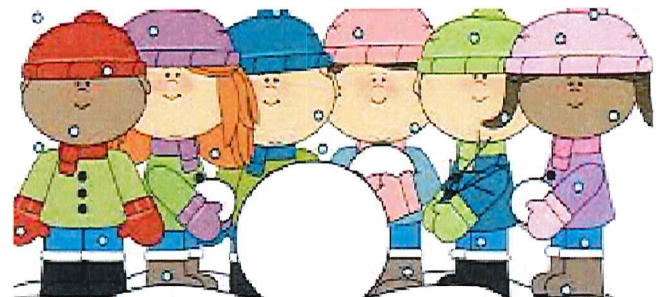
- Soft Shell Taco with Shredded Cheddar Cheese
- Chicken Patty Sandwich
- Cinnamon Roll with Vanilla Frosting
- Corn
- Diced Peaches
- Side Salad

20

- Mozzarella Breadstick with Marinara Sauce
- Chicken Patty Sandwich
- Diced Peaches
- Side Salad
- Chocolate Pudding with Topping

27

- Taco Soup with Baked Scoops
- Chips & Shredded Cheddar Cheese
- Chicken Patty Sandwich
- Donut
- Side Salad







# January



## LUNES

2

Vacaciones - no hay clases



9

- Mini Corndogs
- Sándwich de empanada de pollo
- Rodajas de papa
- Duraznos en cubitos
- Bolsa de verduras

16

Martin Luther KING - no hay clases



23

- Pollo Corndogs
- Sándwich de empanada de pollo
- Rodajas de papa
- Queso
- Copa de fresa
- Bolsa de verduras

30

- Galleta holandesa con Huevos revueltos
- Sándwich de empanada de pollo
- Patty de hashbrown
- Bolsa de verduras
- Copa de fresa

## MARTES

3

- Pizza de pepperoni o Pizza de queso
- Sandwich de cerdo costilla-A-Que
- Habas cocidas al horno
- Plátano
- Compota de manzana
- Bolsa de verduras

10

- Pizza de pepperoni o Pizza de queso
- Sándwich de cerdo Barbacoa
- Habas cocidas al horno
- Juicy Juice Berry
- Bolsa de verduras

17

- Pizza de pepperoni o Pizza de queso
- Sandwich de cerdo costilla-A-Que
- Habas cocidas al horno
- Peras
- Duraznos en cubitos
- Bolsa de verduras

24

- Pizza de pepperoni o Pizza de queso
- Sándwich de cerdo Barbacoa
- Habas cocidas al horno
- Juicy Juice Berry
- Duraznos en cubitos
- Bolsa de verduras

31

- Pizza de pepperoni o Pizza de queso
- Sandwich de cerdo costilla-A-Que
- Habas cocidas al horno
- Plátano
- Compota de manzana
- Bolsa de verduras

## MIÉRCOLES

4

- Bites de pollo
- Hot Dog
- Rodajas de papa
- Ensalada

11

- Ofertas de pollo
- Deli sándwich
- Mac y queso
- Ensalada
- Copa de fresa



18

- Pollo naranja con Arroz al vapor
- Hot Dog
- Galleta con chispas de chocolate
- Ensalada
- Copa de fresa

25

- Pajar hawaiano con Arroz al vapor
- Deli sándwich con Dorito de queso nachos
- Pedacitos de piña
- Ensalada
- Ingredientes para pajar
- Chicharos
- Apio en cuadritos
- Fideos Chow Mein

## JUEVES

5

- Muslo de pollo con Puré de papas
- Salsa de pollo & Rollo de cena
- Hamburguesa
- Bolsa de verduras
- Ejotes

12

- Pavo en rodajas gruesa con Puré de papas
- Salsa de pavo & Rollo de cena
- Hamburguesa
- Ejotes
- Bolsa de verduras

19

- Muslo de pollo con Puré de papas
- Salsa de pollo & Rollo de cena
- Hamburguesa
- Ejotes
- Bolsa de verduras

26

- Tazón de pollo alpastre con Rollo de cena
- Hamburguesa
- Bolsa de verduras
- Maíz

## VIERNES

6

- Destripadores de pizza con Salsa marinara
- Sándwich de empanada de pollo
- Cookies de chocolate doble
- Duraznos en cubitos
- Ensalada

13

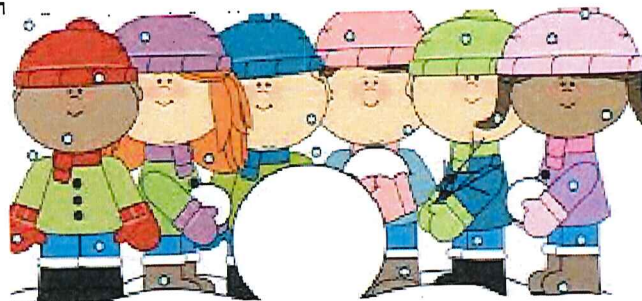
- Taco suave de la cáscara con Queso Cheddar rallado
- Sándwich de empanada de pollo
- Arrollado de Canela con Baño de vainilla
- Maíz
- Duraznos en cubitos
- Ensalada

