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OPENING STATEMENTS



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Greenwood School Board of Trustees, thank you for your generous support of our 2024-2025 Annual Giving Campaign.

As Greenwood celebrates its 40th year of serving students, families, and the community of Jacksonville, your dedication to our mission to provide a challenging and supportive education to middle and high school students with learning differences not only helps financially, but gives us the opportunity to continue to grow our programs. This year, your gifts have allowed us to improve our core academic programs as well as enrich our art, drama, music, STEAM, mental health, and guidance resources.

We are deeply grateful for your partnership. Together, we are building a bold future for Greenwood School.

With heartfelt appreciation,

SHELLEY N. DEVAULT
CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dear Members of the Greenwood School Community,

I am pleased to present the 2024-25 Greenwood School Annual Report. This document highlights the positive impact of your support on our students. Our focus for the 2024-25 annual campaign was centered around Greenwood School being an Environment For All. Your generosity has helped us foster a positive school climate where every student feels safe, supported, and has access to the resources and opportunities needed to excel academically, socially, and emotionally. Each student is recognized for who they are and provided with the necessary support to succeed, flourish, and reach their full potential.

Greenwood School provides a nurturing environment where students can learn, develop, and achieve success. Many of our students join us with previous negative educational experiences, low self-esteem, and limited opportunities. At Greenwood School, we are dedicated to empowering students to showcase their abilities from the moment they arrive on campus. Our committed faculty and staff deliver personalized instruction to ensure every student can learn and thrive. We are also grateful for a supportive Board of Trustees that ensures our educators have the resources and support essential for effective teaching and student success.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, parents, students, alumni, friends, and community members. Each of you plays a vital role in the success of our students. Greenwood School prides itself on delivering a high-quality educational experience to our students and families, as reflected in our full enrollment and waitlists across all grades. Looking ahead, we are dedicated to enhancing our academic programs, providing ongoing professional development for our staff, and prioritizing the social, emotional, and mental well-being of our students.

It is an honor to lead Greenwood School as we look toward the future with optimism. We have much to celebrate and are confident in the bright future that lies ahead for everyone within our school community.

I look forward to continuing our partnership and sincerely thank you for your ongoing support.

With appreciation,

JACQUELINE HERMAN
HEAD OF SCHOOL

To our Greenwood Community,

I want to express my deepest and most heartfelt gratitude to each and every member of our beloved Greenwood community this year. Together, we achieved our most successful fundraising year in the history of Greenwood School, a milestone that fills us all with joy and hope for our future.

This year, we proudly launched new initiatives such as the Greenwood Scholarship 5K, which raised \$17,658.00 to support our scholarship fund. This fund is a vital lifeline, ensuring that every student, regardless of their financial circumstances, has the chance to thrive, learn, and grow within the Greenwood family. Our community's spirit truly shone through at our record-breaking number of sponsors for the Annual Gala in April—an evening full of joy and camaraderie that raised an incredible \$134,696.00 for our annual fund campaign. This support guarantees that Greenwood remains a nurturing environment for all, filled with opportunity and discovery. This was made even more meaningful as we remembered the incredible Mr. David Stein (1938-2024), whose unwavering dedication was the driving force behind acquiring our current campus and securing Greenwood School's permanent home in January 2022. His heartfelt love and steadfast support for Greenwood over the years have been a vital part of our journey, and his legacy is a shining reason for our success in the Jacksonville community. Honoring him at our gala and witnessing how profoundly his impact extended beyond Greenwood was truly inspiring and touched our hearts deeply. We hold his memory close to our hearts and are inspired to dream and carry forward his legacy as passionate stewards of our community. As we celebrate our 40th year at Greenwood School this year, we are reminded of the profound impact he had.

This year, our annual fund campaign reached an unprecedented level of success. We are profoundly grateful to everyone who contributed—our dedicated Board of Trustees, passionate faculty and staff, committed Greenwood families, alumni families, and our generous business partners and broader community. Your unwavering support empowers us to provide our students with cutting-edge resources like our state-of-the-art STEAM lab, vibrant school productions, enriching classroom tools, and a diverse array of extracurricular activities. It is because of your continued generosity that Greenwood School continues to evolve and excel.

