

The Joseph Greenberg Parent Connection

ENGAGING PARENTS to Uplift Students!

Engaged, Inspired, and Empowered to Make a Difference!

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To nurture the creativity, empathy, and critical thinking, essential to thriving in a changing global environment.

The Principal's Desk

Have you heard the awesome news? Greenberg has been selected to receive a Fiesta Schoolyard upgrade. Fiesta Schoolyards is an initiative of the Lindy Foundation in collaboration with the School District of Philadelphia and the First Trust Bank. Installation is planned for late spring.

This project is a huge step toward the larger design we anticipate completing in a few years. Any parents interested in joining our Friends of Greenberg group and can help us write grants and fundraise for renovating outdoor areas, please contact either the principal or teacher Donna Woods.

2019 Distinguished Title 1 Schools Awards

Greenberg and 20 other District schools were honored at the PDE and PAFPC Improving School Performance Conference held 1/27 - 1/29. Schools are designated for category 1 - "top 5% for achievement in the two most recent completed academic years OR schools that are in the top 5% for growth in both the two most recent completed academic years. Category 2 - Schools that have made the greatest gain in achievement in the All Students Group. The schools cannot be identified as CSI, TSI, or A-TSI. In honor of this achievement, we have received a Keystone display from the State.



AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH



The NJHS students organized and boxed the donations and then helped load them onto the truck for Philabundance. We collected over 500 pounds of canned goods and 18 turkeys.



Save the Date!

- *2/5, 2/6, 2/7 - 12:05pm Dismissal; Parent/Teacher Conferences*
- *2/14 - Casual Day*
- *2/21 - Father/Daughter Dance*

Special Events

Climate Change Assemblies



Greenberg alum, Joyce Ferder Rankin, came to speak with students on the topic of Climate Change during the month of January. She is a well known photographer and climate change activist who credits Greenberg for helping to mold her into the person she is today. Students were captivated as they watched her photos and videos and listened to her speak on this very important topic. Ms. Ferder also generously donated her most recent book to Greenberg which is filled with amazing photos and captions. This book is proudly displayed on the counter in our Main Office. We thank Ms. Ferder for taking the time to visit the school that gave her the first glimpse into the man possibilities that are out there for all of our children!

High Fives!

Congratulations to Connor Fuges in 300! Conon is an up and coming fiction writer. At Mrs. Volin's suggestion, Conon entered the



Parking and Neighbors

Kindly remember that our neighbors trust us to respect traffic laws at all times, during morning arrival and dismissal. Blocking driveways frustrates neighbors and causes friction between the community and school. We respectfully remind parents to park on Alburger or Charette so students can walk up to the school in the morning or down to their cars at dismissal. Finally, all students are eligible to receive bus services. Parents are encouraged to use the District buses for transportation.



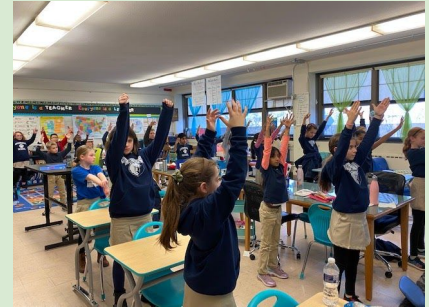
- 2/17 - Presidents Day - NO School
- 2/28 - Half Day for Students; Staff PD



Wake Up with Greenberg, school breakfast program, teaches students business skills.



Young Writer's Presents Mission Contamination creative writing contest for middle and high school students. His short story, "Evanescence", was selected to be published in a book of short stories called *Operation Contamination*.



Fourth grade students engage in mindfulness activities twice a week.

Attendance Tracker
 January - 84 %
 attend 95% of time
 Compared to 85% in
 December