

GREENVILLE EARLY COLLEGE

From the desk of Mrs. Ford...



November marches in the beginning of fall. It is easy to notice the changing of leaves and the chill in the air. One of my family's traditions is to spend a portion of our dinner time talking about the things that we are thankful for. I am thankful for sunny days with cool breezes. I am thankful for sweet tea at Sunday dinner. I am thankful for my children's laughter. I am thankful for the teachers at the Early College and their desire to empower and encourage and I am thankful for the students and their families because they come every day with a willing heart and a desire to learn. When I was a teacher we had a class tradition called **Thankful Thursday's**. Thankful Thursdays are when we take the time to tell or show someone why we are thankful for them. Over the next few weeks I encourage the GEC family to participate in random acts of kindness on Thursday's. Take the time to write a note to someone and tell them why you are thankful for them or lend a helping hand to someone in the neighborhood. Over the Thanksgiving holiday be sure to remind each other why you are thankful to be together.

November 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2 8 th Grade Humanities @ FAC	3 8 th Grade Humanities @ FAC
6 9 th Grade @ Lander University Report Cards	7	8 10 th Grade @ DCC	9 Academic & Attendance Celebration Food Truck	10 English I & II @ Furman University
13	14 8 th Grade Junior Achievement AALG Leadership Summit Algebra 1 Benchmark #2 No Extended Day	15 7 th /8 th Grade Swamp Rabbit STEM trip US History Benchmark #2 Dare to Dream Program	16 Make-up Picture Day 11 th Grade Accuplacer Test	17 Biology Benchmark #2
20 9 th – 11 th Grade Furman Tour 11 th Grade Forms for ACT/SAT due	21	22 <i>Thanksgiving Holiday begins</i>	23 	24
27 Grades due Sex Ed materials available for review. Julie Valentine Center 9 th Grade program	28	29 Progress Reports NTN Executive Tour Morehouse College/ Columbia College Lunch & Learn	30	

Check out our website <https://greenville.k12.sc.us/ec/> for the most accurate and up to date information.

Parent Advisory Council

We are interested in starting a Parent Advisory Council. The purpose of the Parent Advisory Council is to help the Early College leverage resources to support programs within the building.

The Parent Advisory Council will provide parents with a voice around options for students but is not a PTA or an SIC. Some of the primary topics include fundraising for current programs, opportunities for new programs and activities, opportunities for engaging parents and community resources and a review of protocols, traditions, and expectations for Early College students. There are five seats available. If you are interested in participating, please email Mrs. Ford the name and grade level of your student mford@greenville.k12.sc.us or call the main office (864) 355 – 7560 to leave a message by **November 15th**. The first meeting will be scheduled for December.

Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day is Saturday, November 11th. The Student Advisory Council will be working on a plan to acknowledge Veteran at their November meeting. Please stay tuned for more information regarding how the students will honor those that have served our country.

Attractions Dining & Value Guide Coupon Book

Following the Thanksgiving Holiday we will have the Attractions Dining & Value Guide Coupon Books for sale. Consider purchasing a book for \$20 for friends and family. There will be an option to purchase books online as well. Classroom Incentives will be given to students that sell the most books. More information will be available after the holiday break.

Civic Minded Spirit

Several 8th grade students have been raising funds and awareness for the Hurricane Victims. Thank you for your continued support of their efforts.

Junior Achievement – JA in a Day

During the course of JA in a Day, students will learn about various aspects of financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship. At the end of the day, students will receive their JA certificates for completing the program. A It's My Future provides practical information about preparing for the working world. Students learn about career clusters, high-growth jobs, career planning, and creating a personal brand. And, through a scavenger hunt, they are introduced to the basic aspects of job hunting.

Extended Day

There will not be extended day on Tuesday, November 14th. Teachers will be at an offsite training that afternoon. We will still have extended day Monday, November 13th and Thursday, November 16th. Transportation arrangements on Tuesday will be just like normal dismissal times without extended day.

Sex Education

A goal of Greenville County Schools is to provide parents/guardians with information to make decisions regarding the sexuality education of your child. Complete details of the district's age appropriate, abstinence-based sexuality education curriculum will be available for review the week of November 27th. The materials will be found in the main office. **If you do not want your child to take the entire sexuality education class or a specific portion of the class, you must bring the signed exemption statement to the school in person.** Students may not turn in any opt out forms. By School Board Policy and SC Comprehensive Health Education Law, students who exempt sexuality education will be required to complete other health-related self-study lessons.