We are truly inspired by the growth in participation—63% of families took part this year, surpassing last year's 51%. Your increasing involvement fuels our collective passion to elevate Greenwood's academic excellence and extracurricular offerings year after year. The future of Greenwood looks brighter than ever, thanks to your unwavering dedication.

Please enjoy this report, which highlights our fundraising achievements for the 2024-2025 school year and showcases how your contributions have helped us build an extraordinary educational community. Together, we are shaping a vibrant, inspiring future for Greenwood School.

Thank you again, from the bottom of our hearts, for your ongoing support and belief in our mission.

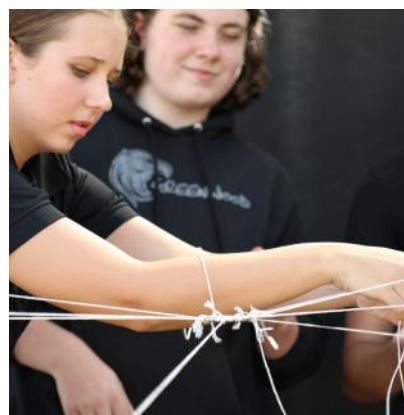
KATE FRASER
DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

The Greenwood School's Mission is to provide a challenging and supportive education to middle and high school students with learning differences. Through adaptive, multisensory instruction in a positive, safe and secure environment, students develop the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve their highest potential in the classroom and beyond.

We fulfill our mission each day:

- In the classroom with multi-sensory tools, we create a nurturing space where every student can thrive.
- With our diverse environments across campus which are thoughtfully designed to meet the unique needs of each learner, ensuring no one is left behind.
- Through meaningful programs like the Life after Greenwood initiative, we inspire hope and prepare our students for futures filled with promise.
- By offering dedicated mental health and guidance check-in appointments, providing support when they need it most.
- With small class sizes, our teachers can give personalized attention, fostering genuine connections that empower students to succeed.
- And through a wide variety of enriching classes, we ignite passions and spark curiosity in every young mind.

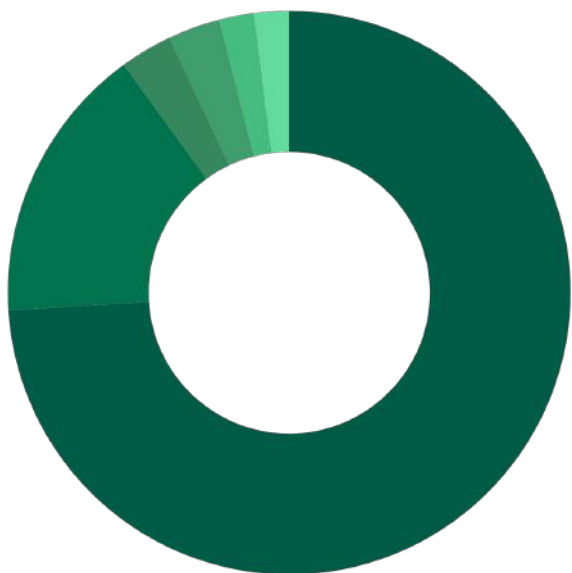


GREENWOOD AT A GLANCE



INCOME SUMMARY

- Tuition and Fees: **87%**
- Donations/Fundraising/Grants: **8%**
- Endowment Reimbursement: **5%**



EXPENSE SUMMARY

- Personnel Expenses: **74%**
- Administrative Expenses: **16%**
- Instructional Expenses: **3%**
- Plant/Facilities Expenses: **3%**
- Taxes/Insurance/Interest: **2%**
- Fundraising and Events: **2%**



COST OF EDUCATING A GREENWOOD STUDENT?

The cost of educating a Greenwood student is **\$19,672.80** a year. Tuition only covers a portion of what Greenwood offers to our students.

01

Teacher salary, small class sizes so teacher student ratios are lower.

02

Free clubs and sports activities.

03

Resources for multi-sensory instruction.

04

Regular professional development opportunities for staff.

