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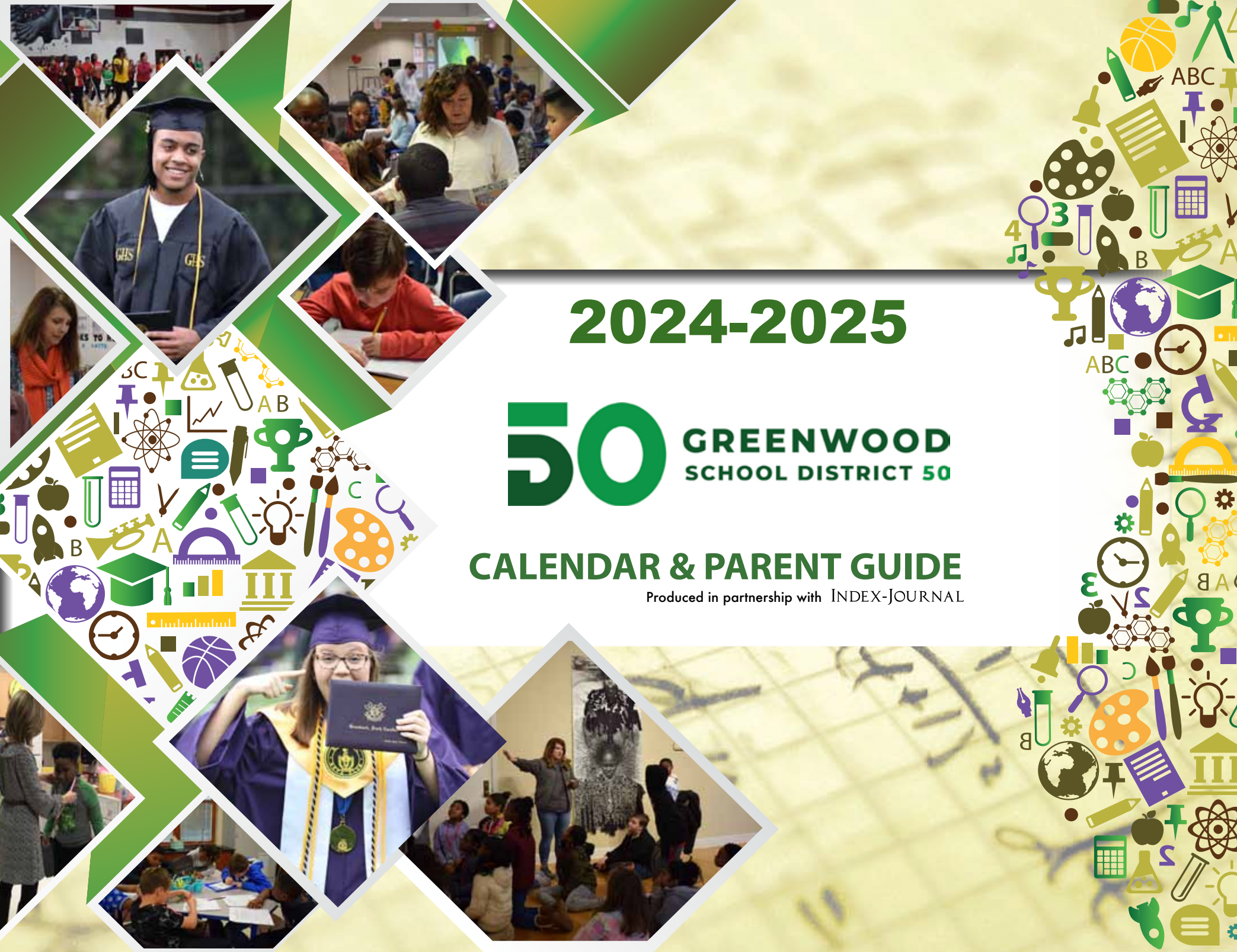
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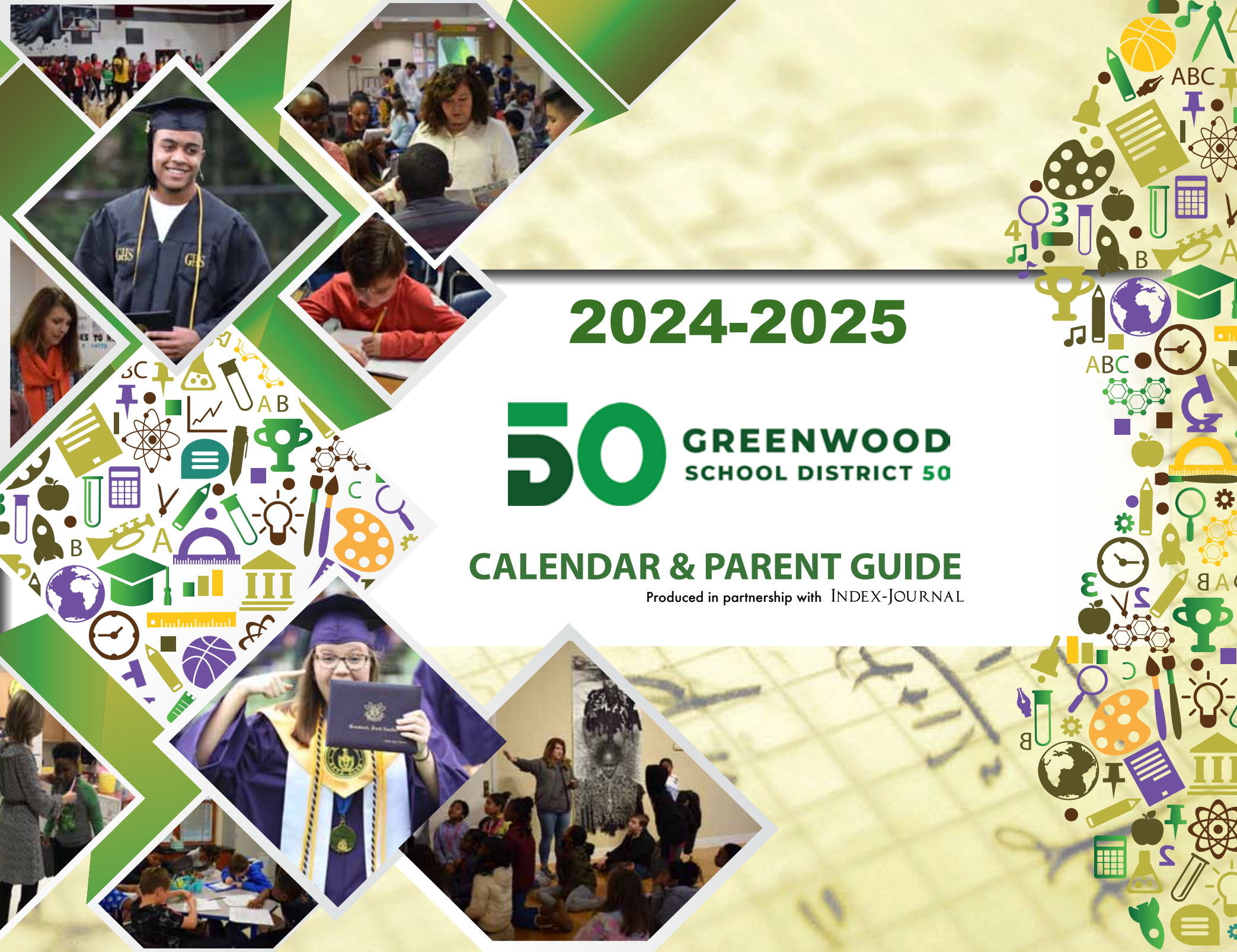
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GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 50 IMPLEMENTS CELL PHONE POLICY TO ENHANCE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Greenwood School District 50 has announced the implementation of a new school board policy banning the use of cell phones during school hours.

