



Home of the Gators

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Hello, Greenfield Families!

It hardly seems possible that summer is nearly over, but the 2019-2020 school year is almost here! To the families and students who are new to our school, welcome to the Swamp! To all of our returning Gators, we are excited to see you back on campus for another successful year. We have been busy all spring and summer behind the scenes getting everything ready, and we can't wait until the school is full of students again.

We know that everyone is starting to gear up for the school year and wanted to provide some updates and information for everyone as we move forward. We look forward to seeing you all here at the Swamp for Meet the Teacher on Tuesday, July 30th, but until then, the most important items to keep in mind are detailed below.

1. Start and end times have shifted this year. The first bell will ring at 8:05, and school will dismiss at 2:55 (1:55 on most Wednesdays and 11:55 on half days). The playground will open at 7:45.
2. On the first school day of each week we send out The Gator Bite, which shares important dates for the next couple weeks and campus news. Occasionally we will send a Gator Bite Bulletin on a special topic but we usually try to limit communication from the front office to once a week. Gator Bite Bulletins will also be housed on the website.
3. At the Swamp, we will be using a new mass communication one-way texting program called BlackBoard Mass Communication, which will be connected with the GPS emergency notification system. More information will be shared in the next few weeks regarding this helpful tool that you will automatically be part of as parents. Many teachers will continue to use the Remind app, which sends one-way notifications with important class reminders, so please look for that information on Meet the Teacher Night.
4. This year school starts on a **Thursday**. The most important dates to keep in mind are:
  - **Monday, July 29th, 5:00 pm: Classes will be posted** by student ID number only to protect student and family privacy. Families who know their Infinite Campus ID login information can also check their teachers from home at the same time and stay out of the heat! We have excellent teachers at each grade level who are excited to have your child in class and they have been chosen very carefully by last year's teacher and our administration. Please note that due to our size and other factors, we will not be making any classroom changes based on teacher preference.
  - **Tuesday, July 30th, 5:30-7:00: Meet the Teacher Night** This is a great night to come visit the classroom and meet your child's new teacher. For Kindergarten through fifth grade, this is a great time to bring in supplies as well, to lighten the load on the first day of school. **Sixth graders will carry most of their own supplies in their backpacks from class to class, so it is best to streamline these items and keep them at home until school starts.** PTSO, our parent support organization, will have a booth set up to recruit new members as well as to sell Gator Gear. This is a great chance to get some more green in your closets to embrace the spirit of the Swamp. Dads Club will also have a booth set up. These faithful supporters are the "fun-raisers" of the school and are looking for more dads and granddads to help be a part of your children's school life in a fun and unique way.

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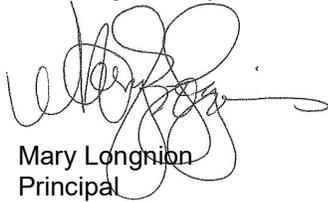
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- **Thursday, August 1st: First Day of School!** Parents may join students on the playground before school on the first two days of school for hugs and pictures. On all other days, Greenfield Elementary remains a closed campus.
- **Friday, August 2nd:** First Gator Green Friday! We wear green every Friday.
- **Tuesday, August 20th and Thursday, August 22nd: Curriculum Nights** These 20 minute, parents-only sessions are designed to give you a little snapshot into your child's day. From the daily schedule, to field trip information, to major topics of study, this will allow you to get to know what to expect throughout the school year at each grade level.
- **September 6: Grandparents Day!** This is a big event at Greenfield and we will send more information in the next few weeks.

For other information, our brand new school website is a great resource. The easiest way to get there is to go to [www.gilbertschools.net](http://www.gilbertschools.net) and select Greenfield Elementary from the GPS Directory dropdown menu. Most of the most important links are immediately accessible on various tiles, and a link to our supply lists is on the main page as well as under Family Resources. Other information will continue to be added in the coming weeks.

Have a great day and see you soon!



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