



Greenburgh Eleven UFSD Partnerships Supporting Children's Learning

You Count!

Greenburgh Eleven UFSD is proud to introduce our quarterly newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to share information to help parents become more involved in their child's education. Parent involvement enhances learning, increases academic achievement and success.

Announcements & Events @ Greenburgh Eleven

"The Public Library—a Valuable Community Resource for Parents Workshop"—May 3, 2013 at the NY Public Library, 476 Fifth Ave, Room 84, NY, NY 10018. For more information and to R.S.V.P. please contact Ms. Martha Lua, Home School Liaison, at 914-693-8500 ext. 227.

"Buy One, Give One" Book Fair - Tuesday, May 7, 2013 to Friday, May 10, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Greenburgh Eleven SD Cordero Library. Seeking parent volunteers, sign up with Ms. Martha Lua, Home School Liaison, at 914-693-8500 ext. 227.

Science Fair will be held on Friday, June 14, 2013.

Congratulations to our Honor Roll students! **High Honor Roll:** Mahamadou H. & Jose M. **Honor Roll:** Treyvaughn H. , Jose O. , & Darvin R. **Honorable Mention:** Jose M. & Curtis T.

Programs Helping Students: Credit Recovery Program, Read 180, System 44, Expert 21. For more information on other programs, please visit our website at www.greenburgheleven.org.

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The Garden

What do you need to grow a garden?

- * Plant/Seeds
- * Water
- * Attention
- * Love
- * Fertilizer
- * Sunlight
- * Care



Similar to taking care of a garden, children need the same care to grow as individuals, improve in school, and acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed.

Parents can help by:

- ⇒ **Reinforcing PBS** (Positive Behavior Support) at home. The monthly character education topics are: "Respect" for April ; "Responsibility" for May ; & "Perseverance" for June .
- ⇒ **Practicing** examples of PBS monthly topics at home.
- ⇒ **Getting Involved**—ask what they learned in school & discuss it.
- ⇒ **Selecting** a topic to speak about during dinner or after school.
- ⇒ **Promoting Reading**— improves vocabulary & writing

Summer School is Coming

Teachers and Parents share the value of Summer School:

1. Helps students retain skills learned throughout the year.
2. Focuses on smaller groups with less distractions.
3. More time to learn the basics of the class being taught.
4. Different approach to learning.
5. Promotes positive behavior.
6. Offers a second chance to obtain class credit.
7. Provides the opportunity to raise student's grade point average.
8. Supports students who have failed a class or have been retained.
9. Prevents future academic problems.
10. Develops underachievers' performance.
11. Improves attitudes towards school & self.
12. Provides academic enrichment.
13. Students participate in experiential educations through field trips.



It's TEST time!

Teachers and school staff have recommended study, test preparation tips & helpful ways to reduce anxiety before a test.

Test preparation:

- ◇ Get a good night's sleep.
- ◇ Eat a healthy meal the day of the test.
- ◇ Go to the bathroom before taking the test.
- ◇ Arrive early for the test.
- ◇ Write down important words on top of the test to help you remember.



Be Creative!

Study tips for any test :

- ◇ Plan time to study, do homework, and play.
- ◇ Space out your studying.
- ◇ Learn the general concepts first.
- ◇ Review material from practice tests, homework, text books, & class notes.
- ◇ Take short breaks frequently.
- ◇ Take notes and write down a summary of important topics.
- ◇ Use index cards to help you remember important facts.
- ◇ Make sure you understand the material.

Reduce anxiety before a test:

- ◇ Stay relaxed - Take a few deep breaths slowly to relax yourself.
- ◇ Read the directions slowly and carefully.
- ◇ Do the simple questions first.
- ◇ Don't worry about how fast other people finish their test.
- ◇ Keep a positive attitude.
- ◇ Ask questions if you don't understand.

Our Mission

The Mission of Greenburgh Eleven Union Free School District is to prepare all students to become **CRITICAL THINKERS, SELF-CONFIDENT, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, INDEPENDENT LEARNERS AND CITIZENS** by providing all students with a quality public education where diversity, creativity, mutual respect, and self-esteem are emphasized and cultivated; where a collaborative partnership exists among students, educators, parents and the community; and where students and staff are challenged to develop their full potential.

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