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Greentree Elementary School 2020-2021 Parent Handbook



Welcome!

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Greentree Elementary School! I am proud and honored to be the principal of a community where students, parents, and staff work together to provide students with a positive educational experience. I look forward to meeting our new students, parents and community members as well as getting reacquainted with our returning families. I will be working closely with the dedicated group of teachers and staff to support them in ensuring that your child has the best possible education we can envision. At Greentree Elementary, strong values are at the core of our decisions and programs. It is our goal to prepare children academically and socially for the many challenges that they will face in their lives. Therefore, we plan a curriculum that prepares them with the knowledge and skills necessary to develop attitudes and values that will serve them a lifetime. Additional information and updates will be disseminated throughout the year via Principally Speaking e-blasts, the Principal Report at PTA meetings, and via Greentree School and classroom websites. Each of these can be accessed through the main website at <https://greentree.iusd.org/>. We are looking forward to a great year! - Tamara Brown, Principal

At Greentree Elementary School our vision is to enable students to become contributing and responsible members of society. In order to realize our vision the staff and school community have developed the following outcomes to equip students to meet the challenges of an ever changing world; Students who are: elf directed learners; effective communicators; strategic thinkers; resourceful problems solvers; collaborative team players; innovative producers, and responsible citizens.

Attendance Procedures Hotline 949-936-5801

Studies show that there is a direct correlation between good school attendance and student achievement. Therefore, we encourage you as parents to reinforce the importance of good school attendance and to make every effort to send your child to school on a regular basis. Please call **949-936-5801 before 8:00 a.m. each day** if your child will be absent or tardy. The above line is dedicated specifically for this purpose. All tardy students must sign in at the front office before going to class.

Attendance and tardies are monitored at the District level and, per CA Ed Code, truancy letters will be generated if your child has three or more tardies of 30 minutes or more, ten tardies of less than 30 minutes, or three unexcused absences. Per CA Ed Code, a student shall be excused from school when the absence is due to: illness, medical/dental appointments, funeral for immediate family members, observance of a holiday or ceremony of his or her religion, attendance at religious retreats, or student's appearance in court.

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PBIS

Stop, think, solve
Own your actions
Act with integrity
Respectful behavior

Playground Supervision



Playground supervision begins at 7:45 a.m. Students are not to arrive on campus before that time. There is no supervision after school on the playground. All students must go directly home when dismissed. Primary students who are dismissed early may wait for older siblings at the front of the school. **There is supervision for 10 minutes after dismissal at the front of the school. After that, all students will be brought to the front office to call home.**

Only students who are registered students at Greentree Elementary School are permitted to use our playground equipment during normal school hours. Younger siblings are welcome to use the playground equipment after 4:00 p.m. or on

*Supervision is provided on the playground
15 minutes before and 10 minutes after school.*

Forgotten Items

One of our priorities is to have students develop personal responsibility. **To this end, staff members will not accept homework or library books once school begins.** The front office staff will accept forgotten instruments. Late lunches are to be clearly labeled with your child's and teacher's name and placed in the late lunch cart in front of the office and must be at school by 11:40.

Lost and Found

A lost and found cart is located on the carts by the office. Small items, such as glasses and retainers, as well as musical instruments, are kept in the office. We encourage parents and students to check the cart regularly for lost items. Please label everything that is sent to school.

Additional Attendance Information

Tardy/Leaving Early

Students are considered tardy if they are not in their class line at 8:00 a.m for both primary and upper grades. If your child is tardy to school, he/she must report through the front office to allow us to update our attendance records for that day. Doors to the building are locked. Students will gain access through the front office.

Should you find it necessary to schedule a medical appointment during your child's class time, please sign your child out in the office. Do not go directly to the classroom at any time. This minimizes disruption to our instructional program and maintains student safety. Students leaving school before dismissal time must be signed out in the front office by a parent, guardian, or other adult listed in the Emergency Contacts section of the Parent Portal. Students will be released only to those whose names are listed on the Emergency Contacts. **Students will not be called out of class until parent arrives.**

Homework Requests for Absent Students

If you wish to pick up homework for your absent child, please email the teacher prior to 9:00 a.m. It will be available for pick-up at the front office, after class is dismissed for the day.

Independent Study Contracts

We realize that there are times during the school year when families are out of town for one reason or another. If you find yourself in this situation, please contact Ms. Catherine Clarke in our front office as soon as a situation arises to inquire if your child meets the requirements for an independent study contract.



Student Dress Code

Greentree Elementary School promotes a standard of appearance which enhances the learning environment while allowing for reasonable comfort and individuality for all students. With the support of the student's guardian, each student is expected to appropriately groom and dress themselves, keeping clothing clean, comfortable, and appropriate for all elementary school activities. A student's clothing should not be a distraction or disruption in the classroom. The following is Greentree Elementary School's Dress Code:

- ◆ Shoes should be practical, appropriate and sturdy enough for all school activities, including physical education. **For students' safety, no flip flops, crocs, clogs, open-toed sandals, backless shoes, or hee-lies can be worn at school.**
- ◆ Approved hats, hoods and caps are acceptable for outside activities only. No headwear may be worn inside the building, except if it is worn for a special event. This includes hooded sweatshirts.
- ◆ No distracting hairstyles, hair colors, or makeup should be worn unless for a school spirit theme day.
- ◆ Jewelry or other accessories which pose a threat to personal safety (i.e., dangling pierced earrings) or the safety of other students will not be permitted at school. Sunglasses may be worn outside the building.
- ◆ Clothing may not contain inappropriate graphics or messages.
- ◆ Shirts must be long enough to keep the midriff covered when the arms are raised. Bare midriffs, sheer or see-through clothing, bare backs, off-the-shoulder tops, tank tops, spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, and other revealing garments are not allowed.
- ◆ Shorts and pants must be of appropriate size. Overly baggy or saggy pants will not be allowed. No short shorts or skirts. The hemlines should be no higher than mid-thigh (pockets should not hang below the bottoms of shorts).
- ◆ Undergarments or boxer shorts must be totally covered by outer clothing. Sleep and loungewear are not appropriate, unless worn for a school spirit day (i.e. pajama day).