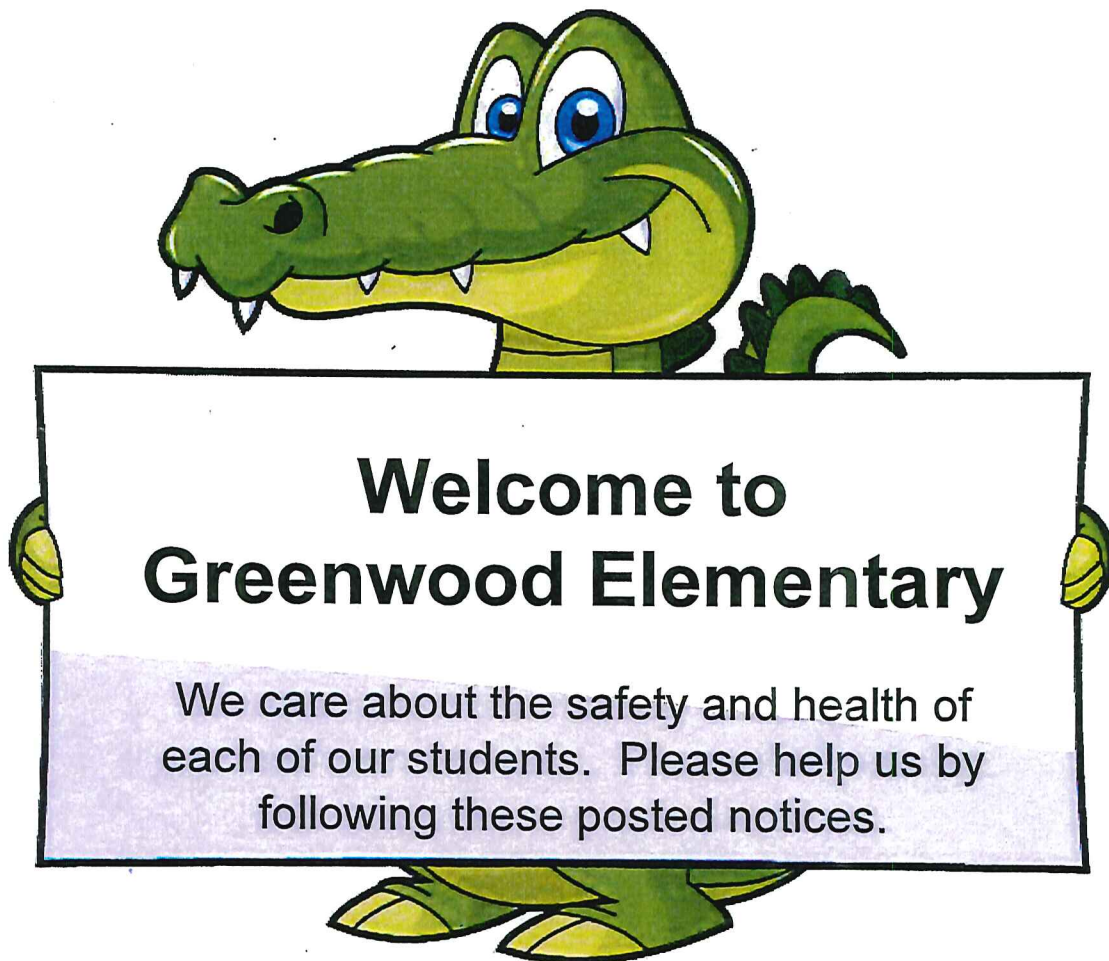
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- Breadstick mozzarella con Salsa marinara
- Sándwich de empanada de pollo
- Duraznos en cubitos
- Ensalada
- Budín de chocolate con relleno

27

- Sopa de taco con Chips al horno primicias & Queso Cheddar rallado
- Sándwich de empanada de pollo
- Donut
- Ensalada





- All visitors and guests please check in at the office and receive a visitor's badge.
- We have students that attend our school with severe and/or life threatening allergies. We ask that none of the following be brought to our school:
  - **NO ITEMS CONTAINING LATEX** (this includes balloons, rubber toys, or play equipment)
  - **NO NUTS** (This includes all tree nuts as well as peanuts)
  - Also - the school district prohibits distribution of homemade treats. All treats must be store bought and have a nutrition label so that potential allergens can be determined.
- Students that do not attend Greenwood and are waiting for siblings should remain outside of the building until the dismissal bell rings.



