

GREENBRIER SIDEWINDERS

August 2026 • Family Newsletter



Growing Together, Learning Forever • Every piece matters!

Principal's Corner



Dear Sidewinder Families,

It is hard to believe that August is already coming to a close! What a wonderful first month of school it has been at Greenbrier. Our students have settled into routines, built relationships, completed beginning-of-the-year testing, and jumped into some amazing learning. We are so proud of the energy and excitement we see across campus each day.

Safety First

Our first fire drill of the year was a success! All classrooms were cleared and every student was accounted for in just five minutes. We practice these drills monthly so students and staff are prepared in the unlikely event of an emergency.

We are also pleased to have a School Safety Officer on campus each day through our school safety grant. Beginning in September, our officer will teach age-appropriate law-related education lessons focused on topics such as staying safe at school, being a safety hero, and speaking up when something is not safe.

Our Verkada Visitor Management System is also fully functioning. Please remember to bring a current government-issued photo ID each time you visit campus.

Families Are a Piece of Our Puzzle

Our first Sidewinder Store was a huge success thanks to our parent volunteers! The store is traditionally held on the last Friday of each month, and we would love additional support.

If you are interested in helping with the Sidewinder Store, volunteering in classrooms, attending a field trip, or supporting other campus events, please use the volunteer link below to complete your yearly registration and one-time volunteer training.

September will bring even more opportunities to get involved! We are excited to launch Watch D.O.G.S. — Dads of Great Students — at Greenbrier. Dads, grandpas, uncles, and other important male role models are invited to join us on September 17, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

And don't worry, moms, grandmas, aunts, and all of our other amazing family members — we need you too! September 17 will also be our first-ever Greenbrier Volunteer Kick-Off. Imagine the difference we could make if every family volunteered just one day this school year!

Sidewinders in Action

August brought several exciting student experiences. Sixth grade celebrated the traditional 6th Grade Extravaganza with tie-dye shirts, games, and pizza. Thank you to the Greenbrier PTA for sponsoring this special event!

Our PreK–2nd grade students enjoyed a Delta Dental puppet show and learned about the importance of taking care of their teeth. Our 4th–6th grade students listened to Student Council campaign speeches, and every Wednesday our entire school comes together for student-led announcements and our flag ceremony.

Learning in Action

Some of the best moments are happening every day in our classrooms! Kindergarten students are learning how to sing high and low in music. First graders worked with parent volunteers to build classroom community and create class shirts. Second graders learned how teamwork helps everyone succeed. Third graders explored light and shadows. Fourth graders focused on self-motivation and perseverance. Fifth-grade SAGE students completed a STEM team-building challenge, and sixth graders have been exploring molecules and how they work together in our universe.

These are just a few examples of the incredible teaching and learning taking place at Greenbrier!

Looking Ahead to September

We are hopeful that September will bring cooler temperatures and more opportunities for outdoor recess. We are also excited for another month filled with learning, leadership, family involvement, and Sidewinder pride.

Thank you for being such an important piece of our Greenbrier community. Together, we are creating a school where every student can learn, grow, belong, and succeed.

Your partner in education,
Cindy Mills

Sidewinder Snapshots



Sidewinder Gallery A little more of what makes Greenbrier special



Family Connection

STAY CONNECTED – Join us on September 17, 2026 to sign up to volunteer at Greenbrier. Be a key part of the Greenbrier community and join us for a family event where we will learn all about being a Watch D.O.G.S. & Watch M.O.M.S. We will be serving pizza!

Please RSVP by using this QR code to sign your family up. In the mean time, make sure you have completed the required volunteer [application and training](#). See you on the 17th!



Watch D.O.G.S. &
Watch M.O.M.S.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT / DETAILS
August 31, 2026	Greenbrier PTA quarterly meeting 5 p.m. - library
September 4, 2026	Greenbrier Flagpole Ceremony 8:40 a.m. all invited
September 7, 2026	Labor Day – No School
September 15, 2026	40 Book Challenge Kick-Off
September 17, 2026	Volunteer Kickoff Family Event – 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cafeteria <i>(dinner will be provided – must RSVP – invite to come out this week)</i>
September 21, 2026	Fall Break Day - No School
September 23, 2026	Picture Day
September 25, 2026	Sidewinder School Store
October 1, 2026	PEER Field Trip – Texas Road House
October 5, 2026	3 rd Grade Field Trip - MIM
October 5-8, 2026	Sidewinder Book Fair
October 8-9, 2026	Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Release 12:05 p.m.
October 9, 2026	Quarter 1 Awards Assembly – Principal's List and Honor Roll
October 12-16, 2026	Fall Break – No School
October 30, 2026	Sidewinder School Store
November 10, 2026	Veterans Day Flagpole Ceremony 8:40 a.m. all invited
November 11, 2026	Veteran's Day – No School

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