Parents can help monitor the dress code by purchasing clothing that is in good taste, seeing that each child leaves for school properly dressed, and encouraging each child to take pride in his/her appearance. The school will monitor this dress code and inform parents in the event that a student's dress or grooming is not appropriate for school.

Below is an excerpt from IUSD's Board Policy governing Dress and Personal Appearance:

Appropriate dress and personal appearance at school and school-related activities shall not include any clothing, attire, or accessory that by its manner of appearance, arrangement, trademark, fit, or any other attribute, is unsafe; disruptive; unhealthful; obscene; profane; ethnically, racially or sexually degrading; libelous or slanderous; exposing undergarments; provocative or revealing; advocating unlawful behavior or illegal substances; or suggesting or promoting any affiliation with any street gang or other group that commits unlawful acts [see Board Policy 5132(a)- Dress and Personal Appearance and Board Policy 5136(a) - Gang Affiliation].

Bell Schedules

Kindergarten

(Monday-Friday)

Early Eagle 8:00-11:20

Late Eagle 10:00—1:20

Grades 1-3

(M, T, Th, F)

8:00-2:15

(Wednesday)

8:00-1:00

Grades 4-6

(M, T, Th, F)

8:00-2:30

(Wednesday)

8:00-1:03

See Greentree.iusd.org
For school calendar and more
information

Animals on Campus

For the safety and comfort of our students and staff, animals are not permitted on campus, even if they are on a leash or are carried. Please be aware that pursuant to Orange County Ordinance 41.46, dogs are not to be on school grounds at any time. This includes after school events.

Lunches

The Irvine Unified School District offers a breakfast and hot lunch program for students. **Greentree also offers snack options that cost between \$.25 and \$1.50. The cost of an elementary lunch is \$3.25 per meal and milk alone is \$.50.** Each student has been assigned a personal identification number. Parents are asked to deposit funds in the student's account either electronically or by sending a check to school with your student. The goal for the school and the school district is to be cashless. Money will not be handled in the lunchroom—please do not take your money to the cafeteria.

Option 1- Go to www.MySchoolBucks.com

and register for an account (see details below).

Option 2- Send a check to the school office made payable to IUSD Nutrition Services. Include your student's name and Lunch Box number on the memo line of the check.

Another option to consider: the National Lunch Program. Complete a free/reduced lunch application by October 1st. If you qualify, your child never has to purchase a lunch at school. Qualifications for free/reduced lunch is confidential. Applications are available on the school website.

Meetings at School

Please note that if a parent has a meeting on school grounds, the child should remain with the parent or have other arrangements for supervision. Supervision is not provided in the office or hallways during meetings.

General School Rules

- Personal belongings, such as skateboards, roller blades, scooters, Heelys, and hand-held laser pointers, are not permitted on school grounds.
- Students may not talk or text on their cell phones or listen to messages at any time during the school day. Cell phones confiscated for failure to adhere to these rules will be turned into the principal and will be returned to the student's parents only. Any student cell phones (not being used as BYOD devices during designated times) must be kept in the child's backpack and turned off at all times.
- Any watch or device that has 2 way communication capabilities, not being used for BYOD activities, will need to be turned off and in the students backpack or left with the teacher during the school day. The school and/or staff will not be held responsible for the damage or loss of such devices.
- Students are not allowed to use the front office phone for non-urgent matters. In order to minimize classroom interruptions, we also do not deliver non-emergency phone messages from the office to individual classrooms. We ask that you take care of all after-school arrangements with your child before he/she leaves for school. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.
- Students will use appropriate language both in the classroom and on the playground.
- Students must have a pass to be in the building or atrium before school, during recess, or during lunch periods. They must be supervised by a staff member while inside the building and not left alone.
- Students are allowed on campus no earlier than 15 minutes before their school day begins and no later than 10 minutes after their school day ends.
- Playing in or near the bathrooms is not permitted.
- Unsafe play (wrestling, tackling, etc.) is not permitted. Students must keep hands to self at all times.
- Closed toe shoes must be worn at all times.
- If a major discipline issue arises, administration will conduct an investigation by interviewing and talking with any/all parties involved. Discipline and other means of correction/support will be determined on a case by case basis.

P. B.I.S. Overview

Greentree Eagles SOAR is a school-wide commitment to positive behavior support. Identifying, teaching, and reinforcing the expected behaviors allow students to achieve academic, behavioral, and social success both in the classroom and on the playground.

Eagles SOAR stems from the University of Oregon's Center of Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (P.B.I.S.). Greentree Staff has undergone extensive training and has experience with the P.B.I.S. philosophies.

Our PBIS slogan is ... Eagles SOAR

S—Stop, Think and Solve

O—Own Your Actions

A—Act with Integrity

R—Respectful Behavior

SOAR Cards—We will provide students with positive, immediate, and frequent reinforcement for these positive behaviors. When students are caught doing the right thing, Greentree Staff will reward them with "SOAR" cards. Other student acknowledgement opportunities will include: SOAR card drawings in the classrooms, recognition at assemblies, and opportunities for special drawings where students are selected for prizes!