Greenwood School District 50 has announced the implementation of a new school board policy banning the use of cell phones during school hours. This decision, effective from the start of the upcoming academic year, aims to foster a more focused and productive learning environment for all students.

The policy prohibits the use of cell phones from the moment students arrive on campus until the end of the school day. Exceptions will be made only for medical reasons. Students will be allowed to use their cell phones after school hours to make arrangements for transportation and extracurricular activities. Cell phone use will also be allowed on the school bus provided it does not interfere with the normal operation of the bus.

School Board Trustee, Clay Sprouse stated: "Our goal is to always strive to minimize distractions to enhance the learning inside our schools. By limiting cell phone use, we hope to reduce distractions and encourage more face-to-face interactions among our students and staff."

The decision comes after the district and Board of Trustees received positive feedback from a students, parent, and teacher

survey that was conducted earlier in the Spring. Administrators also shared their experiences with cell phones in schools during a Board Policy committee meeting that was held on June 5th.

Key Points of the New Policy:

- Students are permitted to bring their cell phones to school, but they must be turned off and stored in their backpacks or designated areas during school hours. Students will NOT be provided a pouch as previously reported.

- Use of cell phones is permitted before and after school, as well as during extracurricular activities outside regular school hours.

- Violations of the policy will result in consequences outlined in the district's Student Rights and Responsibilities handbook.

District 50 recognizes that communication with parents is crucial. Therefore, in case of emergencies, parents can contact the school office, and messages will be relayed to students. Students will also be permitted to use school phones if needed to contact their parents or guardians.

Board Chairperson Danielle Fields expressed confidence in the positive impact of this policy. "We believe that by taking this step, we are investing in our students' academic success and well-being. This policy is part of our ongoing commitment to provide a safe and supportive learning environment.

CELL PHONE POLICY FAQ'S

We have answered some frequently asked questions we have received since the announcement of the cell phone policy.

1. Why was the cell phone policy implemented?

- The cell phone policy was implemented to create a more focused learning environment, minimize distractions, and improve overall student engagement and academic performance.

2. When does this new procedure take effect?

- The policy takes effect on the first day of school which is July 24, 2024 and will be enforced throughout all school hours.

3. Does this new procedure apply to all students?

- Yes, the policy applies to all students in Greenwood School District 50, regardless of grade level.

4. Can students bring their cellphones to school?

- Students are permitted to bring their cell phones to school, but they must be turned off and stored in their backpacks during school hours. Students will NOT be provided a pouch as previously reported.

5. Are there any exceptions to the policy?

- Exceptions may be made for medical reasons. Parents must speak to a school administrator for this exception.

6. What about students who need to contact their parents?

- Students can use the school office phones to contact their parents during school hours. Parents can also contact the school office to reach their children if necessary.

7. How will the policy be enforced?

- Any violations will be subject to disciplinary actions as outlined in the Student Rights and Responsibilities handbook.

8. What are the consequences for violating the policy?

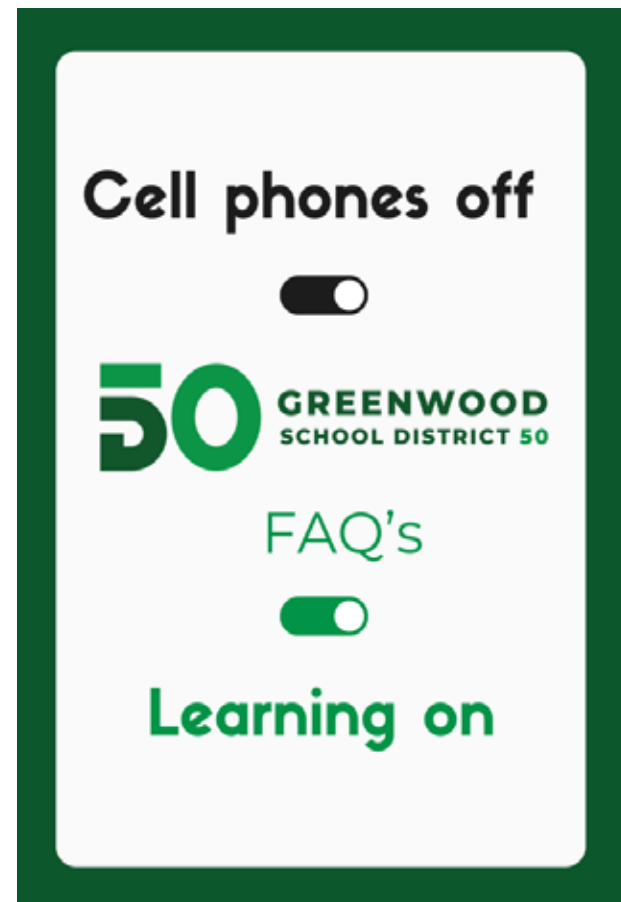
- Consequences may include warnings, confiscation of the cell phone, detention, or other disciplinary actions as detailed in the student handbook.

9. How can parents support this policy?

- Parents can support the policy by discussing the importance of focusing on education during school hours and ensuring their children understand the guidelines and consequences of the policy.

For any additional questions or concerns, please contact your child's home school.