OUR IMPACT: SUMMARY OF FUNDS

Over the past five years, we have observed a notable growth in donations to our programs. We sincerely appreciate all of your support in contributing to the growth and development of Greenwood School. These funds enable us to further enhance our programs and provide additional resources and enrichment opportunities that would not be attainable without this additional support.

TOTAL FUNDRAISING GROWTH: 5 YEARS (EXCLUDING RESTRICTED GRANTS)

2020-2021	\$58,920.00
2021-2022	\$74,344.00
2022-2023	\$86,423.00
2023-2024	\$142,518.35
2024-2025	\$278,494.04



ANNUAL FUND USAGE (3 YEARS)

HEALTH AND WELLNESS (2022–2023)

AMOUNT USED: \$64,543.00

- Funded club equipment and started new clubs such as color guard.
 - New sports team uniforms.
 - Purchased outdoor team building games for students.
 - Greenwood house system - subsidized events and resources to successfully implement the current house system.
 - Used with restricted grants to support the development of an outlook tower in the Wetlands and the rejuvenation of the front detention pond to provide opportunities for outdoor learning.
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STEAM IN THE CURRICULUM (2023–2024)

AMOUNT USED: \$120,990.76

- Funded the FarmBot in the Greenwood Farm and Gardens program.
 - Helped fund our chicken coop project and resources for the animals.
 - Provided additional training and resources for the growing robotics and coding program(s).
 - Used with restricted grants to support the development of an outlook tower in the Wetlands and the rejuvenation of the front detention pond to provide opportunities for outdoor learning.
 - Provided resources for the growing art, drama, and music programs.
 - Funded a kiln for our art room.
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AN ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL (2024–2025)

AMOUNT USED: \$162,493.33

- Will provide additional resources in classrooms.
- Will help fund outdoor projects such as the outlook tower and the dock project.
- Will help fund resources needed for extra-curricular activities at Greenwood.
- Will provide additional resources for mental health and guidance support.
- Will provide support for the Life After Greenwood Program.

2024–2025 FUND OVERVIEW

AMOUNTS RAISED

\$162,493.33 Total Annual Fund Donations

\$116,000.71 Donations to other Greenwood Funds

\$278,494.04 Total Fundraising

BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS (\$278,494.04)

\$162,493.33 Annual Fund

\$51,650.00 Guidance/Mental Health Fund

\$46,647.71 Scholarship Fund

\$7,315.00 Arts Fund

\$5,500.00 STEAM Fund

\$4,803.00 Senior Fund

\$85.00 Athletics Fund

DONATIONS TO ATHLETICS FUND: \$85.00

Year	2022–2023	2023–2024	2024–2025
Revenue	\$1000.00	In-Kind	\$85.00

Contributions to our athletics fund will help us maintain the opportunity to offer sports teams at Greenwood at no cost to families, ensuring that all students have access to team sports. They will also enable us to provide updated equipment and a diverse selection of athletic options.. The benefits of participating in team sports are well-documented, especially for students with learning differences such as ADHD. These benefits include improved physical health and fitness, a reduced risk of obesity, enhanced motor skills and coordination, as well as the development of social and emotional skills, which can foster emotional resilience and better emotional regulation.

DONATIONS TO ARTS FUND: \$7,315.00

Year	2022–2023	2023–2024	2024–2025
Revenue	\$1,395.00	\$2,681.00	\$7,315.00

Our arts programs have been expanding rapidly over the past few years, and we have witnessed remarkable achievements by our students in these areas. The arts are an essential part of education; they provide students with a safe and structured environment to express themselves, foster teamwork skills, support social-emotional development, and boost confidence and self-esteem. Students engaged in the arts often show improvements in problem-solving, spatial awareness, and fine motor skills. We sincerely appreciate the support of our arts fund, which allows us to continue expanding and enhancing these valuable programs.

DONATIONS TO GREENWOOD SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: \$46,647.71

Year	2022–2023	2023–2024	2024–2025
Revenue	\$18,834.00	\$18,846.59	\$46,647.71

Our scholarship fund experienced a significant increase this year, in part due to the success of the Greenwood 5K race. Donations rose from \$18,846.59 in the 2023-2024 school year to \$46,647.71 in the 2024-2025 school year. With these funds, we are able to provide additional financial assistance to qualifying students in need of support. We believe that financial barriers should not prevent students who could thrive at Greenwood School from accessing our education. Our mission is to make our learning environment accessible to all students with learning differences, and this fund helps us fulfill that commitment. Each year, we aspire to grow this fund and extend support to more families in need. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this fund this year.