P. B.I.S. Basics and Research

Utilizing the "Systematic Change Model," attention is focused on creating and sustaining primary (school-wide), secondary (classroom), and tertiary (individual) systems of support that improve lifestyle results for all children. This makes problem behavior less effective and desired behavior more functional. It is research-based, and it works!

Key Components

- Clearly defined school-wide expected behaviors
- Expected behaviors are intentionally taught in all school settings
- Purposeful reinforcement for demonstrating positive school-wide expected behaviors
- Consistent consequences and opportunities for re-teaching positive expected behaviors
- Use of data to make decisions about school-wide practices
- Comprehensive staff and student involvement

Goals

- Improve the academic culture through increased instructional time
- Improve the behavioral culture through a decrease in office discipline referrals
- Improve school safety and positive peer interactions



Arrival and Dismissal

Bicycles

- Parents assume FULL responsibility and liability for the rider's conduct and bicycle.
- **Bicycles are allowed for students in grades 3-6 only.** Bicycles must be in safe working condition.
- All bicycles **MUST** be parked in the bike rack and **LOCKED**.
- Helmets **MUST** be worn by all students riding to and from school.
- Students on bicycles should always walk their bikes across streets and look both ways before entering the street. All bicycles must be walked on school grounds.
- Children should never ride two on one bicycle.
- Students are not to loiter in or around the bike rack area at any time.

Walking To and From School

Parents are urged to discuss safety rules and the responsibilities of good citizenship with their children in regard to walking to and from school. These points should be stressed:

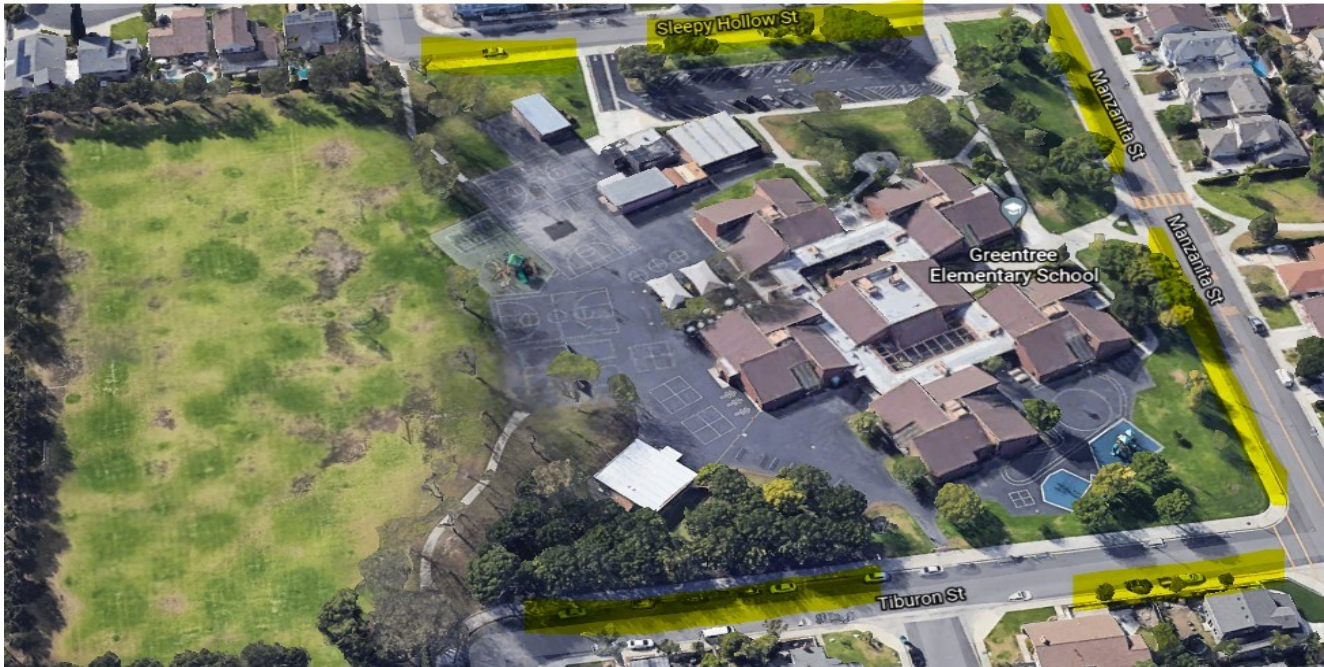
- Come directly to school from home.
- Walk on the sidewalk and inside the crosswalks.
- Cross streets only at the corners and crosswalks and with the crossing guard who is on duty before and after school. Jaywalking is a citable offense by the Irvine Police Department.
- Do not talk to strangers.

Driving and Parking

Greentree Elementary has only one parking lot which is for staff parking **ONLY**. This is **NOT** a student drop off and pick up area as staff members are coming and going frequently throughout the school day.

- **Drop off begins at 7:45 a.m.** We suggest dropping students off on Tiburon or Sleepy Hollow Streets or older students can be dropped off in one of the nearby neighborhood cul-de-sacs off of Loma, Rafael, Margarita, or Homestead Streets and walk up through the park to the Crossing Guard on Manzanita Street. This will help alleviate traffic congestion around the school.
- **Parents must remain in their vehicles. Students should only be permitted to enter and exit cars from the passenger side of the vehicle. Exiting on the driver's side could result in a child being hit by a car.**
- *Do not drop off your child in the **RED ZONE** at the front of the school. Irvine PD does enforce this traffic law and will ticket you.*
- *Do not call or beckon your child to run across the street to meet you. Students **MUST** use the crosswalk and follow all the traffic rules and directions of Greentree Staff and our Crossing Guard.*
- **The parking lot is for staff use only (unless you necessitate the use of the handicapped parking spaces. Appropriate placard must be in clear view).** Please do not drive through the parking lot to drop off your child. It is extremely dangerous for children to be going through this parking lot to get in/out of cars.
- *U-Turns should not be made in front of the school or on Tiburon and Sleepy Hollow streets on either side of the school. Please drive around the block to ensure the safety of all children and to keep traffic flowing smoothly.*
- *Bus etiquette for Special Needs students. Our Special Needs students are bussed to/from our school each day. The bus stop is located on the Tiburon side of the school. Students will be loading/unloading in the space designated with white curb markings. Please be courteous of the bus and our students by 1) waiting for students to load/unload in that area, and 2) not parking in the white curb (loading/unloading) zone.*

Where Do I Park?



