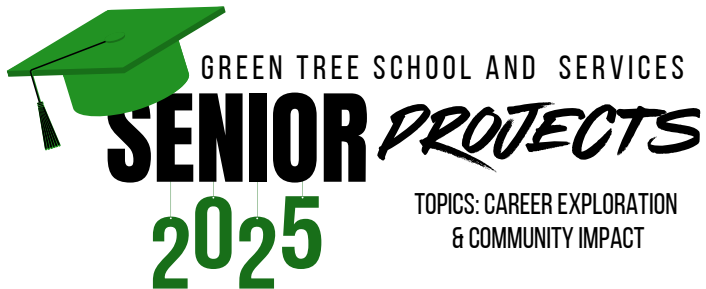




Spring Break: A Time for Relaxation and Rejuvenation

As we transition into the vibrant season of spring, it's time for students and staff to enjoy a well-deserved break. Spring break is a much-anticipated opportunity to step away from the classroom and recharge before the final stretch of the academic year. Whether it's a getaway, a family vacation, or simply some quiet downtime at home, spring break provides the perfect chance to relax and reconnect with loved ones. This break is an ideal time to rest, reset, and return to school feeling rejuvenated and ready for the challenges ahead. After the break, we look forward to returning to school refreshed and ready to take on the final months of the year, with new energy and enthusiasm to finish strong!



Our seniors have worked hard on their projects, and now it's time for them to showcase their efforts. These presentations reflect their passions and future aspirations. Come out to support them and celebrate their achievements! Light refreshments will be provided.

Join Us!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025

GREEN TREE SCHOOL & SERVICES
1196 E. WASHINGTON LANE
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19139

10AM-12PM



****Reminder: Seniors should be dressed in professional attire****



Adventures & Achievements:

A Look at Our Latest Field Trips and Contests

AS4 Field Trip to Dunkin' Donuts

To help enforce math concepts and Social-Emotional Learning skills, Ms. Haeley's class took a walking field trip to the local Dunkin'. Before taking the walk down E. Washington Lane, students were asked to figure out how they would spend their allotted \$5 and wrote their order on an index card. Classroom staff also helped to remind students to use appropriate and clear communication skills, such as greeting the employee, maintaining eye contact, and saying please/thank you. Everyone did a great job!



Mascot Drawing Contest

There are some talented artists here at GTS! There were 10 entries for our mascot drawing contest in which staff voted for their favorite. Participants remained anonymous during the voting process in order to ensure a non-bias/fair vote. Congratulations to Vinsin from AS3, who earned a whopping 54% of the votes!

March Madness 2v2 Basketball Tournament

High School/Middle School

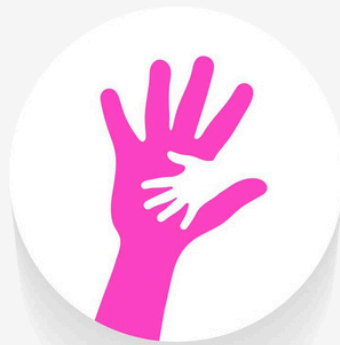
It truly was a HS/MS battle, as Seth/Tyrie from HS took on Jaliel/Sabiir from MS in the final game of our bracket-style 2v2 March Madness tourney. At the end, Jaliel and Sabiir from MS4 beat the high schoolers in a tight matchup 19-17!





Annual Spelling Bee

Our Second Annual Spelling Bee was a huge success! Students from all grade levels came together to demonstrate their spelling skills and compete for the top spot. With impressive focus and determination, each participant gave their best performance, making it an exciting and educational event for all. Congratulations to our winners and all participants for their hard work and dedication. We look forward to seeing even more students join the challenge next year!



NATIONAL
**OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY
MONTH**
APRIL

April is Occupational Therapy Month, and it's the perfect time to celebrate the incredible work of our dedicated school occupational therapists! These amazing professionals go above and beyond every day to support students in developing the skills they need to succeed in the classroom and beyond. From fine motor development and sensory regulation to fostering independence and confidence, our school OTs play a vital role in helping students reach their full potential. Their compassion, creativity, and unwavering commitment make a lasting impact on the lives of so many children. Kudos to our outstanding school OTs Kiley and Roseline—your hard work does not go unnoticed, and we appreciate you more than words can express!

Announcements & REMINDERS

HALF DAYS
4/9 AND 4/23
Spring Break
NO SCHOOL
4/14-4/18

****UPDATE****
Neurodiversity & Beyond
May 3rd, 2025
11am-3pm

Students who
arrive after 9:00am
MUST BE
signed in by an
adult.





Mini-Retreat for All Caregivers

The Philadelphia Family Support Projects at Vision for Equality and the Family Impact Initiative at the Philadelphia Department of Health invite you to a Caregivers' Retreat. If you are caring for a loved one with a disability and/or healthcare needs - this mini retreat is for you. This is your time to connect with other caregivers and learn about simple, yet effective ways to de-stress. This event is free to attend. Registration is required. Refreshments will be provided. Childcare is not provided, but you are welcome to have your family join you for this event.

Resource Fair- ID/DD and Autism

At this free event, you will find:

- Helpful resources for individuals with ID/DD and their families
- Local organizations ready to help support you
- Information on services, programs, and more
- A welcoming space to ask questions and get the help you need

Friday, April 11th 10:00am-4:30pm
Discover Center

East Fairmount Park 3401 Reservoir Dr
Philadelphia, PA 19121
www.visionforequality.co/retreat

Opportunities Provided by



DREXEL UNIVERSITY

A.J. Drexel

Autism Institute

RECRUITING AUTISTIC ADULTS WITH BEHAVIORAL CHALLENGES AND THEIR CAREGIVERS FOR A RESEARCH STUDY

Over the 20 week study period, autistic adults and their caregivers will work together to participate in intervention sessions and complete study measures

BENEFITS TO YOU

1. Learn better strategies to support yourself in the home and community
2. You will receive compensation upon completion of questionnaires across study timepoints

If you would like to learn more about this study or if there are accessibility issues or concerns, you can contact the research team via

Email: RUBI@drexel.edu,
Telephone: 215-571-3219

UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTING AUTISTIC PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE

The Introduction to the Science and Lived Experience of Autism (ISLEA) training program is designed to debunk common myths, explore recent scientific findings, and gain insight into the autistic lived experiences. ISLEA provides professionals and family members the skills they need to more effectively support autistic individuals.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

15 weeks/30 hours of online learning
15 asynchronous 60-90 minute sessions
15 synchronous 30-minute sessions
Microcredential Granted Upon Completion

Fridays 1:00 - 1:30 pm EST
2/28/2025 - 6/13/2025

Cost: \$975

Register for ISLEA at:
bit.ly/ISLEARegistration

