



# BACK TO SCHOOL!

Greenwood ECE-8  
School  
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## Mrs. Dillon's Family Newsletter

### Get Involved!

There are lots of ways to be involved with your child's education. Providing a space free from distraction for daily homework is a great way to support your young scholar. Asking your child to tell you about his or her day is also a way to keep connected with what is happening at school.

If you are interested in volunteering, we always can use help for an hour, a day, or longer, depending on what your schedule allows. Here are some of the volunteers we can use at Greenwood this month:

- Crossing Guards: Before and after school
- Reading Buddies: All grade levels!
- Creating Bulletin Boards
- Speakers for Friday AVID classes at Middle School: Tell us about your college experience!

### Principal's Letter

Dear Families,

I can't believe an entire month has gone by since we started school! We managed to get through the first few weeks of lunch with one hundred new four and five year olds than we had last year. Teachers and students are settling in to their routines. I am getting to know more and more of your wonderful children. If I haven't met you yet, please be sure to introduce yourself.

Our enrollment is steady this year. Students are choosing Greenwood for its excellent reputation. Let's continue to make our school the best in the city!

I've been impressed to see the high level of teaching and learning happening in our classrooms every day. Your children have the best teachers Denver has to offer.

Thank you for making me so welcome here at Greenwood. If there is ever anything you need, please let me know.

Sincerely, Devin Dillon

### Achievement Corner

Greenwood met all of the targets set by the state for student achievement last year and made Adequate Yearly Progress.

60% of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students scored Proficient or Above on the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Reading test last year.

Look out for the new School Performance Framework (SPF) in The Denver Post Monday of next week. This is the new way schools are being rated, and is based largely on student growth over time. The paper will report our school rating as well as the ratings for all of Denver Public Schools.

## September Learning Tips

**Literacy:** Did you know that reading with your child is the most important thing you can do to increase their vocabulary? Make it fun by taking a trip to your local library and checking out books to read together!

**Math:** Did you know that Math is all around us? Be sure to point out the everyday examples of Math in our world: measuring, cooking, balancing checkbooks, etc. Join us for Family Math Night on October 8<sup>th</sup>!

## Reminders to Students

- Read every night at home!
- Limit TV watching to one hour per day.
- Eat a good breakfast every morning.



## Reminders to Parents

### ~~7-~~ Morning Coffee Club

We will continue to provide coffee for families. Please do not let children drink the coffee!

If you are a coffee regular, bring mug from home. We'll write your name on it and wash it for you so you

## This Month's Highlights

### September 6<sup>th</sup> 6-7 PM

First Parent Teacher Organization meeting  
PTO

### Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

Teacher Professional Day: No school for students

### Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

Early Release Day:

Students dismissed at 11:45

## Upcoming Events

### Family Math Night

Wednesday, October 8,

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 3-7 PM

Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 3-7 PM

Our goal is to meet with 100% of our families for fall conferences. Please plan to meet with your child's teachers to find out how you can support their learning at home!

### Balarat Outdoor 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Thank You Parents!

Special thanks are due the following parents: ~~-----~~ **Formatted:** Bullets and Numbering

**Shirley Godoy, Leticia, Shawn Jackson,** for volunteering to serve as a member of our Collaborative School Committee (CSC).

for donating her checkers set to recess.

**Mr. Castillo** for helping to clear weeds from the 'Greenwood Garden' before school started.

Thank you also to **Laura Castillo** for organizing our Parent Teacher Organization.