Regardless of frustrations and/or inconveniences that may arise from parking guidelines and regulations, it is important to remember why they are there. When weighing drop off/pick up and parking lot inconveniences against the safety of our children, there is no argument. Please help make Greentree as safe as it possibly can be -- that is why we have our staff on duty before and after school -- to maintain safety for all.

Some suggestions for your consideration.....

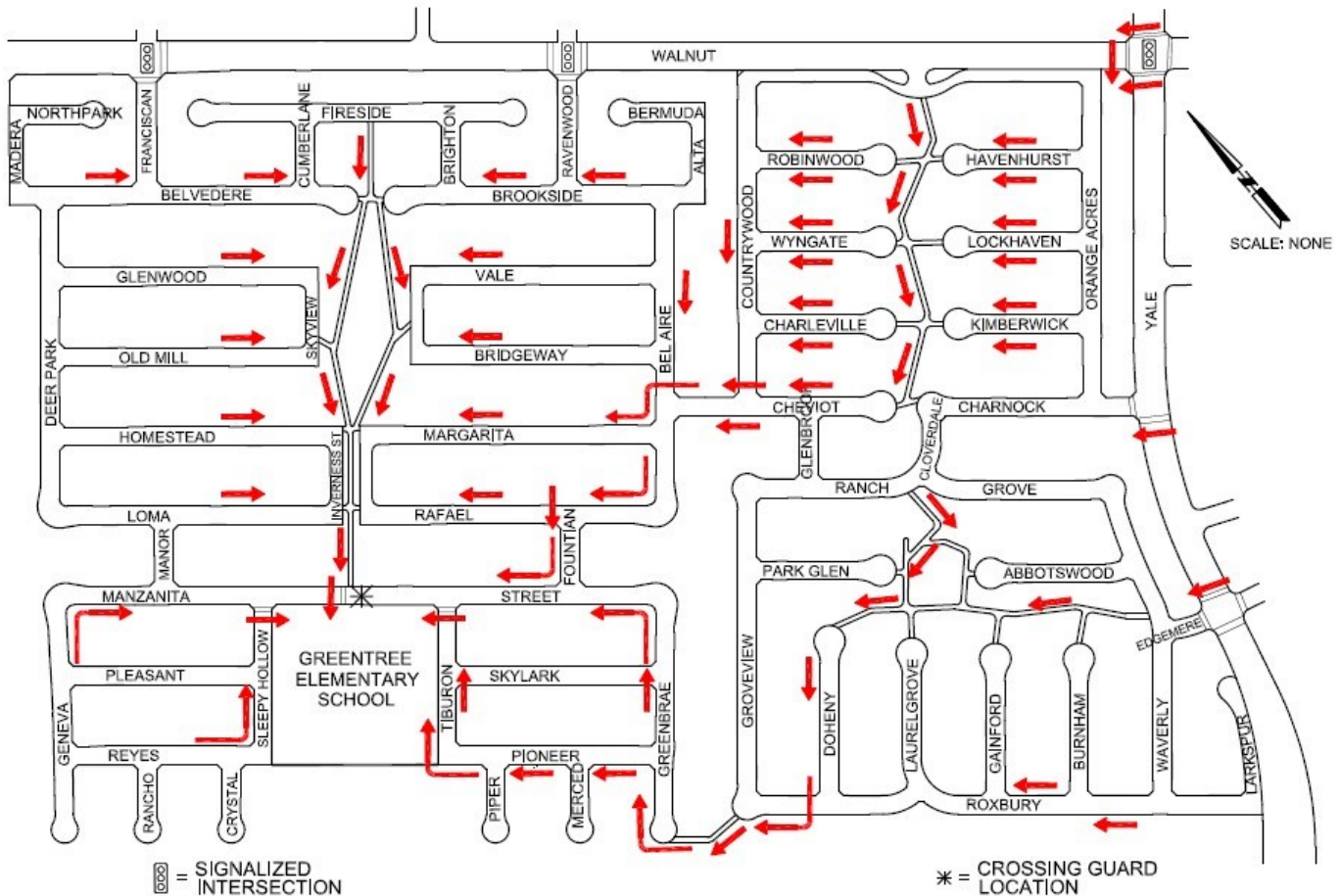
- You MAY drop off your child in one of the nearby neighborhood cul-de-sacs off of Loma, Rafael, Margarite, or Homestead Streets and walk up through the park to the Crossing Guard on Manzanita.
- You MAY park on Tiburon, Sleepy Hollow or Manzanita Streets where signage permits.
- Coordinate with other families in the neighborhood and carpool whenever possible.
- Have your children keep things like backpacks and instruments in the back seat instead of the trunk – it's safer and it saves time.
- Plan accordingly; if foul weather arrives, leave earlier for the unforeseen variables that may arise.
- If you live within a 10 minute walk of the school and can do so, **walk your children to and from school**. It is not only good for them, but good for you as well. Make it your daily exercise routine.