## What Parents Can Do

Ultimately, you will be the difference in the future success of your child. Parent commitment to school attendance sends a message to your child that education is a priority for your family.

- **Help** your child get into the habit and learn the value of regular routines of attendance.
- **Teach** your child that attending school is non-negotiable unless they are truly sick.
- **Build** relationships with other families and discuss how you can help each other out (e.g., drop off or pick up children, babysit, translation assistance) in times of need or emergencies.
- **Identify** non-academic activities (drama, art, music, sports, etc.) that can help motivate your child's interest in school and learning.

*(Adolescent Literacy, 2015)*



## Food for Thought...



Just by being present at school, your child is learning how to be a good citizen by participating in the school community, learning valuable social skills, and developing a broader world view.

Like bacteria in a hospital, chronic absenteeism can wreak havoc long before it is discovered.

Regular school attendance can help students who are learning English by giving them the chance to master the skills and information they need more quickly and accurately in subjects.

Students with greater family and culture attachment are more likely not to have attendance concerns.

One of the most effective strategies for providing pathways out of poverty is ensuring students attend school every day.

School attendance significantly reduces the probability of a student being incarcerated.

*More information on Attendance Procedures can be found in ASD Policy 5156*



*Student Support Services  
(801) 610-8518*

## Why School Attendance Matters NOW!



*Your child's attendance is one of the biggest factors influencing his or her success in school!*





## Why elementary school attendance matters...

Education is considered as basic of a need as food, clothing, shelter and medical care. When a student has accumulated 10 or more absences (excused or not) in a school year, he or she is identified as having “chronic” non-attendance. This is a point where students are, or may become “at-risk” for educational success.

What are the risks and myths related to student attendance?

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“If attendance is a problem in elementary grades, the student will pay the price later.”

## Myths and Facts about Attendance

### Myth 1. “Missing school is not habit forming.”

**Fact—** Students with attendance problems in elementary grades show the lowest levels of attendance five years later.

**Fact—** Children chronically absent in kindergarten become the same students with low achievement levels in sixth grade.

### Myth 2. “My child will be able to catch up.”

**Fact—** Most elementary aged students who miss more than 4 or 5 days of school a year tend to always be trying to “catch up” rather than “keep up.”

**Fact—** Absenteeism causes learning gaps at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

**Fact—** Reading skills are frontloaded in the early grades, so if a child misses too much school, they lag behind classmates in reading.

**Fact—** Teachers provide instruction that builds on the previous day’s instruction; the learning experience is appropriate developmentally. This process begins in Kindergarten.

### Myth 3. “Elementary school attendance is not as important as high school.”

**Fact—** As early as sixth grade, absenteeism can predict the likelihood that a student will dropout.

## Myths and Facts continued

**Fact—** Attendance in the early grades is critical to sustaining school readiness skills.

**Fact—** Good attendance is the most reliable predictor of graduation from high school.

**Fact—** Students with poor attendance have a greater risk of dropping out of school, having behavioral and social problems.

### Myth 4. “It is my right to keep my student out of school.”

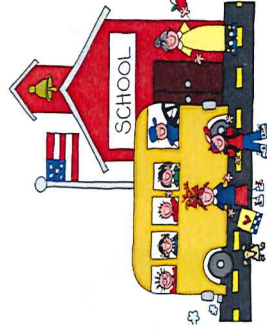
**Fact—** It is against the law (class B misdemeanor) for the parent of a school-aged child to fail to prevent the child from being absent without a valid excuse five or more times. (Utah Code 53A-11-101.5 Compulsory Education)

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### What the courts are saying about elementary school attendance...

“More than any other time in history, a child needs to be in school and receiving an education... Education is vital to the Court, even if the student hates every minute of it.”

Commissioner Joshua T Faulker, Utah 4th District Juvenile Court





AFHS 2017 Drill Team Presents our Annual  
**MINI CAVETTE CLINIC**  
3yrs old - 6th Grade



*2-Day Clinic*

February 8th & 9th from 4-5pm  
AFHS New Dance Room (Northeast Corner of High School)

*2 Performances*

Varsity Basketball Halftime: February 10th AFHS Gym 7pm  
Cavette Showcase: February 23rd AFHS Gym 7pm (arrive at 6:15pm to practice)

*Registration*

Register online now at [Sites.google.com/view/AFHSDrillTeam](https://sites.google.com/view/AFHSDrillTeam)

*\$35 Per Dancer*

**FAMILY DISCOUNT:** If there is more than 1 child per immediate family,  
it is \$35 for the 1st child and \$30 thereafter.

*PRICE INCLUDES:*

- T-shirt
- 2-day Quality Dance Instruction From Drill Team Members
- Class Treats
- An Emailed Class Picture
- A Certificate
- 2 Entertaining Performances!

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