



Greenbrier Manor School

# December Newsletter



2025

## Director's Desk

The days are shorter and there is a hint of anticipation in the air...it must be December! This is a very exciting and busy month for us all. 'Tis the season to be jolly and to indulge! While we aren't fanatic about "no sugar" at the Manor Schools, we have learned to be cautious. Please try to limit sugar intake at breakfast. Children are better able to settle into learning with protein and fruit.

This past fall has been productive and rewarding for our teachers. GMS students have enjoyed themselves while absorbing a wealth of information. We hope you have seen the great strides in your child's growth! We will close for winter break at the end of the day on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to restarting on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

2026-2027 school year registration will come home soon. Those who will return next fall should plan to turn in the registration form as soon as we return from winter break. Current GMS families have priority registration for the month of January. Registration opens to the public February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are wondering about placement for next year, please see Jackie or Elizabeth. With warm holiday wishes, Jackie

## Reminders

- Fall registration opens for current families upon our return to school January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Please visit our Lost & Found looking for anything you are missing! It always helps us if you label your child's items.
- Manor School special announcements (school closings, late openings and early dismissals) will be posted on our website [www.manorschools.com](http://www.manorschools.com). Your teacher will also notify you of any changes. We generally follow Chesapeake Public Schools for inclement weather.
- We are busy scheduling tours for prospective families who would like to start in the fall of 2026! Know anyone? Please share our contact information! 757-548-9292 or [greenbriermanor@manorschools.com](mailto:greenbriermanor@manorschools.com)

## Holiday Programs

Parents/special guests are invited to meet us in the parking lot behind the school to hear the classes sing songs. Afterwards, we will come inside and have a special snack in the classroom.

### Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

9:15: Ms Mickey, Ms Meg and Ms Megan

### Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

9:15: Ms Alicia, Ms Cindi and Ms Tracy Garlow

### Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup>

9:15 Ms Adrienne and Ms Iris

## 2 year old Holiday Parties

We will have a special snack in the classroom and we will take pictures to share with the parents! We have found that, for this age child, seeing parents during school time creates a difficult transition back to class.

### Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

10:00 Ms Erika and Ms Karen's Holiday Party

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## What we are learning

2's, 3's, 4's, PreK and Kindergarten classes devote the month of December to holiday preparations, both Christmas and Hanukkah. All the children will make crafts and sing songs appropriate for each celebration. In addition to letters and numbers, this month's activities will include making and wrapping their gifts for you, baking and preparing for holiday parties. Kindergarten will add in the study of orchestra instruments. This is designed to help them appreciate the music they will hear throughout the holiday season. If any of you want to share your expertise in this area, please let us know!

## Save the Date

December 8-11.....Holiday Programs/Parties  
December 22-January 2.....Winter Break – School Closed  
January 5.....School resumes  
January 12 and 15.....Navigation Eyecare Vision Screenings (free!)  
January 19..... MLK Day, School Closed  
January 26.....Teacher In-service, School Closed  
February 16.....Presidents Day, School Closed  
April 6-10.....Spring Break, School Closed  
May.....Conference Day, No classes (Open for all-day care only)  
May 25.....Memorial Day, School Closed  
June 5.....Kindergarten Graduation  
June 12.....Last Day of School  
June 22 – Aug .....Summer programs

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