When walking or riding bicycles to school, it's important that parents review, discuss and practice the routes along with your children so that they fully understand the route and the importance of reporting directly to school in the morning and returning home immediately following school in the afternoon.

SUGGESTED ROUTE TO SCHOOL GREENTREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DEAR PARENTS:

In cooperation with the Irvine Police Department and the Traffic Engineering Division of the City of Irvine, we have identified a SUGGESTED ROUTE TO SCHOOL for children who walk or ride bicycles to school. We strongly encourage you to review the plan with your child and, if possible, walk the route to make sure he/she understands the route.



In the City of Irvine, bicycles may be legally ridden on sidewalks, but must yield to pedestrian traffic. Students on bicycles should always walk their bicycles across streets and look both ways before entering the street. Students who ride their bicycles within the on-street bicycle lanes are required to obey all the rules of the road. This includes riding in the same direction as vehicular traffic. All bikes must be locked in the bike racks located in the front of the school.

Greentree Elementary School is served by a Crossing Guard to assist children when crossing Manzanita in front of the school. When the Guard is on duty, the children are to obey the Guard's instructions.

Student Accident and Health Insurance

IUSD makes available to parents a low cost accident and health insurance for their children. Forms are distributed to parents on the first day of school. Additional forms are available in the front office. The desirability of having such a plan can provide benefits and coverage when help is needed.

Medication at school

Any time your child requires medication at school, the medication must be kept in the nurse's office to be given by school personnel. LEGALLY, the school requires:

1. Medication MUST be in the ORIGINAL pharmacy bottle, labeled by the pharmacist.

2. The parent MUST sign a consent form prior to medication being administered. The form is available in the school office, as well as on the IUSD website under Health Services (https://iusd.org/sites/default/files/request_for_medication_administration_2_pages_3.pdf).

3. The physician MUST sign a consent form prior to medication being administered. Medication will not be administered unless instructions are specific.

4. Medication MUST be brought to school by a parent. At no time should medication arrive at school in a lunch box, backpack, baggie, etc.

These regulations apply to NON-PRESCRIPTION medications as well. Non-prescription drugs include aspirin, vitamins, cough syrup, cough drops, ointments, etc. The only exception would be if parent/guardian gives consent to provide first aid such as calamine lotion, eye wash, Vaseline, etc.

- Please do not ask school personnel to administer medications supplied by you until the above mentioned requirements have been met.
- Please do not ask school personnel to supply your child with medication as no medications are supplied by the school.
- Please do not send your child to school with medications of any kind.

We encourage students to wear sunscreen to school. Students participate in activities outside daily including recess and lunch, Physical Education, and learning in our outdoor learning spaces. Students are permitted to bring and apply their own sunscreen, if they are able. Staff is not permitted to assist in application. We also encourage hats and other protective clothing to be worn outdoors.

Health Office

A District nurse, health clerk, or office staff are available on campus to assist with the illness or injury of a child. Parents will be contacted to pick up their child if he/she needs to go home or see a physician. Information and guidance is provided to staff, parents, and students when medical conditions affect academic and/or social growth.

When Your Child is Ill Germs spread very quickly. If your child tells you that he/she does not feel well, please take the time to take his/her temperature BEFORE sending your child to school. We know that a child does not always have a fever when feeling ill, but most often we find ourselves sending home children who do. Listen to your child and take their temperature! A temperature of 99.8 degrees + will result in a phone call for him/her to be picked up.

Vision and Hearing Screenings

District nursing staff provides students with vision and hearing screenings for grades K, 2, 5, new students, or at parent or teacher request.

Breakfast

Please make certain that your child eats breakfast before arriving at school. Often times a "sick" child is just hungry.

Emergency Preparedness

Parent Portal

We ask that parents keep their Parent Portal accounts with contact information up to date at all times. This information provides us your contact information and other emergency contacts in the event of your child being sick, hurt, or if there is an emergency. Students will ONLY be released to adults listed as an emergency contact.
<https://my.iusd.org>

At Greentree Elementary we are constantly concerned for the safety and welfare of each of our students. We hold regular safety drills to teach children the appropriate way to safely exit the building in the event of a fire, to “duck and cover” in the event of an earthquake, and to respond to lockdowns (both for non-emergency situations and true emergency situations). The school is fully equipped with search and rescue materials, first aid supplies, food, and water. Staff are assigned emergency preparedness roles and undergo specific training as needed. Our school staff is prepared to deal with a major emergency and to provide for the physical and emotional needs of students while they are under our supervision, as well as their orderly and safe release.

Access to students, in the event of an emergency, will be carefully controlled so that we may account for every child. Students will be released ONLY to adults designated on their emergency data.

In the event of an emergency, we will attempt to contact the parent community using emergency systems linked to phones and email. To assist us in this effort, we require parents to do the following:

- **Keep your contact information (including home phone, cell phone, email, and emergency contacts) on the MyIUSD Parent Portal up to date.**
- In the event of an emergency, check in at the designated student-release area to pick up / sign out students.
- The school provides water for students. No earthquake kits are needed.

Custody Disputes

The school must be made aware of, and have on file at school, any legal papers that deal with unique custody circumstances concerning your child. Please be advised that the natural/biological mother or father can retrieve their child from school at any time unless a court order is on file indicating otherwise.



Parent involvement is critical to the mission of Greentree; it supports the staff and helps reinforce the importance of education to your child. There are many ways to get involved. Following are details of organizations available for parent volunteers.

