

# THE GATOR "Gnews"

GREENBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

August 2016



## Gator Gnews

### Welcome Back from Mrs. Mahoney

Welcome to Greenbrook Elementary School and the 2016-2017 school year! I am thrilled to be starting my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as Principal at Greenbrook this year and my 12<sup>th</sup> year in the district!

This year, we welcome a new Assistant Principal. Last May, we welcomed Laura Cervino as our Assistant Principal. Recently, the district moved Mrs. Cervino to be the Assistant Principal at Brunswick Acres. Therefore, we now welcome, Mrs. Sandy Fehte, as our Assistant Principal. Mrs. Fehte, most recently was the Director of Community Education. Before that, Mrs. Fehte has served in both the Assistant Principal and classroom teacher roles. We are thrilled to welcome Mrs. Fehte to our Greenbrook family!

We also welcome some new staff members to our Greenbrook Family. All of our new staff members come with years of experience in our district or other districts. We are lucky to have them!

- Mrs. Lori Costa, MD classroom
- Mrs. Andrea Hannum, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher
- Mrs. Nicole Stafford, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher
- Ms. Christin Basha, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher
- Mrs. Jessica Fernandez, Child Study Team School Psychologist
- Mrs. Rebecca Bufis, Art Teacher
- Mrs. Stacey Katz, Instructional Support Teacher, Grades 3-5 (Mrs. Boyce has been appointed to be the Assistant Principal at Monmouth Junction and Constable Schools)

Here are some ways to stay connected to our school:

- 1) District web page: [www.sbschools.org](http://www.sbschools.org) and school webpage [www.sbschools.org/gb](http://www.sbschools.org/gb) (this will have a link to our school supplies, school hours, phone information, calendar and more!)
- 2) You are reading The Gator "Gnews." This contains valuable information to help you prepare your child for this school year and plan for upcoming important events. Starting in September, this newsletter will be uploaded weekly to our Online Friday Folder.
- 3) Follow us at [facebook.com/sbsdgb](https://www.facebook.com/sbsdgb)
- 4) Follow us on Twitter [@sbsdgb](https://twitter.com/sbsdgb)
- 5) Also, often your child's teacher will have a website, weebly or twitter page that they use to communicate and share with you.

### Upcoming Important Dates

9/1	School Open House, 3-5:00, New Student Orientation 4:30-5:00
9/6	First Day of School
9/12	Schools Closed – Eid Al Adha
9/16	Gator Gathering, 6-8 PM
9/22	Back to School Night, 7 PM
9/29	Early Closing Day – Professional Development

## ***Student Open House, Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 3 – 5:00 PM***

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This is a good time for students to locate their classrooms to ease first day jitters. Teachers may or may not be available at this time, but please feel free to stop by.

## ***New Student Orientation, Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:30-5:00, Greenbrook Library***

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Welcome new students and families! Since you are new to our school, I have planned an orientation meeting for you and your child(ren). Following our welcome meeting, we will conduct a tour of the building. This orientation experience will last about 30 minutes. At this orientation we will provide you with some general information about our school and answer any questions you may have.

## ***First Day of School – Tuesday, Sept. 6***

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The first day of school is Tuesday, Sept. 6. Students may enter GB at 8:55. Students who arrive after 9:05 will be marked late. School ends at 3:30 Parents will be allowed to briefly escort their students to class only on the first day (if needed).

## ***Opening Day Reminders***

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- AM DROP OFF: Pull up to drop off zone by custodians. Students should be ready to exit on right side of the car. Parents, please do not exit your car. Once your child/children have safely exited, please pull away from the curb to allow us to make space for students still arriving.
- WALKERS may enter through the B Hall, Main Entrance or D Hall.
- DISMISSAL:
  - K-2 Walkers and Riders will be dismissed to the small playground by the end of B Hall. 3-5 Walkers and Riders will be dismissed to the doors outside of D Hall.
  - Parents picking up students in cars must PARK in the lot and then walk across to pick up students (either at B Hall playground or D Hall exit).
  - 3-5 Students who are walking home with younger siblings may walk out with his/her classroom teacher and then continue to the K-2 pick-up area.
- SUPPLY LISTS: Supply lists for each grade level can be found on our website.
- BUS PASSES: Transportation will mail bus passes directly to your home. Should you not receive one prior to August 30<sup>th</sup>, please contact our Transportation Office at 732-297-7800, ext. 3131.
- BEFORE/AFTER CARE: Families needing extended care before or after school can register by logging on to the Community Education website at: [http://www.sbschools.org/community\\_ed/ba\\_programs.php](http://www.sbschools.org/community_ed/ba_programs.php)

## ***First Day Packets***

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On the first day of school important information will be shared. ***Please return all requested forms promptly.*** Students in grades three through five will receive a student planner to help them keep track of assignments during the year. Our kindergarten, first and second graders will not need a planner; however, a daily folder will be used to send important paperwork and student assignments to and from school.

## ***Lunch and Snack***

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Students may either bring lunch from home or purchase lunch at school. Students may also purchase milk if they bring their own lunch. Menus are posted on the district website, [www.sbschools.org](http://www.sbschools.org). A student lunch costs \$2.40. Each child has a debit card to use for purchasing lunch. Chartwells, our food service provider, has information on this process available at our website (Schools Tab: Program and Services: Dining Services). With many new encounters for kindergarteners we encourage them to bring lunch from home for the first days of the school year. Of course if this isn't possible, we will help your kindergartener with this process when he/she does purchase lunch.

Breakfast will also be available again this year. The price of a full breakfast is \$2.00. If your child is eligible for free meals, there will be no charge. If your child is eligible for reduced meals, the charge will be \$.30.

The South Brunswick School District provides parents a convenient, easy and secure online prepayment service to deposit money into your child's school meal account at any time. This service also provides parents the ability to view your child's account balance through a Web site called, [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com).

Please also pack a healthy snack for your child to eat each day.

***See you soon! We can't wait to welcome you back!***