DONATIONS TO STEAM DEPARTMENT: \$5,500.00

Year	2022–2023	2023–2024	2024–2025
Revenue	\$550.00	\$1000.00	\$5,500.00

Our STEAM program at Greenwood continues to expand annually, reaching an increasing number of students. All of our STEAM programs foster problem-solving and teamwork skills while providing students with practical experience in areas such as engineering, craftsmanship, and horticulture. These skills are highly transferable to both future employment and everyday life. As these programs require significant resources, donations to the STEAM department are essential to enable us to continue offering these valuable and enriching experiences for our students.

DONATIONS TO GUIDANCE/MENTAL HEALTH FUND: \$51,650.00

Year	2022–2023	2023–2024	2024–2025
Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$51,650.00

This year, thanks to a generous donation from the Prysock family, Greenwood was able to establish our Life After Greenwood Program, supporting graduates by helping them enroll in apprenticeships or college courses that align with their career goals. Led by Ms. Felecia Wimbish, alumni participating in the program have been attending regular meetings throughout the school year and are expressing enthusiasm about the opportunities available to them.

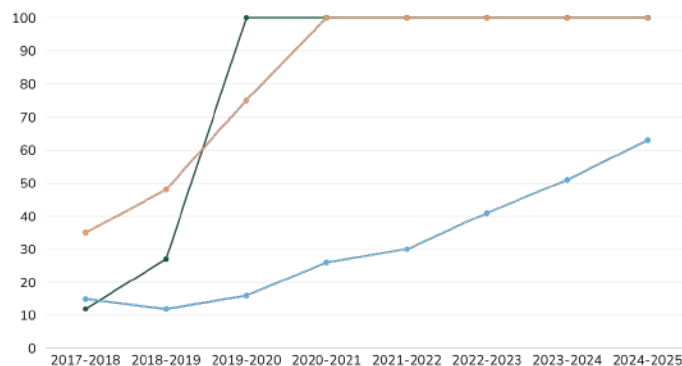
At Greenwood, we have always taken pride in our focus on guidance and mental health support as students navigate middle and high school. Ensuring that students feel socially and emotionally supported is just as important as academic instruction and is essential to their success. The addition of the Life After Greenwood program will enable us to continue providing this support even after students leave our school.

DONATIONS TO SENIOR FUND: \$4,803.00

Each year, our senior class raises funds to support the events they wish to participate in during their final year. Led by our dedicated senior advisors, this fundraising initiative is student-driven, with seniors taking a leading role in the planning and execution. This process allows students to develop critical thinking, teamwork, problem-solving, and marketing skills as they collaborate to generate ideas and organize events. We are very proud of our seniors' accomplishments this year, as they worked together to create and implement several highly effective fundraising initiatives.

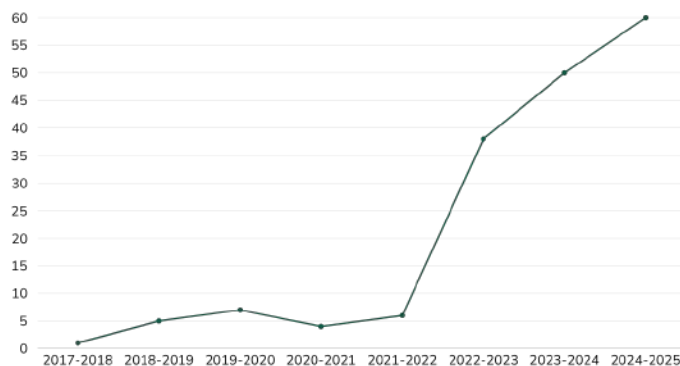
FUND SUMMARY: COMPARISON OF GIVING

Annual Fund Percent Giving



- Board of Trustees Giving
- Faculty/Staff Giving
- Families of Greenwood Giving

Business Partners/Friends of Greenwood Growth



- Business Partners/Friends of Greenwood

We want to sincerely express our gratitude to our expanding community of business partners and members who have passionately committed themselves this past year—whether by sponsoring our events, generously donating to our annual fund, arts programs, scholarship fund, STEAM program, or supporting us through in-kind contributions. Your unwavering support fuels our mission and inspires us every day.