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Tel: 864-374-5000 • Fax: 864-347-5028

Principal: Christine Rogers
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Lakeview Elementary School

660 Center Street, Greenwood, SC 29649

Tel: 864-941-5760 • Fax: 864-941-3498

Principal: Kristen Hopkins
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Tel: 864-941-5680 • Fax: 864-941-3496

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Principal: Anna Hayes
hayesa@gwd50.org

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Greenwood, SC 29649

Tel: 864-941-5580 • Fax: 864-229-5284

Principal: Tabitha Brewer
brewert@gwd50.org

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays Elementary School

1608 Florida Avenue, Greenwood, SC 29646

Tel: 864-941-5535 • Fax: 864-388-2402

Principal: Ms. Tiara Watson
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1000 Emerald Road, Greenwood, SC 29646

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Principal: Lori Corey
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BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

D50 Safety Director Natalie Talbert provides back to school safety tips for safer driving in school zones. If you're unfamiliar with an area and are driving during times when students are likely to be going to or leaving school, slow down and pay attention to make sure you're not in a school zone. If you are in a school zone, make sure you follow these rules:

Know the speed limit. Not all school zones have the same speed limit. Some speed limits are as low as 10 or 15 miles per hour, while others may be 20. Look for the posted speed limit and follow them.

Put down the phone. Driving and mobile phones don't mix. Not only can talking on the phone or texting in an active school zone earn you a hefty fine in many states – it can be deadly. Children may not pay attention as they cross a street, so it's crucial that drivers are always alert.

Watch for pedestrians. Crosswalks near school zones are particularly busy before and after school, but not all of them have crossing guards, and not all students will wait to cross at the proper time. (In fact, not all students will use crosswalks!) Drive slowly and watch for pedestrians crossing the road or walking in the road. Always give the pedestrian the right of way and follow any signals given by crossing guards.

Go slowly past parked cars. Children can



appear seemingly out of nowhere when they run out from between parked cars to cross the street. Drive slowly and keep your eyes active to scan for movement not just on the street and sidewalk, but between parked vehicles as well. In this situation, the right lane may not be the lane of least resistance. When you have a choice, the center or left lane may be a better option.

When you're driving in a school zone, you need to follow a specific set of safety measures beyond lowering your speed. Certain actions that you wouldn't give a second thought to in other traffic situations aren't allowed in school zones, and that includes passing another vehicle, changing lanes and making a U-turn.

Also, if you're dropping off children at school, make sure that you don't use handicap or emergency lanes unless you are licensed to do so.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. Steve Glenn
Superintendent,
Greenwood
School District 50

Greenwood School District 50 continues to help all students develop the world class skills of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing a high quality education to every student in our district. Our top notch faculty and staff are one of the main reasons we continue to be successful, helping to carry out our vision to prepare tomorrow's leaders together.

Our district saw significant improvement in several areas of the 2022-2023 state assessments. I'm proud to say that our district's growth has been significant in the past couple of years. While we aren't where we want to be, we are getting better. Our faculty and staff work hard every day and showcase dedication to help improve assessment results and ultimately help our students learn.

Greenwood School District 50 had three schools (Mathews Elementary School, Merrywood Elementary School, and Hodges Elementary School) rated as Excellent and two schools (Dr. Benjamin E. Mays Elementary School

and Westview Middle School) rated as Good on the State Report Cards released in 2023. We are very excited about these ratings with 9 of our schools improving. Our district continues to show significant improvement in several of the performance indicators. These ratings would not have been possible without the hard work of our students, teachers and staff.

In D50, we have so much to be proud of from our academic achievements to our extracurricular activities to our athletics to the daily learning happening in our schools. We look forward to continuing to work with our community, our students, our staff, our board, and our parents to produce college and career ready graduates. We believe Greenwood School District 50 is stronger when we all work together.

Sincerely,
Dr. Steve Glenn

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SCHOOL



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Jalessa Dillard
MAYS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Kelly Justice
MERRYWOOD ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL



September 2024

October 2024

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JASON HAYES NAMED PRINCIPAL AT LAKEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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"I'm excited to begin my next career opportunity in District 50 at Lakeview," Hayes stated. "I'm looking forward to working with the entire Lakeview school community as we strive to impact the lives of their students and staff on a daily basis."

During his 24 years in public education, Hayes has worked as a teacher, assistant principal, and athletic coach. Hayes obtained his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Winthrop University and his master's degree from Converse College. In 2016, Hayes received his Education Specialist degree in Educational Leadership from Arkansas State University.

"Mr. Hayes has proven to be an exceptional educator during his time in our school district," Superintendent Dr. Steve Glenn stated. "He has excelled during his career in public education with bringing the best out of his students, teachers, and staff. I fully anticipate this to continue with his new role at Lakeview."

Hayes will replace current Lakeview Elementary School principal Kristen Hopkins who will be moving into an assistant principal role in District 50.

The district also announced other administrative changes following the June Board meeting.

