GREEN TREE SCHOOL AND SERVICES

Growing Together

STUDENTS, FAMILIES, & COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 2026

Take a Peek

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A Season of Gratitude

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude, kindness, and community. We are thankful for our amazing students, dedicated staff, and supportive families who make our school such a special place to learn and grow.

This season, we encourage everyone to take a moment to celebrate the little victories, appreciate the people who make a difference, and recognize how far we have come together. Every day brings new opportunities to learn, grow, and make a positive impact.



Picture Retakes
November 18th

REMINDER

Students who arrive after 9:00am must be signed in by a parent/guardian

No School

11/11
11/20
11/25-27

Friendsgiving

11/19: Students
11/20: Staff


OCTOBER
REWIND
NEXT, things you may have missed from October!



Learning Beyond the Classroom

Some of our high school students recently visited the Academy of Natural Sciences at Drexel University for an exciting opportunity to explore science, nature, and the world around them! Through hands-on learning and engaging exhibits, students were able to expand their knowledge, spark curiosity, and make connections beyond the classroom. Experiences like these encourage exploration, discovery, and a lifelong love of learning!

Fall Into Reading

The Book Mobile

The book mobile by Tree House Books stopped by on **October 9th**. This program provides FREE books to the community. The van stops by Green Tree usually the first Friday of every month; rain, shine, or snow!









Annual Reading Challenge Winners!



All October students were competing to have the most pages read! Thank you to all students and staff that participated in this year's reading challenge!

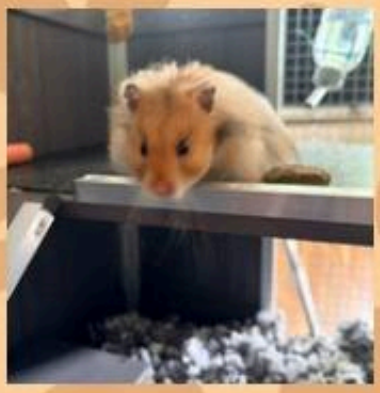
Winning Classes!
AS9, FS1, LS2, AS5, AS8

Total Pages Read!
1720!

Raffle Winners!
Nick, Saafi, Sy'heir Jacob G., Azim HM, Lee, Sincere, Layden, Jusiah, Pau, Sye'hmed

The Animals of Green Tree

Lightning McQueen resides in the specialist office. He is happy roll around in his ball and recieve pets after reading and math sessions.





Welcome back to our Therapy Dog - Todd! Todd brings so much joy and calm to many members of our school community.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

October 14th, 2026



GTSS Students Take Over PSTV!

Our Green Tree School & Services students stepped behind the scenes at Philadelphia School Television (PSTV) for an exciting, hands-on introduction to television production!

Students explored the many moving parts of a professional broadcast, gaining firsthand experience with director cues, camera operations, sound engineering, and live studio production. They learned how a television crew works together, taking on roles including Director, Technical Director, Floor Director, Camera Operators, and On-Air Talent.

From operating professional cameras and following production cues to understanding audio controls and communicating on set, students discovered that every successful broadcast depends on teamwork, timing, focus, and clear communication.

Beyond the cameras and bright studio lights, this authentic workplace experience strengthened essential career-readiness skills, including leadership, professionalism, problem-solving, adaptability, and collaboration.

The biggest takeaway? Our students weren't just watching television production happen. They were learning how to make it happen!

At GTSS, transition education is about more than exploring careers. It's about giving students meaningful opportunities to discover their abilities, develop confidence, and envision themselves in professional spaces.

The future is in focus, and our students are ready for their close-up!

OCTOBER 12TH-16TH

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK RECAP



During National School Lunch Week, we shined the spotlight on our incredible Food Services Team! They created a “Cafeteria Circus” theme that brought the lunchroom to life.

From early morning preparations to the breakfast and lunchtime rush, our Food Services Team works hard to prepare and serve meals to our students!