Parent Involvement

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

Greentree School is fortunate to have the support of an active group of parents who devote their time and talents to promote activities and events for our students. Our PTA assists in community building, planning, and providing financial support, not available by other means, which improves the quality of learning and increases opportunities for enrichment for all students. Parents are encouraged to attend meetings, support activities, and volunteer. Dates and times of meetings and activities will be posted on the PTA link of the Greentree website and on the Greentree PTA webpage www.greentreepta.org

Visitors on Campus

All visitors and volunteers must check in through the front office. Upon your first visit, you will need to have your Driver's License or Passport to be scanned through our Raptor system. Visitors who are unable to provide this information, will not be permitted on campus. Please note that on high volume days (holiday performances, class parties, etc.) there may be significant wait time to be scanned. Please have your ID scanned early to save time!

School Site Council (SSC)

The School Site Council is a group of parents and school personnel whose responsibility is to plan, monitor, and evaluate our School Improvement Plan. Parent members are elected by vote of all parents in the fall. Meetings are open to the general parent community and the schedule of times will be listed on the Greentree Website and in the Principally Speaking newsletter.

English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC)

The ELAC is composed of the principal, staff, and parents of English Language Learners who meet to review our instructional support of English Language Learner students. This committee is combined with the SSC.

If you are interested in being a part of any of these organizations, please call the office at 949-936-5800.

Student Birthday Celebrations

While we appreciate the joy and excitement that accompanies our students' birthdays, **we do not allow parents to bring food items to their child's classroom to commemorate their child's special day.** Dietary restrictions, food allergies, and the varied nutritional preferences of our parent population require considerable and deliberate coordination of any event involving food, and we cannot facilitate such oversight for every student's birthday. Party favors are seen as more appropriate for a private setting, so if strongly desired, a parent may bring non-food items such as pencils, stickers, stamps, etc. for classmates. A more lasting gesture would be the donation of a Birthday Book to our library. Our library/media clerk has excellent suggestions for choosing an appropriate Birthday Book. A special dedication card will be placed in the book. Then, the book will be shared with your student's class. After that, the book will be placed in the school library as a continuing memory of your child's special day.

Classroom Volunteers

Greentree School welcomes and values our volunteer assistance. In addition to the organization opportunities detailed on page 11, parents and guests may volunteer in classrooms and the library when pre-arranged with teachers/staff.

Classroom/Library Assistance

Classroom teachers and our library staff will recruit parent help at the beginning of the school year. There are opportunities for parents to work directly with students, to complete clerical tasks, and to complete tasks at home. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact your child's teacher. If working in the library is of interest to you, please contact our library staff.

We want your experience as a classroom or library volunteer to be a successful one. Here are some suggestions that might be of interest to you when you come to help out:

1. Meet the students in a relaxed, friendly manner.
2. Learn student names and pronounce them correctly.
3. Let the students know that you are truly interested in them by asking about interests, friends, etc.
4. Give students your full attention. Listen to what they have to say.
5. Set an example for students by being courteous and respectful to them.
6. Build students' self-confidence. Let them know you expect them to try and to succeed.

As you work with students, keep these ideas in mind:

1. Be consistent when working with students.
2. Learn school rules and be sure to follow them.
3. Be dependable. The teacher and students are depending on you.
4. Be prepared. Have everything ready when you start to work with students.
5. Reward students with positive praise.
6. Help students learn HOW to do their work.
7. Ask for help if you find a problem that you feel you may not be able to handle.
8. Your interest and enthusiasm as a volunteer may be the single most important part of success in learning for many students.

Confidentiality

All student information observed or obtained while volunteering is to remain confidential. Adults who breach this confidentiality expectation will not be invited to return.

Please recognize that when volunteering in the classroom, you are offering your assistance to the classroom teacher. If you are interested in observing your child's classroom, you are allowed up to three observations of no more than one hour each during the school year, per IUSD Board Policy. Please request your desired observation in writing to the school principal, at least two school days in advance.

Parent Communication

Our commitment is that we will regularly and thoroughly communicate with parents. This communication will be accomplished through a variety of methods and formally scheduled activities throughout the year.

Back to School Night

The Back To School evening in September is a “meet and greet” and an opportunity for parents to sign up for a variety of volunteer opportunities, as well as hear about the curriculum that will be presented to your child this school year. This is a night for parents only. Staff may discuss general information, not specific student progress.

Report Cards

Three times per year, report cards are issued for all students in grades TK-6. The report card is no longer printed, but rather is available on the MyIUSD Parent Portal (<https://my.iusd.org>).

Parent Conferences

Conferences are scheduled two times per year, once in the fall and once in the spring. The fall conference is a goal setting conference to select goals for each child and to review early progress. The spring conference is optional and serves as follow-up when necessary. Teachers are always available to schedule an individual meeting to discuss concerns or issues.

Open House

Open House is scheduled in March to showcase students’ progress. This event is an acknowledgement of the commendable efforts our students make throughout the year. Family and friends are invited to experience this popular event with their student.

Greentree Website

The Greentree website offers a plethora of information about our school program, staff, and events. Be sure to check it regularly!

Principally Speaking

The Principally Speaking Newsletter is issued periodically throughout the year. It contains more detailed information about our school programs. Look for it on the Greentree website.

Thursday Folders

In an effort to ensure that materials reach home, each child has an envelope or folder that parents should expect to be brought home every Thursday afternoon throughout the school year. The conduit might contain both school communication and schoolwork/homework. We hope that you will allow time each Thursday to review the information with your child and return the envelope or folder to school on Friday.

Grade Level/Teacher Websites

Our TK-6th grade teachers utilize classroom or grade level websites to communicate grade level news and information. These links can be located on the Greentree website.