Matt Baker - Assistant Principal at Mathews
Taylor Crosby - Assistant Principal at Pinecrest
Kristen Hopkins - Assistant Principal at Northside
Aaron Accord - Assistant Principal at Brewer
Thomas Fortman - Assistant Principal at GHS
Karen Teague - Assistant Principal at GHS





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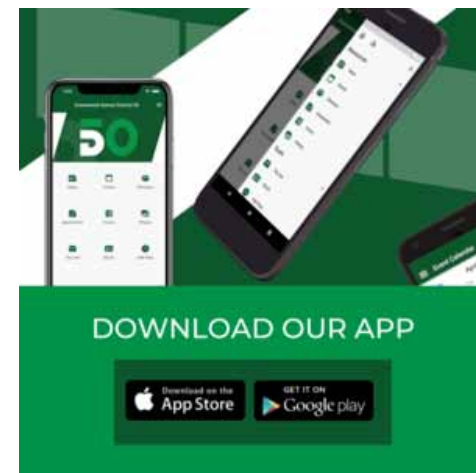
Greenwood School District 50 Launches Mobile App

Greenwood School District 50 now has a mobile app for download.

The mobile app is a part of D50's initiative to provide more user-friendly communications tools. By downloading the app to your mobile device, you can have quick access to D50 information, including news, events, and more.

"We know that many of our employees and families use smartphones as their primary means to communicate and access the internet," Superintendent Dr. Steve Glenn stated. "Our new mobile app ensures that they can easily access information and receive notifications about our district while using a smartphone."

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November 2024

December 2024

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MONTESSORI RELOCATES TO RICE ELEMENTARY

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"This relocation will provide students opportunities and resources they deserve," Superintendent Dr. Steve Glenn stated in the parent letter. "At Rice Elementary, Montessori students will have access to full-time related arts teachers, as well as a full-time school counselor and media specialist."

Acceptance into the Montessori program will continue to be lottery based. Siblings of Montessori students will be allowed to request an in-district transfer in order to attend Rice Elementary if needed.

"This relocation also allows Greenwood 50 to meet federal comparability standards and continue to receive federal funds that benefit our students," Dr. Glenn said. "We look forward to this upcoming transition and the opportunities that it will provide our students and staff."

Community Wi-Fi Hotspots

West Carolina Tel will be setting up outdoor hotspot sites around Greenwood County for student use. The following sites will be accessible in the location's parking lot:

- WCFIBER Office (1303 Montague Ave. Ext, Greenwood) (Customer Service Parking Lot)
- Greenwood Christian School (2026 Woodlawn Rd)
- Greenwood YMCA (1760 Calhoun Rd.)
- South Main Baptist Church (1000 Main St. S)
- Old Greenwood District 51 Office Building (25 E. Main St., Ware Shoals)

All D50 middle schools (Brewer, Northside, & Westview) bus circles are now free Wi-Fi hotspots.

We will continue to update this list as more hotspots become available.

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Delayed Openings, Closings, Early Dismissal

The Superintendent or his designee will make all decisions regarding school closings, delayed openings, or delayed dismissal. The superintendent will communicate this information to the media in accordance with established procedures.

Information on school closings or delayed openings will be communicated to radio and T.V. stations by 6:00 A.M. and posted on the Greenwood School District 50 web site and district's social media. (Under certain conditions, a decision to delay or close may be made by 10:00 P.M. of the preceding evening. Listen to your radio and T.V. for this information or check the district website or social media pages. (Please do not call schools or district personnel.)

Most radio and T.V. stations announce ONLY delays and closings. If you do not hear a delay/closing announcement, you should assume that schools are on their normal schedule.

The following radio and T.V. stations will be notified of District 50 delayed openings or school closings:

Radio Stations

WHZQ 94.1 FM . WCRS 1450 AM
WZSN 103.5 FM . WCZZ 1090 AM
WSSL 100.5 FM . WJMZ 107.3 FM
WLMA 1350 AM . WKRI 91.9 FM
WHZT 98.1 FM

T.V. Channels

WYFF (Channel 4)
WSPA (Channel 7)
WLOS (Channel 13)
FOX Carolina (Channel 21)
WIS Columbia (Channel 10)

Delayed Opening Announcement

In the event of a delay, the announcement will state when students and employees should report to school/work. The announcement will say:

"District 50 students will report 'X' hours later than their normal reporting time due to (inclement weather, etc.) conditions. District and school employees will report on time, on delayed opening days."

Morning child development classes are cancelled on delayed opening days. Decisions concerning Child Development sessions will be announced on a case-by-case basis. Kindergarten students will report to school with other classes in the school.