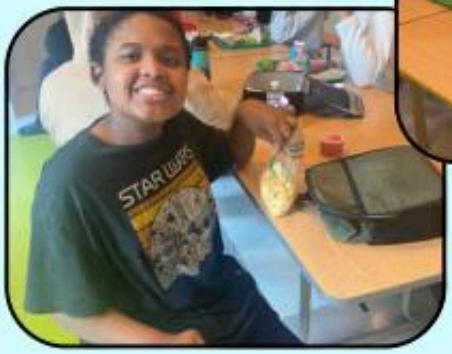
So, step right up and give a BIG round of applause to our Food Services Team! We appreciate their hard work and commitment to our students. Thank you for serving up smiles! You are the real stars under our big top!











10/16/20026

BASKETBALL 3V3 TOURNAMENT



The Behavior Managers hosted a 3v3 basketball tournament, with staff coaching student teams as they practiced teamwork, sportsmanship, communication, and collaboration while enjoying some friendly competition. Thank you to everyone who helped make this an enjoyable experience for both students and staff! We look forward to hosting more events that give our students opportunities to practice and strengthen these and other important life skills.

QUARTERFINALS

- THE BALLERS
- BUCKET SQUAD
- THE BIG DOG HITTERS
- LS LEOPARDS
- THE MAIN EVENT
- THE GOATS
- THE FIRE LIONS
- THE TRIPPLE OG'S

SEMIFINALS

- BUCKET SQUAD
- THE BIG DOG HITTERS
- THE MAIN EVENT
- THE TRIPPLE OG'S

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- BUCKET SQUAD
- THE TRIPPLE OG'S

TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

- BUCKET SQUAD



OCTOBER 19TH

ANTI-BULLYING AWARENESS

STUDENTS AND STAFF WORE ORANGE
IN SUPPORT OF ANTI-BULLYING AWARENESS





















OCTOBER 23RD

BREAST CANCER

IN SUPPORT OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS.
STUDENTS AND STAFF WORE PINK















October 27th, 2026
High School went to visit
Shady Brook Farms



October 28th, 2026

BASKETBALL SEASON OPENER



Our GTS Cougars opened the season with a home game against Davidson and came away with the victory!



THE TOURNAMENT WAS JUST THE BEGINNING.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

The Behavior Managers have officially launched a 3v3 Intramural Basketball League, open to all students! The first games were played on October 30th, 2026. This new opportunity gives students a chance to get involved, stay active, develop their basketball skills, and connect with peers through friendly competition.

Whether students are experienced players or simply looking to try something new, everyone is welcome! The league is about more than just basketball. It's an opportunity to build friendships, practice teamwork, demonstrate good sportsmanship, and celebrate each other's strengths.

A big thank-you to the Behavior Managers for bringing this exciting opportunity to our students and creating another way to encourage participation, connection, and school spirit. We look forward to seeing our students take the court, support one another, and enjoy the game!

PUMPKIN DECORATING



Best Overall Pumpkin: AS10



Most Creative Pumpkin: FS1

Congratulations to the winners of our Pumpkin Decorating Contest! Each class did a great job showing their creativity, teamwork, and spooky seasonal designs!



Spookiest Pumpkin: AS9



Cutest Pumpkin: AS2



Funniest Pumpkin: AS8



Most Colorful Pumpkin: VB3



Best Use of Materials: HS1



Best Character Pumpkin: MS3



Most Unique Pumpkin: AS5



Best Halloween Spirit: LS4



OCTOBER 30TH
















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SCHOOLWIDE IXL CHALLENGE

OCT 19TH - NOV. 19TH



THE TOP 5 STUDENTS WITH THE MOST MINUTES RECORDED IN EACH GRADE BAND WILL WIN A TRIP TO DAVE AND BUSTER'S. THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF 15 WINNERS!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN VB & FS

VB1

The year is in full swing and Ms. Sydney reports that eveyrone is settling into the routine!

VB3



Last month Ms. Jenn's class celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month!

Let's Welcome to the Team

Ms. Monique in VB2 & Mr. Ricardo in FS2

We are so happy you're here!

FS1

FS1 is participating in the Pizza Hut Book It Program! The class is enjoying falling into a good book and racking up points for pizza!

lower school

Explorers: Learning Beyond the Classroom

Opportunities for hands-on learning in the community are so important for our students. Lower school students will have a field trip on November 17 to Linvilla Orchards!

