Principal’s News

Another school year has arrived and we are excited to begin our educational journey. Greenwood has always been a school you can believe in. We encourage family involvement, as we provide opportunities for our students to become long-life learners. Please publish the newsletter and its length.

I would like to introduce our newest educators to the Greenwood Family: Mrs. Scott, Pre-K Teacher, Mrs. Kotzo, Early Childhood Teacher, Mrs. Patton 2nd grade Teacher and Dr. Murry, Guided Learning Center Teacher.

In addition, Mrs. Cunningham is joining our Administrative Team as the Assistant Principal at Greenwood. We are very fortunate to be adding a wealth of educational knowledge to our team.

There are some special reminders that all families need to know:

- All students MUST arrive to school by 8:30 a.m. Students are required to go to the playground area and wait for the morning bell. Students are not allowed to use the main entrance.

- Tardiness has a negative impact on the start of the school day and is strongly discouraged. Parents are required to bring their child into the building, if arriving late.

- Student dismissal is at 3:10, for those students whose parents pick up at the end of the school day. Each grade level has a designated door where student’s exit for dismissal. Please do not come to the main office asking for your child after 2:45.

- Parents are required to come to the main office and sign their child out, if requiring early dismissal.

- ALL students must be picked up by 3:20.****

- Parent visitations, with the teacher, must be prearranged and everyone must come to the main office and sign-in.

- Breakfast and lunch are served daily for those students who have money on their account or have met special requirements to receive a free lunch. Please note: Students who need to pay for breakfast/lunch will not receive a meal if there is no money on their account. Please keep accounts current, so no one goes without eating. Parents can check their student account balances on Power School.

- All students are required to have headphones. You may purchase the suggested headphones at Greenwood for $10.00.

Confidence…. Pride…. Respect
Welcome back Greenwood students and parents! Please allow me this opportunity to introduce myself and explain my role as a Social Worker at Greenwood School. My name is Mrs. Benita Ingram and I have 23 years of experience as a Social Worker, 21 of which have been in District 150. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. As a School Social Worker, I assess home, school, personal, and community factors that impact a student's ability to learn. I then provide intervention strategies and treatment to students, teachers, and families. This includes counseling, case management, behavior management, and crisis intervention. Examples of psychosocial issues that I address include but are not limited to the following: anger management, conflict resolution, poor social skills, poor peer relationships, low self-esteem, depression, divorce, grief and loss.

If you believe your child, may be in need of my services, you can contact me at (708) 339-4433 ext.17 or by email at bingram@sd150.org. I am at Greenwood School Monday-Friday and I work with all students in grades Pre-K through 3rd.

I wish you all a happy and successful School Year!

Mrs. Ingram, MSW, LCSW
Greenwood School Social Worker

My name is Laura Martinez and this is my 16th year at School District 150. I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year. I am the social worker/parent liaison for the pre-kindergarten and early childhood program at Greenwood School on Mondays and Thursdays and the social worker for McKinley School on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The role of the social worker includes, but is not limited to:

- Providing direct intervention, crisis intervention, and support.
- Linking students and families with school and community resources
- Encouraging families to effectively participate in their child's education. This is often done through workshops, make and takes, and other events throughout the school year.
- Collaborating with school personnel to assess student's social and emotional obstacles to academic success.
- Meeting with families to understand and address obstacles to learning.
- Presenting social work lessons to the children. Topics include sharing, friendship, feelings, sexual abuse prevention and general child safety.
- There are also some exciting events that are held throughout the year such as Family Night, Stories, Songs and Singalongs, etc.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at (708) 339-4433 or see me at school. The easiest way to reach me is to email me at lmartinez@sd150.org.

Looking forward to a great school year,

Mrs. Martinez, MSW, LCSW
Social Worker/Parent Facilitator for Pre-kindergarten and Early Childhood
Greenwood School Social Worker