All employees will report to work at their normal starting time.

School Closings Announcement

If schools are closed, the following people should report to work unless weather conditions prevent them from coming in:

1. All 12-month employees
 2. Personnel designated by individual principals
- If you are unable to report, notify your immediate supervisor as early as possible.

Early Dismissal Announcement

Transportation and administrative personnel will be notified prior to media announcement of early dismissal. For early dismissal, the Greenwood radio stations and The Index-Journal will be notified. An attempt will be made to notify major employers in the area.

Please consult your principal or district office department head for clarification of these procedures.

Communications

All school facilities will have technology which includes phone services, email and text messaging for emergency purposes.

BULLYING POLICY

Purpose: To establish the basic structure for maintaining a safe, positive environment for students and staff that is free from harassment, intimidation or bullying.

The board prohibits acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying of a student by students, staff and third parties on the basis of sex, race/color/national origin, and disability that interfere with or disrupt a student's ability to learn and the school's responsibility to educate its students in a safe and orderly environment whether in a classroom, on school premises, on a school bus or other school-related vehicle, at an official school bus stop, at a school-sponsored activity or event whether or not it is held on school premises, or at another program or function where the school is responsible for the student.

For purposes of this policy, harassment, intimidation or bullying is defined as a gesture, electronic communication, or a written, verbal, physical or sexual act reasonably perceived to have the effect of either of the following:

- harming a student physically or emotionally or damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of personal harm or property damage

- insulting or demeaning a student or group of students causing substantial disruption in, or substantial interference with, the orderly operation of the school

Any student who feels he/she has been subjected to harassment, intimidation or bullying is encouraged to file a complaint in accordance with procedures established by the superintendent. Complaints will be investigated promptly, thoroughly and confidentially. All school employees are required to report alleged violations of this policy to the principal or his/her designee. Reports by students or employees may be made anonymously.

To report bullying, harassment, or other school threats, please use visit <https://asp.schoolmessenger.com/gwd50/quicktip/index.php>

In addition, Greenwood School District 50's QuickTip app is also available for Android (Google Play) and Apple Devices (iTunes App Store) by searching for "Quick Tip".

When you download the app, it will ask for the school district location code which will link the QuickTip app to our district. The school district code is gwd50. You will only have to enter this once during the initial setup.

SCHOOL BUS RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR SAFETY STUDENTS ARE:

1. to stay off the roadway while waiting for the bus.
2. to act in an orderly manner while waiting for the bus.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Students are:

1. to get on and off the bus at their designated stop only.
2. to wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to get on or off.
3. to wait until all traffic is stopped before crossing the road.

4. to cross the road in front of the bus and never behind it.
5. to enter and leave the bus at the front door only.
6. to sit down promptly after getting on the bus.
7. not to hold a seat for anyone.
8. to obey the rules and regulations and reasonable requests of the driver at all times.
9. not to move out of seat while the bus is in motion.
10. not to make any unnecessary noise at any time such as yelling, screaming, playing instruments, etc.

*** More rules in the Student Handbook ***



January 2025

February 2025

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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23	24	25	26	27	28	1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			Winter Break		Teacher Inservice Day	
					Inclement Weather Makeup Day	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Schools & Offices Closed					
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

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SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING!

The safety and security of our students and staff is everyone's responsibility including yours. If you see suspicious activity, remember to report it to a teacher, school administrator, local law enforcement or a person of authority. Whether you are on your way to work, walking in your neighborhood, or out and about in your community, remember: We all must work together to keep our schools and communities safe. Remember to stay alert and say something when you see signs of suspicious activity.

It's simple: See Something Say Something!

READ TO SUCCEED

The South Carolina Read to Succeed Act which became law in 2014 aims to improve literacy and reading proficiency for all children in our state. This law includes significant changes regarding the promotion and retention of third grade students. For information on Read to Succeed, visit the SC Department of Education website at

<http://ed.sc.gov/instruction/office-of-early-learning-and-literacy1/read-to-succeed1/>



SAFETY TIPS FROM DISTRICT SAFETY

Learn the school's emergency procedures.

Emergency plans and phone numbers are usually included in school handbooks and posted in classrooms. Taking a few extra minutes to familiarize yourself and your child with emergency information can give him or her the confidence they need to act quickly in emergency situations.

Know travel routes to and from the school.

Make sure you and your child know both primary and alternate routes. In an emergency, roads can be blocked and it's important to have a backup plan.

Know and follow school security and safety measures.