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM

Classes: AS4, AS5, AS6, MS2, MS3, LS4

🔎 Class Spotlight: AS4 Explores Fossils



AS4 has been exploring different types of fossils in science! Students investigated how fossils provide clues about plants and animals from the past and how scientists use these discoveries to learn about Earth's history.







Learning and Growing

studysync · Open Court Reading · IXL · HMH

Middle school students are continuing to build their academic skills through IXL benchmarks and curriculum-based assessments. These assessments help our team monitor student progress, celebrate growth, and identify areas where students can continue to develop their skills.

Pumpkin Decoration Contest



Our middle school team got into the fall spirit by participating in a pumpkin decorating contest! Students showcased their creativity, teamwork, and imagination through their festive and spooky seasonal designs. It was a fun way to celebrate the season and show off their artistic talents!

WHAT'S NEW IN TRANSITIONS

November puts real responsibility in students' hands. On Election Day, students join Involved 17 for a day of civic learning, while our Alterra Property Management Group interns step into a real workplace. Weekly Monday activities, Feast of Justice, and Think Lab keep skills growing all month.

SKILL OF THE MONTH

Time Management

November AT A GLANCE



INVOLVED 17

On Election Day, students work alongside Involved 17 to see civic participation up close: how a community shows up, how voices get heard, and how one person's choices connect to the bigger picture.

NOV. 3RD

ALTERRA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT GROUP

Students complete an internship in a real property-management workplace. They follow a work schedule, complete assigned tasks, communicate with supervisors, and represent GTSS professionally on every shift.

NOV. 3RD, 4TH, 10TH

FEAST OF JUSTICE

Students participate in community-based service and authentic workplace activities while strengthening task completion, teamwork, communication, responsibility, and work stamina.

NOV. 5TH, 12TH, 219TH

THINK LAB

Think Lab challenges students to solve problems, collaborate with peers, make decisions, think creatively, and adapt when their first solution does not work.

NOV. 6TH, 13TH, 20TH

Clinic News

October AAC Challenge

Last month the speech department held an AAC Awareness Challenge for AAC Awareness Month

- What does AAC stand for?
  - Augmentive & Alternative Communication
- AAC includes all the ways our students communicate outside of verbal speech, including
  - AAC devices
  - Visuals
  - Signs





- Shout out to the functional support and verbal behavior classrooms who have been doing a great job using their AAC devices and visuals throughout the school day!

Occupational Therapy DIY of the Month

Pumpkin Pie Playdoh



- Ingredients
  - 1 cup flour
  - ¼ cup salt
  - ½ tbs vegetable oil
  - 1 cup warm water
  - 1 tsp cream of tartar
  - Orange food coloring
    - (or yellow + red)
  - 1 tbsp pumpkin pie spice
    - or (cinnamon + all spice



- Mix all ingredients in a bowl
- Add oil
- Slowly mix in warm water until dough reaches the right consistency

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Theme
Gratitude & Appreciation



This month, our **Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)** focus is Gratitude and Appreciation. Gratitude helps **students recognize and value the people, experiences, and opportunities in their lives, while appreciation encourages them to show kindness and acknowledge the contributions of others.** Practicing gratitude can **strengthen relationships, improve emotional well-being,** and promote a **positive school and home environment.**

How to support this theme at home:

- Encourage your child to share one thing they are grateful for each day
- Model gratitude through expressing appreciation for friends and family
- Acknowledge acts of kindness and talk about showing appreciation through words & actions
- Create a family gratitude jar where everyone can add notes about things they are thankful for throughout the month

COUGAR ATHLETICS

Student Attendence

Students are welcome to use their SAM points to purchase a wristband to watch HOME games. Students must have a wristband to be in the gym.

Basketball Team Roster

JJ	Jahliel
Symehd	Jabriel
Amaiij	Sabiir

Basketball Schedule

October-November

- 10/28 Davidson
- 11/4 @ Garfield
- 11/11 CCIU
- 11/18 @ Delta

= home game

Congratulations to the following students who tried out and made the cheerleading squad! They will cheer our cougars on at home games!



Amori	Laniyah
Beautiful	Lucia
Calia	Mia
Dehaven	Michaela
Laila	Skylar

Coaches:

Ms. Sheena

Ms. Kimora Ms. Nyasia

