

GREEN RIVER MONTESSORI SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Dear GRMS Families,

March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. February only had 28 days; March is a longer month at 31 days. Daylight saving time goes into effect on March 9th. Our recent unpredictable weather resulted in a couple of late starts and one closure day in February. The weather is still chilly, but we look forward to brighter, longer days ahead!

We are happy that many of our current families signed up for the 2025-2026 school year through our ***Early Bird Registration***. Enrollment will be available to the public at our open house and continue until all spots are filled. Enrollment is strong in all classes, so please be aware that we cannot guarantee enrollment for fall unless you have pre-registered. Please feel free to stop by the school this Saturday, March 1st between 11-2:00 to visit your child's classroom. The Brick Schoolhouse will also be open. Those registered for first grade should make sure to stop by.

We will hold our annual Spring Festival at Green River College on Thursday, May 8th from 6:00-7:30 pm. We will be combining other fundraising activities to lead up to the Spring Festival. Throughout the year we do several fundraisers so that families can pick and choose the ones they want to support. Participation is not a requirement; however, families can use their fundraising efforts toward the annual \$200 annual fundraising requirement.

All proceeds from our Spring Festival will go toward our summer program. Families who are off for the summer will be invited to attend our special events. We have many cool ones planned!

Warmly,
Diana and the GRMS Staff

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Important Dates To Remember

Spring Break

April 7-11 Spring Break

No School for:

Public School &

The Brick Schoolhouse

Open House

Saturday, March 1

11-2:00

Spring Festival

Thursday, May 8th

6-7:30pm

Green River College

Cascade Room



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Spring Break

There's no school for public school and the Brick Schoolhouse, April 7-11th. All other classes in full session!

Yearbooks

Yearbooks for 2024-2025 will be distributed in June at graduation. Cost is \$20.00 per book. For an extra \$5.00 you may add a dedication message (1-2 lines) to be printed in the yearbook. Orders and dedications are due by March 7th.

Spring Fundraiser Donations

Are you able to donate or **secure a service** for the silent auction (haircut, massage, gift card, your vacation condo for the weekend, car detail, overnight stay at a hotel that you work for, IT tech services, carwash, etc.)?

If you frequent a business, ask them for a donation of cash or service. We will provide advertising for the business donors on our website and in our newsletter for May and June. The donor can deduct it as an advertising expense.

2024 Year End

Tax Information is still available. **Please send an email request directly to our GRMS email** if you need a year end statement of your 2024 childcare payments. We will reply promptly to all requests. grms@comcast.net 253-833-7010

Our Tax Identification is: 91-1171288

Support Trotter's Restaurant

<https://www.auburn-reporter.com/.../a-fundraiser-for.../>

<https://www.givesendgo.com/SupportingTrottersrestaurant>

Summer Enrollment

Details regarding summer enrollment will be in the April newsletter. Summer enrollment is optional and will not impact your fall return as long as you have pre-registered for fall. With advance notice, families can take time off in the summer and will not be charged tuition.

Raffle Tickets

In conjunction with our Spring Festival, we are asking families to each sell 20 raffle tickets (or more) at \$1.00 each. These tickets will be sent home in a payment envelope next month. Families can sell them, buy them themselves, or return them. We are hoping that they won't be returned! The raffle will be for big-ticket items, including a \$300.00 tuition credit to the family who sells the winning ticket! Other items for the raffle will be donations of items from the community. The winning ticket will be drawn at our Spring Festival.

Remaining 2024-2025 School Calendar

Closure Dates:

May 26 – Memorial Day

June 19 – Juneteenth

June 20 – Summer In-service Day

July 3 & 4 – Independence Day

BRICK SCHOOLHOUSE ONLY

April 7-11 Spring Break



Donation Cards

We will be sending three donation cards home with each family to drop off at a business that they may frequent. If each of our families can secure just one donation, it will amount to 100! The card reads as follows:

Donation Request

Green River Montessori School is holding its annual Spring Festival on Thursday, May 8th at Green River College. The children of the school will perform and there will also be a silent auction. The school is raising money for special events for the children during the summer. If you can donate a gift certificate from your business or a cash donation of any amount, the school will include you in their printed program as well as a thank you in their newsletter and on their website. Your donation can be claimed as an advertising expense. You may email or send your donation or call and we can pick it up. Thank you for your consideration.

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Forms & Other Details

Please be aware that our school forms (medicine, birthday, sunscreen) are available on our web site at grmontessori.com. Also on the web site are our monthly menu, newsletter, uniform information, and so many other details to keep families in the loop. This includes our school calendar, special events, parent handbook, and photos of the staff. Click onto the Family Link for most of the information. Don't forget to scroll down on the pages since some information may be at the bottom of the page.

We also have a Facebook page that I encourage you to visit, as well as a page called GRMS Lunch and Snack Ideas. Feel free to post some of your own.

Volunteer Hours

To enhance each child's experience at our school, we must all work together. Each GRMS family is expected to earn 500 points per child (or pay \$200.00 per child) during the schoolyear to satisfy this effort. Here are some ideas:

- ✓ Assist on field trips or swim lessons (Brick House only) – 25 points each time.
- ✓ Respond to school needs (Varies)
- ✓ Participate in fundraising (20% of what you sell can be applied as cash instead of points. **You must keep track.**)
- ✓ Donate cash toward teacher professional development (**entire donation applies**)
- ✓ Donate to classroom Amazon wish lists (75% of cost)
- ✓ Cake donation for Spring Festival – 25 Points
- ✓ Donation toward gift basket for the Spring Festival – 25 Points

500 Points – Meets \$200.00 Requirement

450 Points – Deduct \$180.00

400 Points – Deduct \$160.00

350 Points – Deduct \$140.00

300 Points – Deduct \$120.00

250 Points – Deduct \$100.00

200 Points – Deduct \$80.00

150 Points – Deduct \$60.00

Remember, it is up to you to keep track of your points and/or donations and submit your written documentation by May 20th. It will be deducted on the May 25th billing cycle.