These will include signing in when visiting the school, being escorted when walking through the building, or wearing a visitor pass. Following these procedures also sets a great example for your kids.

Talk with your child about safety.

Be specific. Talk about instinct and paying attention to funny feelings of fear. Explain what to do if he or she doesn't feel safe (find a teacher, call 911, etc.). Make sure your child knows how to contact you or a trusted neighbor who is likely to be at home.

Inform school staff about health and emotional concerns.

Whether your child has a food allergy, a physical disability, or has been subject to bullying, make sure to keep your child's teachers and principal in the loop.

Get involved.

Talk with the principal and your safety officer about what you can do to increase school safety, such as organizing parents to form a neighborhood watch before and after school. Sometimes parent groups are highly successful in making improvements in traffic safety during drop off and pick up times.



February 2025

March 2025

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23	24	25	26	27	28	1
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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The Greenwood Promise is a place-based last-dollar scholarship program designed to reach beyond the boundaries of economic need and academic ability. As such, the Promise awards funds to offset the remaining balance of post-secondary tuition and mandatory fees for every high school graduate whose primary residence is zoned for Districts 50, 51 or 52.

Initial Promise awards began with the SPRING high school graduating class of 2017. Because the Promise is funded by private and public donations, implementation of the Promise will be in three phases as funding allows.

Phase 1: tuition assistance for students to obtain a certificate, diploma, or associates degree from Piedmont Technical College (PTC) or one of the other SC technical colleges if a particular major is not offered at PTC.

Phase 2: includes Phase 1 plus the last two years of a post-secondary education at Lander University or another state-supported institution if the desired degree is not offered at Lander.

Phase 3: includes Phase 1 and all four years of a bachelor's degree.

The full impact of the Promise begins with our children and expands to revitalize the entire community, improve the quality of life, and develop a highly-qualified workforce that will meet the needs of local employers, both now and in the future.

The Promise aims to positively impact the following areas:

High School Graduation Rates

Post-secondary Education Attainment

Workforce Development

Job Creation

Increased Residency within Greenwood County

Crime Rates

Enhanced Tax Base

Simply put, The Greenwood Promise is an investment in Greenwood's greatest resource: **Our Children!**

What is ACCESS for ELLs?

ACCESS for ELLs is an English language proficiency test that measures students' academic English language skills.



ELL

An English language learner, or ELL, is a student who has the opportunity to receive instruction in English, in addition to taking other classes. ELLs are tested every year to help teachers understand their language skills, but you have the right to accept or decline language support.

Language Proficiency

A language proficiency level is a measurement of where students are in the ongoing process of building language skills. When students reach the highest levels of language proficiency, they no longer need language support services.

Your child was identified as an ELL, which means your child can have instruction in English, in addition to taking other classes. ELLs take an English language proficiency test every year.

Testing helps teachers understand whether students have the language skills they need to fully participate in the classroom. Your child's teachers use ACCESS for ELLs test scores as they decide how best to teach your child.

Test scores also help teachers track your child's progress in learning academic English and help schools decide what English language support services to provide. You can use test information to advocate for your child at school.



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March 2025

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27	28	29	30	1	2	3

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			End of Nine Weeks			
16	17	18	Intercession Days		21	22
		Remediation Day for students that need it	Remediation Day for students that need it			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			SPRING BREAK			
			Schools & Offices Closed			
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

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Greenwood County Adult Education

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Greenwood County Adult Education offers the GED®test on computer, a brand new way to take today’s test and earn your GED®credential. The GED®test on computer offers test-takers a better testing experience, featuring:

- Instant score results
- 24/7 registration and scheduling online
- Finish one section, move on to the next at your own pace.

Remember: The GED®test must be taken in person, at an official GED®testing center.

With the GED®test on computer, success is just clicks away™. Register today at www.myged.com.

Travis Blizzard, Director - (864) 941-5449

Tommy J. Goode, Transition Specialist - (864) 941-5462

D50 Announces Alternative Program Relocation



District 50 announced the relocation of the alternative school program to the building that currently houses the Early Childhood & Montessori School which is located at 1125 E Cambridge St. District 50’s alternative program is presently housed at Genesis Education Center. District 50 recently announced the Montessori program will be moving to Rice Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year.

“This relocation will provide our alternative program with a larger space to house our students in elementary, middle, and high school,” Superintendent Dr. Steve Glenn stated. “We believe this relocation will benefit our alternative program’s administrators, students, and staff. The district is currently evaluating and reviewing several items in regards to this transition and those will be announced in the future.”

