



Greenbrier Elementary School

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Home of the Reading Stars!



An Award Winning School

Greenbrier is a 2009 Blue Ribbon School Award winner from the U.S. Department of Education, which recognized 314 schools with student achievement in the top 10% or dramatic improvement. Greenbrier consistently performs at high levels, having been named a *Title I Distinguished School* for seven consecutive years for exceeding standards for students from economically disadvantaged homes. It received the *Governor's Award of Educational Excellence* in 2008-2011. We attribute such consistent recognition to the dedication of our hard-working staff, students, and families.



About Greenbrier

Greenbrier Elementary School was built in 1962 in the Greenbrier subdivision. The school was originally a grade 1-7 school headed by Mrs. Ora Lee Starnes, a respected teacher who began teaching in Charlottesville in 1929. The school's beautiful courtyard—which features gardens, rain barrels, a windmill, and a pond—began as a community project. Greenbrier created a school-wide reading initiative called STAR more than 10 years ago to emphasize the importance of reading for success in school. It was soon expanded to include writing. Students now try to reach a goal of 30,000 hours of reading and writing each year.



Greenbrier is perfectly situated for science. Our courtyard, outdoor amphitheater, nearby trails, and a stream provide students with an outdoor classroom that brings science to life! Greenbrier students are encouraged to investigate by experimenting, analyzing, validating and applying data. During our annual science night, 3rd and 4th graders apply physical science concepts to various activities. Kindergarten through 2nd graders develop projects using science theories that they study all year.

Positive relationships are a cornerstone of Greenbrier's culture. Students set personal goals and our STAR POP (Perfectly Outstanding Pupils) program recognizes their progress. Teaching specialists work with classroom teachers to develop additional support for students in need, and teams of teachers meet regularly to assess individual student achievement.

With approximately 40% of our student population speaking English as a second language, Greenbrier offers intensive literacy instruction to build confidence and skills that will allow for full classroom participation.

In 2010, Greenbrier began a partnership with Hearthwood Apartments. Greenbrier staff and volunteers offer homework help in a vacant apartment afterschool to students who live nearby.



Opportunities for Parent Involvement

The Greenbrier PTO is an active and supportive component of Greenbrier school. Student events are the focus of most parent nights, and parent volunteers are a mainstay of the instructional program.

Back to School Night – This is a night to meet the Greenbrier staff, specifically your child's teacher. The evening offers two sessions in your child's classroom to hear more about your child's day.

Walking Wednesday – To promote walking to school, our buses drop students off at Kerry Lane and the amphitheater path. Heavy rain cancels; a light mist makes us walk faster.

PTO Coffee – After you drop your students off at 8:15 a.m., join other parents and Mr. Kyner under the K/1 overhang for coffee, a danish, and some conversation.

PTO Fall Picnic – This is an evening to come out and enjoy fun, food, and fellowship with Greenbrier families and staff.



Green Initiatives

- 2009 ENERGY STAR® certified building
- School Energy Improvement Plan
- Nature trip to Camp Albemarle
- Eliminated use of Styrofoam products in cafeterias and switched to washable trays
- Integrated pest management
- Buses use biodiesel fuel, anti-idling policy
- Single stream recycling
- Courtyard gardens with rain barrels, bird houses, pond, and weathervane
- Ecology Club



Awards and Recognitions



- 2009 National Blue Ribbon School— Selected by the U.S. Department of Education, Greenbrier is among 314 schools to meet standards of excellence that exemplify school quality.
- 2008-11 Virginia Board of Education’s VIP Excellence Award
- Title 1 Distinguished School for 7 years in a row



Technology

Technology at Greenbrier is used to help engage students, enhance lessons, and accelerate learning. Our teachers regularly receive technology training and interactive SMART white boards are in every room. Currently Greenbrier is home to over 120 laptops with wireless internet. Students make use of Ipods in practicing math facts or listening to a recorded story. Students use technology in small and large groups. Flip cameras, document cameras, and “clickers” (used to answer questions electronically) are available to all grade levels.

School Population (June 2011)

Enrollment: 280
Asian/Pacific Islander: 11.4%
African American: 27.5%
Hispanic: 10.4%
White: 50.4%
Unspecified: 0.4%
ESL students: 40.1%
Gifted students: 28.6%
Special Education students: 12.9%
Pupil/teacher ratio: 20:1



What Parents Say about Greenbrier

We are out of district parents and truly believe that it is well worth the extra money and travel time.

As a Greenbrier parent since 2004, I could not have asked for a better school for my children. They are great students and have had much success at Walker and Buford as a result.

I should thank all teachers/administration and volunteers for their hard work.

Greenbrier is an excellent school. Our son is excited to go to school and the level of learning and attention for each child is wonderful.

