



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who joined us for our back to school night! We truly appreciate your participation in the parent information sessions, school year planning discussions, and for taking the time to meet your child's classroom teachers. Your involvement plays such an important role in helping us build a strong and supportive school community.

We'd also like to extend our thanks to everyone who visited and supported our School Book Fair! Your enthusiasm and purchases help bring new books not only to your home, but resources into our classrooms, fostering a continued love of reading among our students. With your support, we earned a total of \$400 Scholastic School Dollars!



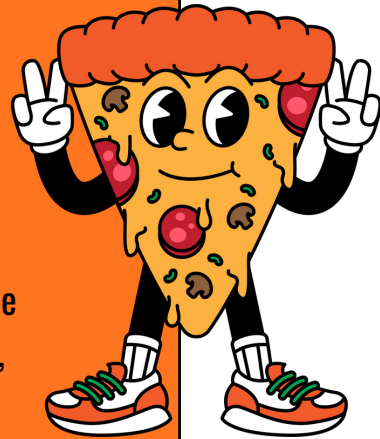
REMINDERS

- Students arriving after 9:00am will need to be accompanied and signed in by a parent or guardian at the front desk.
- Please notify the school as soon as possible if your student's transportation plans change for the day, to help ensure a smooth and accurate dismissal.

DROP EVERYTHING AND READ CHALLENGE

(October 6th-November 14th)

Students are earning points for reading books at school and at home! The winning class with the most BINGO's by November 14th, 2025, will earn a PIZZA PARTY!



NO SCHOOL

- 10/2/2025



NOON DISMISSAL

- 10/8/2025
- 10/22/2025



World Occupational Therapist Day

October 27th

We proudly celebrate our amazing Occupational Therapy team here at Green Tree School and Services! On World OT Day, we recognize the vital role our OTs play in supporting students with autism and emotional disorders, helping them grow in confidence, independence, and everyday life skills.

Their dedication, creativity, and compassion make a profound difference in the lives of our students and their families. Whether it's fostering emotional regulation, building motor skills, or supporting sensory needs, our OTs are true champions of meaningful progress.

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THANKS A LOT!

What is A.A.C.?

AAC stands for:
Augmentative
(and)
Alternative
Communication

It is anything
that adds to or
is an alternative
to verbal
communication.



There are many different kinds of AAC, and we all use AAC everyday! AAC is especially helpful for people who have difficulty speaking. A person can use devices, phones, computers, pictures, specialized books, and more to communicate.



OCTOBER IS:
AAC
AWARENESS
MONTH

CLINICAL SERVICES





Empowering Students to Work, Live, and Lead with Independence.

Now Recruiting: Student Poll Workers (Ages 17+)

- Serve as poll workers for the upcoming election.
- Pay: \$280 for one day of service
- You must attend a mandatory training session before Election Day.
- Interested students can register and learn more at: Philadelphia Poll Worker Information

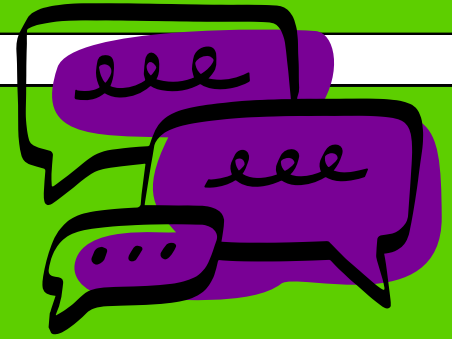


New Volunteer Partnership: MANNA

MANNA uses nutrition to improve health outcomes for people living with serious illnesses who need nourishment to heal. They prepare and deliver medically tailored meals while also providing nutrition education to empower individuals toward better health and quality of life.

This partnership will allow our students to engage in authentic service-learning experiences, helping others while learning about nutrition, teamwork, and the power of community care.

Learn more about MANNA's impact here:
[Power of Food as Medicine](#)



Community Mentoring Program: Talk About It Tuesday

This initiative is designed to help youth and young adults develop emotional intelligence, build healthy communication skills, and find community support in a safe and positive environment.

- October 21, 2025
- 6:30pm-8:00pm
- PYFA Community Center
1610 W. Cheltenham Ave.

If interested, please contact:
Eugene Pough, Director
www.pyfa215.org
215-526-8041



Important Reminder: Pre-ETS Service Forms

Please sign and return these forms as soon as possible. These forms let the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) start helping students with job exploration, workplace skills, and career counseling. Returning them ensures your child gets the career support they need.





WHAT'S COOKIN'?

Our amazing Food Service Team has been hard at work bringing fresh and delicious new options to the lunchroom! From creative new entrées to student favorites with a twist, there's something for everyone to enjoy. For those who attended Back to School Night, you may have had the opportunity to sample some of these new menu items. We're grateful to our food service staff for their dedication to preparing nutritious, flavorful meals that keep our students fueled and ready to learn each day.

Student Favorite



BROCCOLI AND CHICKEN ALFREDO



NEW!

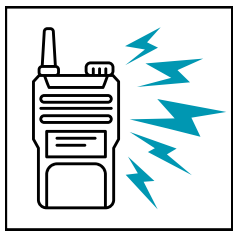
NAPA STREET CORN SALAD



NEW!

BREAKFAST BURRITO





DO YOU KNOW

SAM

Here at Green Tree School, we recognize that our students face unique challenges when it comes to managing emotions, building positive relationships, and staying engaged in learning. The Student Achievement Model (SAM) helps us meet these needs through structured supports, targeted interventions, and skill-building opportunities. By understanding each student's strengths and challenges, we can create learning environments where every student has the opportunity to grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

The skills we teach through SAM fall into three key categories: Social, Self-Control, and Active Learning. Social skills help students build healthy relationships and communicate effectively. Self-control skills focus on recognizing emotions, managing reactions, and making positive choices. Active learning skills encourage students to take ownership of their learning, stay focused, and work through challenges. Together, these areas equip our students with the tools they need to succeed both in and out of the classroom.

It's important to understand that learning and strengthening these skills takes time, repetition, and patience. Students benefit most when adults provide consistent opportunities to practice replacement behaviors in the moment—gently correcting, modeling, and reinforcing positive choices. While progress may happen gradually, consistency and teamwork between staff and families help build lasting habits that empower students to succeed in every setting.

SOCIAL

These type of skills teach students how to build and maintain appropriate relationships and get along with others.

SELF-CONTROL

These type of skills teach students how to manage their emotions.

ACTIVE LEARNING

These type of skills teach students how to learn more effectively.