The Instructional Services Center and Adult Education program will continue to be housed at 400 Glenwood St, Greenwood, SC 29649

<p>Interested in attending Adult Education?</p> <p>TO ENROLL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ CALL 864-941-5450 or 864-941-5460 TO SCHEDULE TO TAKE THE TABE TEST✓ TAKE THE WIN TEST✓ ATTEND ORIENTATION <p><small>PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. Seats are limited for testing and orientation.</small></p>	<p><u>Note: We are located in Genesis Education Center in the separate wing to the left.</u></p> <p>Important Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ <u>Please contact us if you need to reschedule due to illness or emergency.</u>➤ <u>To enter the building, you must have an appointment.</u>➤ <u>Testing/orientation is by appointment only.</u>➤ <u>Appointments must be made at least 24 hours in advance.</u>➤ <u>Students should arrive 20 min before schedule time to have time to check in with our center</u> <p>We follow Greenwood School District 50's policies, procedures, and calendar.</p>
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April 2025

May 2025

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Montessori School



Willie Rayford
Emerald High School



Abby Mohajer
G. Frank Russell
Technology
Center



Edwin Witt
Genesis Education
Center



Perrin Roper
Greenwood High School



Janada Jay
Hodges Elementary
School



Kayla Livingston
Instructional Services
Center



Briana Winn
Lakeview
Elementary School

May 2025

June 2025

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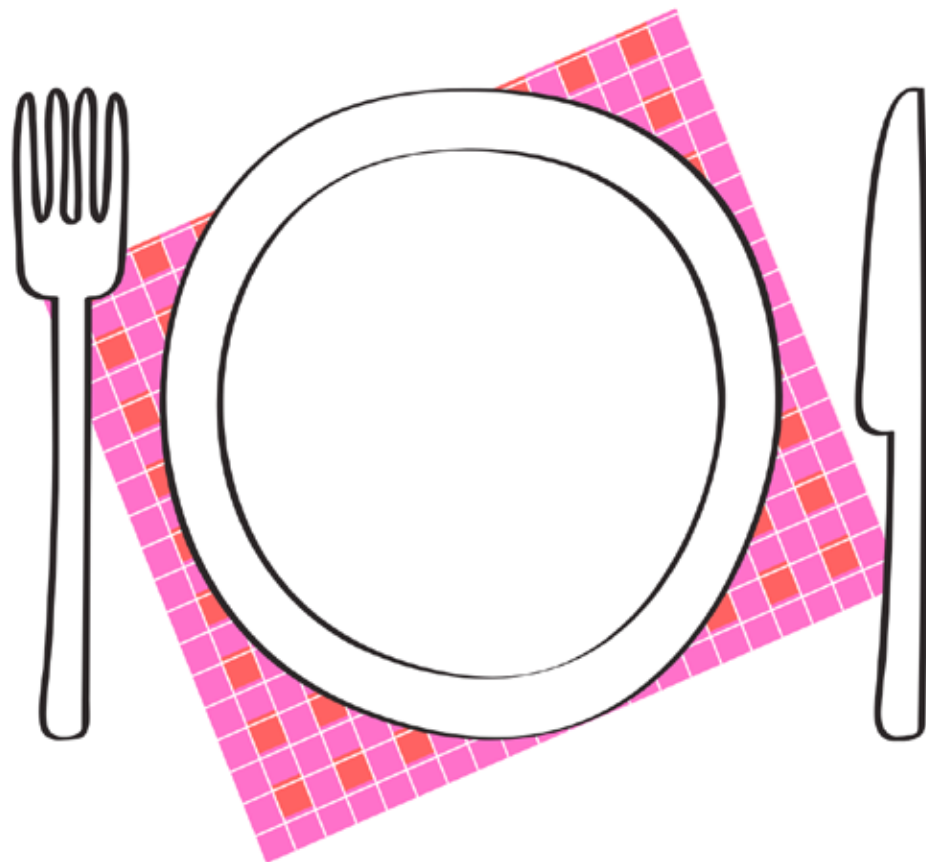
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What's for ***lunch?***

Free lunch is available for all D50 students 18 and under during the summer.



Visit the cafeteria door at Greenwood High School Monday-Thursday from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. to receive a lunch to go.



AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM (ACP)

D50 parents could be eligible for a discount of up to \$30/mo. toward broadband service!

You could be eligible for a discount of up to \$30/month toward broadband service. The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) assists low-income households with paying for internet service. Contact your internet service provider to see if you qualify!

For more information, visit wcfiber.net/acp/

Apply now at acpbenefit.org



June 2025

July 2025

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