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we are able to continue offering a vibrant and diverse array of programs, educational opportunities, and enriching experiences to our students. We are truly grateful for your partnership and belief in our vision. For an up-to-date list of all our valued partners, along with links to their websites, please visit the Community Partners section on our website: www.greenwoodjax.org/about



GREENWOOD GRADUATES

In 2025, a total of twenty three students graduated from Greenwood with their standard high school diploma. Of those graduates, nineteen have chosen to further their education at various colleges such as Georgia Southern, University of North Florida, The Citadel, Flagler College, and Florida State College at Jacksonville. Additionally, some graduates have decided to pursue opportunities in trade school and Jacksonville Fire and Rescue.

At Greenwood School, we are truly dedicated to preparing our students not just for college and careers, but for a lifetime of success and fulfillment. We passionately provide a range of resources—such as college and career fairs, campus visits, and ongoing guidance meetings with our caring guidance counselor—to empower students to make informed, confident decisions about their futures. Our curriculum is designed with heart, featuring guidance-based electives focused on college, career planning, and adult transitions, ensuring every student is supported every step of the way. This year, with immense pride, we launched the Life After Greenwood Program, made possible by a generous gift from the Prysock family. This initiative allows our graduates, who may face setbacks, to return to Greenwood, reconnect, and rediscover their path. Together, with our dedicated team, they can forge new routes—whether through work training or pursuing different college degrees—turning challenges into fresh opportunities for success. Offering this level of ongoing support beyond graduation fills us with hope and purpose, reaffirming our unwavering commitment to our mission and vision: to support our students “in the classroom and beyond.”



SENIOR REFLECTIONS

The time I spent at Greenwood was a journey of self-discovery and transformation that helped mold me into the person I am today...As I reflect on my high school years at Greenwood, I am reminded of the diverse experiences and lessons that have shaped my character, values and aspirations... I have had the pleasure of being in the company of the BEST teachers and staff members anyone could ask for. I have always felt, no, I have always known that my thoughts, my opinions, my voice MATTERS. Greenwood School has always stood by me and proved that we all MATTER. I can only hope that one day I can make a true difference in this world.

LUCAS BRIDGES

This school has helped me in many more ways than I could describe... They took their time on each individual student so nobody would feel left out. ... I wouldn't have been able to get here without the help of the wonderful teacher/staff and friends I made here

KEVIN GIBSON

Much like our eagle mascot soaring above us, we've navigated challenges that tested our resolve and resilience... Throughout my journey at Greenwood, I have enjoyed becoming a Greenwood Eagle. I observed that the pillars of Greenwood would transfer to the rest of my life...Fellow Eagles, remember that Graduation isn't just a conclusion; it's a transition into a world full of opportunities—and yes, challenges! Classmates, I challenge you to be like an eagle on the hunt for its vision in life, let us embrace every moment ahead.

JENA MEYERS



EVENT SPOTLIGHT: GREENWOOD 5K

On an exceptionally cold winter morning, January 11th, 2025, Greenwood School proudly hosted its very first Scholarship 5K race at Ed Austin Regional Park. This heartfelt event was held to raise vital funds for our scholarship program, ensuring that every student—regardless of their financial circumstances—can access the exceptional education and supportive environment offered at Greenwood School for students with learning differences.

We were deeply moved by the spirit of community that brought 234 runners together for this inaugural race. With 209 registering for the 5K and 25 joining the fun in the 1-mile run, the energy at the venue was truly inspiring and filled with hope and determination.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of everyone involved, we raised \$17,658.00, a significant boost to our scholarship fund that will open doors for so many deserving students. To all who participated and supported this meaningful cause, our heartfelt gratitude. Your passion and dedication make our mission possible. We eagerly look forward to seeing you again next year!