Email and Voicemail

All staff members have a phone message line and are requested to check it regularly. The phones in the classrooms revert to voicemail during the school day. Each staff member also has an email address, which they check at least once per day, when present at school. Staff email addresses are listed on the staff page of the Greentree website. Please call the office for any emergency issues, as teachers will not answer the phone or check email during instructional time. Please allow staff members 24-48 hours to respond to email.



Enrichment Offerings

- Art Specialist: 1-6
- Instrumental/Choral Music: 4-6
- Vocal Primary Music: TK-3
- Library/Media Center: TK-6
- Health Education: TK-6
- Science Specialist: 4-6
- Innovation Lab (TK—6)
- PE Para Professional (TK—6)
- Peer Buddy Classes (primary and Upper as well as gen ed and Special Education classes)
- DARE Program (6th Grade): a special drug awareness program for 6th grade, sponsored by the Irvine Police Department.



Special Programs and Support Services

In addition to our outstanding general education program, Greentree School has a variety of other programs and services.

Gifted and Talented Education Program

The GATE Program is available to identified students grades 4-6 with exceptional learning abilities. The program consists of small clusters of identified students within the general education classrooms with a teacher who has been trained in meeting the needs of the gifted student. Appropriately differentiated instruction including depth, complexity, acceleration, and novelty is taught within the core curriculum. You may obtain further information by visiting the Gifted and Talented Education page of the IUSD website at www.iusd.org.

Specialized Academic Instruction (SAI) Classes

IUSD provides students with a minimal or total support system (academic, behavioral, personal, vocational, transition) through which he/she can acquire knowledge and those skills necessary to function in the regular classroom and ultimately in society.

Psychological Services

The school psychologist provides assistance for behavioral, social/emotional, and cognitive needs of students. Diagnosis of student needs, guidance for students and parents, testing, and consultation are available. Additionally, our Elementary Resource Counselor (ERC) is available to support students in navigating social and emotional needs.

Education Specialist and Learning Center Program

This program is designed to assist children who demonstrate significant deficits in academic skills. A student can qualify for this program by demonstrating a specific learning disability or a significant discrepancy between ability and academic achievement. After a student is identified as qualifying for this program, an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is designed to assist the student to make reasonable academic gains utilizing his/her strengths and remediation of weaknesses. This program is designed and implemented by the resource specialist in classrooms and in a one-on-one or small-group learning situation.

Speech and Language Pathologist

This program is designed to diagnose and provide therapy for students who demonstrate difficulty in speech, language development, and language-based skills. Students who qualify for this program have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) designed for them and receive individual or small group assistance as appropriate.

English as a Second Language

Our staff recommends that children learning English as a second language enroll in the IUSD Newcomer Program. Students are much more successful in English acquisition through this specialized district program. After students reach an intermediate level, they will return to their neighborhood school. Students who have been identified as English Learners receive additional support to assist them in reading, writing, listening, and speaking standards.

What if I feel my child needs extra support?

Greentree School prides ourselves in working collaboratively with families. We encourage parents to discuss any concerns with their child's teacher. Your child's teacher will always be your best, first point of communication for anything academic or behavioral. Should your child need extra enrichment or extra supports, Greentree School has a Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) team that gathers data to review student progress at least once a month. This team can discuss any concerns and look into any possible interventions available to your child. We strive to challenge and support every learner at school in their area of need.

The MTSS team, consisting of administration, school psychologist, EL Coordinator, Intervention Lead Teachers, Elementary Resource Counselor (ERC) and other members, meet regularly to evaluate student data and determine what additional supports and strategies can be put in place to support and challenge all learners.

Additionally, the MTSS team can determine if extra interventions are necessary including Extended Learning (6-8 week interventions), Elementary Resource Counselor support, Title I Instructional Assistant support, and more.



Student Fee Information

California's Constitution affirms that students and parents cannot be required to pay money to gain access to educational activities, nor can they be charged for materials and supplies necessary to participate in educational activities. "Educational activities" has been clearly defined to include extracurricular offerings such as music, sports and some clubs.

Moreover, the rules described above are believed to apply to all affiliated groups supporting district and school programs, including PTAs, boosters and foundations.

In 2010, the American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit against the state over impermissible fees, charges and deposits imposed on public school students. Two years later, Governor Jerry Brown signed legislation that codified existing laws and judicial decisions while establishing reasonable enforcement measures for schools and districts. The ACLU subsequently dropped its suit.

It should be noted that IUSD was in the process of analyzing its own practices even before the ACLU suit, looking specifically at funding requests that were made to help offset the cost of transportation, elective courses, summer school classes and essential supplies and equipment. The district has since worked to clarify that parent donations for most educational activities are voluntary, and that students will not be denied participation if their families choose not to contribute.

For further information, please check the following link on the IUSD website: <http://www.iusd.org/student-fee-info/>.

Bring Your Own Device (4th, 5th, and 6th Grade)

Responsible Use Policy– Parent/Student User Agreement

Greentree Elementary is committed to aiding students and staff in creating a 21st century learning environment. Upper Grade (4th-6th) students and all staff will now be able to bring electronic devices to school. Students may use their own devices with classroom teacher approval to access school-appropriate material for educational purposes. By allowing students to use their own technology on campus, we are hoping to increase the access all students have to the resources they need to succeed. However, it should be known, that Greentree Elementary is 1:1, meaning we have enough devices within our school so that ALL students have access to a device at all times.

Teachers may allow students to utilize devices for instructional purposes (novel studies, book reports, historical primary source documents, web-based applications and simulations, non-fiction reading in relation to content area curriculum, self-selected reading, research) and in accordance with IUSD's board policy and IUSD's Acceptable Use Policy. The teacher has the discretion to allow and regulate the use of personal devices in the classroom and for use during specific projects. Teachers may require a hard copy of a book in certain situations such as a specific translation of the text; illustrations and/or cover art; or foreword, appendix, or other literary additions required for class.

