

Learn How to Help the Groups That Support Our Schools

Each year, there are dedicated groups working hard behind the scenes to help Greendale Schools provide the quality, well-rounded educational experience families and the community have come to expect. Please consider supporting these groups that work to benefit our schools.

Greendale Education Foundation (GEF)

The Greendale Education Foundation was established in 1998 to generate financial support to provide educational opportunities for students. Its efforts have resulted in funding more than \$300,000 to various education initiatives, includes classroom technology, arts, music programs, parenting training, financial literacy programming, health and wellness projects, and other initiatives crucial to student education and development.

The Foundation's KidBoosters Program was founded in the summer of 2012 to advocate on behalf of children and families who need assistance with basic necessities for success in school. For more information on how to support GEF, visit the Greendale Education Foundation website at www.greendalefoundation.org.

Greendale Panther Athletic Booster Club (GPABC)

The Greendale Panther Athletic Booster Club was established to promote and encourage a continuing spirit of enthusiasm in and for the Greendale High School athletic program. GPABC provides support for every athletic program at the school. Specifically, the non-profit civic organization raises funds, and provides financial and physical support for GHS athletics.

GPABC has contributed over \$500,000 since 1999 to help fund Greendale High School's 22 boys and girls athletic programs, and facilities. Anyone can get involved by becoming a member, making a donation and volunteering for GPABC activities. More information is available at www.greendaleboosters.org.

Friends of Music (FOM)

The Greendale Friends of Music (FOM) was founded in the early 1980s to promote participation of parents and students in the band, orchestral and vocal music programs of the District, to advance the spirit of good music and further its performance, and to provide parental involvement and financial assistance to the music programs of Greendale Schools.

FOM is committed to maintaining the high quality music education in Greendale. As a support and advocacy group, FOM raises funds that help supplement the ever tightening school budgets. The group promotes student achievement with enrichment scholarships, sponsors concerts and special events, assists with student fundraising for music department trips, and organizes volunteers for music department events. The community can support Friends of Music by volunteering time or by making donations through the membership drive. Contact FOM at info@greendalefom.com or visit www.greendalefom.com.

Reading Buddies Program

The Reading Buddies program was born in the 1990s as a way for Greendale Schools to encourage and assist young readers and to connect retired or empty-nester members of the community with the schools. Today, Reading Buddies adult community volunteers visit once a week to listen to two or three first grade students read a book of their choosing. Tying the goal of connecting text to verbal discussion and the written word, each child also keeps a reading journal. At the end of the year, students keep their journals as a record of the progress they made in reading.

The program runs on the core group of adult volunteers but it also depends on a number of subs who can come to replace a regular adult buddy either on short notice or for a planned absence. Currently, about 85 adults are involved—11 of them have been volunteers since 1998. New volunteers are always needed. The groups meet on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings. For more information, contact Dee Dixon at 421-0914 or email to ddixon629@gmail.com.

Step Up to Better Health

The Step Up To Better Health Committee has been working to promote healthy lifestyles in Greendale for nearly two decades. The committee has organized healthy living events ranging from annual community walks to outdoor activity competitions for kids like the "Greendale Playground Challenge." It is best known for the "Greendale Step Up To Better Health Fun Run and Walk," a staple of the community since 2009. Get involved in any of the Step Up to Better Health activities. Call the Greendale Health Department at 423-2110, greendalehealth@greendale.org.