Ability to use electronic devices on campus is a privilege, not a right. All material on any electronic device must be appropriate for school. All users shall be required to acknowledge understanding of all administrative regulations governing use of the device and shall agree in writing to comply with such regulations and guidelines. Noncompliance with applicable regulations may result in suspension or termination of privileges and other disciplinary action consistent with district policies. Students may not use devices to record, transmit, or post photographic images or video of a person or persons on campus during school activities and/or hours unless otherwise allowed by a teacher. Devices may not be used for non-instructional purpose (such as making personal calls, sending personal e-mails and/or texting, etc.).

Device Types

For the purpose of classroom use, the word "device" means a privately-owned wireless and/or portable electronic piece of equipment that includes laptops, iPads, tablets, iPod Touches, cell and smart phones. No gaming devices are allowed (to include: Nintendo DS, PlayStation Portable PSP, etc.).

Guidelines

- It is imperative that both students and parents agree to the classroom guidelines.
- All students are expected to exhibit **digital citizenship** in accordance with Greentree Elementary school rules. This is a privilege, not a right.
- We would also like to make clear that parents are not expected to purchase a device for their child. We do have enough sharable devices that are available for all students for class-time use.
- If a student owns a device, has both parent and teacher permission, and agrees to the guidelines, only then will the student be allowed to bring his/her device to school for use during class-time only, on teacher-approved days.
- Students may not use their own devices during instructional time unless approved by the classroom teacher.
- Clearly and permanently label all devices and power cords with your student's name.

Guidelines (cont.)

- Devices may not be used for non-instructional purposes (such as making personal calls, sending personal e-mails, texting, social media, etc.).
- The student takes full responsibility for his or her device and keeps it with him/her at all times. The school, nor the teacher, is responsible for the security of the device.
- The student is responsible for the proper care of his or her personal device, including any costs of repair, replacement, or any modifications needed to use the device at school.
- The school reserves the right to inspect a student's personal device if there is reason to believe that the student has violated Board policies, school rules, or has engaged in other misconduct while using his/her personal device.
- Violations of any Board policies, administrative procedures, or school rules involving a student's personally owned device may result in the loss of use of the device at school and/or disciplinary action.
- The student immediately complies with teacher's request to shut down the device or close the screen. Additionally, all devices should be on MUTE unless otherwise directed by the classroom teacher.
- Personal devices shall be charged prior to bringing them school and shall be capable of running off of their own batteries while at school.
- The student may not use the devices to record, transmit or post photos or video of a person or persons on campus. Nor can any images or video recorded at school be transmitted or posted at any time without the expressed permission of the teacher.
- During school hours the student should only use their device to access classroom-related activities, with the expressed consent of the teacher.
- The student will only use the guest wireless network by logging in when directed. Use of 3G & 4G wireless connections are not allowed.

Tech Support

Students who have technical issues with their technology tool need to take care of this issue by working with the user's manual that came with the device outside of the classroom. These are not IUSD devices and the district is not allocating resources to troubleshoot issues. It is the responsibility of the student to bring the device to school charged and in working condition.



Liability

Although the student and parent are responsible and liable for the safety, protection, and security of the electronic device, student users of personally-owned devices are expected to alert school staff immediately regarding safety and security concerns. IUSD will not be held accountable for any harm or damages that result from the use of personally-owned devices whether it results from a mistake, negligence, or the willful violation of this agreement. Neither IUSD nor Greentree Elementary School can be held financially or criminally responsible for the loss of the device. Locking facilities will not be provided by Greentree or by any staff member. The student or parent may wish to consider the investment in the device before sending it to campus where it may end up in an unsecure situation.

Office Hours

The office is open

7:30 am - 3:00 pm

on school days.

The school staff works

hard to provide the

best quality services to

children, staff, and

parents.



IUSD Non-Discrimination Statement

The Irvine Unified School District is committed to equal opportunity for all individuals in education. District programs and activities including membership in student clubs shall be free from discrimination based on race, color, ancestry, nationality, ethnic group identification, age, religion, actual or potential parental, family, or marital status, or the exclusion of any person because of pregnancy or related conditions, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or genetic information; the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

The District does not discriminate in enrollment in or access to any of the activities and programs available. Admission to these programs is based on age appropriateness, class space, interest, aptitude, and prerequisite coursework where applicable. The lack of English skills shall not be a barrier to admission to or participation in the District's activities and programs. The Irvine Unified School District also does not discriminate in its hiring or employment practices.

Sexual Harassment– Students

Board Policy 5145.7

The Board of Education is committed to maintaining a learning environment free from harassment, intimidation or insult, student-to-student or adult-to-student, on the basis of an individual's actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender expression. Positive action will be taken when necessary to eliminate such practices or remedy their effects.

Sexual harassment, as defined and otherwise prohibited by state and federal statutes, constitutes an unlawful form of sex discrimination in violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. In addition, sexual harassment constitutes violation of the California Education Code, regulations of the State Board of Education, and District Policy. As such, sexual harassment may constitute just cause for discipline pursuant to applicable Education Code Sections.

The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries and complaints regarding the sexual harassment policy:

Greentree Elementary School

Tamara Brown, Principal

4200 Manzanita Street

Irvine, CA 92604

949-936-5800

District Office: Title IX Coordinator – Keith Tuominen, Director, Secondary Education, 5050 Barranca Pkwy, Irvine, CA 92604, (949) 936-5047.