A massive thank you to Second Wind Timing for their incredible support in helping us organize this special event, and to the Police Athletic League of Jacksonville (PAL) for generously opening the doors to the stunning space at Ed. Austin Regional Park.

SAVE THE DATE

Greenwood Scholarship 5K

Location: Ed Austin Regional Park

Date: Saturday, November 8th, 2025





OUR SPONSORS

We are deeply grateful to our extraordinary event sponsors; your unwavering support made this event a reality, and we couldn't have done it without you.

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To The Moon Party Designs Fresh Market





EVENT SPOTLIGHT: ANNUAL GALA

TOTAL RAISED: \$134,696.00

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to everyone who made our annual fundraising gala an extraordinary triumph this year! With record-breaking attendance and more than twice the number of event sponsors than last year, we experienced a magical evening filled with inspiring entertainment and joyful celebration! We are deeply grateful to the Sawgrass Marriott, Bold City Classics, PRI Productions, To The Moon Party Designs, SD Photography, and 32 Degrees Marketing for their unwavering support and dedication to making this event so special.

All funds raised at the gala will be used to support our annual fund campaign at Greenwood School, helping us to create an environment for all.

FUNDS RAISED (NET FUNDRAISING)

2022 Gala

160 Attendees & 5 Sponsors

\$29,437.44 (\$12,833.00)

2023 Gala

180 Attendees & 30 Sponsors

\$46,108.00 (\$19,760.30)

2024 Gala

249 Attendees & 37 Sponsors

\$91,445.00 (\$26,716.85)

2025 Gala

266 Attendees & 50 Sponsors

\$134,696.00 (\$61,488.45)



SAVE THE DATE

Greenwood Gala 2026

Location: Sawgrass Marriott

Date: Saturday, April 11th, 2026



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EVENT SPOTLIGHTS

We are absolutely delighted to see the ongoing growth of our arts and enrichment programs at Greenwood, made possible by the unwavering dedication of our faculty and volunteers, along with your generous contributions to our arts and STEAM fund. These programs are a true celebration of inclusivity, welcoming all Greenwood students—regardless of their experience or skill level—to explore, create, and thrive.

As Mr. Rivera says in our annual State Of The Arts magazine:

"At Greenwood, the arts give opportunities to our students who may not have had the same chance at previous institutions and through no fault of their own. The enrichment department gives a well rounded experience to Greenwood students and welcomes them to be a larger part of the Greenwood experience. In a time of such division about so many things, students at Greenwood can set all this aside and work together to make art."





DRAMA AND MUSIC PRODUCTIONS & THESPIAN TROUPE

For the first time in Greenwood history, we proudly performed two mainstage productions in the 2024-2025 school year! With *Almost, Maine* at our incredible partner theater, Players By the Sea, in the fall, and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* in the spring, Greenwood's theater department opened its doors wider than ever before, welcoming more students into the spotlight and offering them a transformative experience—performing on a community stage rather than just in our gymnasium. We are deeply grateful to the talented Mr. Rivera for embracing this monumental challenge and bringing these extraordinary productions to life with passion and dedication!

Our music department had some truly unforgettable experiences this year, and we feel so blessed to have been part of them. In April, they had the honor of singing the national anthem at the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp game, a moment that filled us all with pride. They also passionately performed for our Veteran's Day service, our winter showcase, and to celebrate Black History Month. We are endlessly proud of their incredible growth and remarkable talent—these moments reflect their dedication and the bright future ahead!

Our Thespian Troupe #10512 continued to shine brightly in district and state competitions this year, with over 40 individual entries across a wide array of theatrical disciplines. We are thrilled to share that two Greenwood student playwrights qualified for the international Thespian Festival for the first time ever! Congratulations to everyone who competed—your hard work and courage inspire us all. Your achievements are a testament to the power of the arts, made possible through generous donations that sustain and grow our program. These resources empower our students to compete and excel on larger stages, connecting them with peers from across the country. We also celebrate our seniors who have earned performing arts scholarships to college this year, opening new doors for their bright futures in the disciplines they love.

STEAM AT GREENWOOD

We are deeply grateful to Kiewit for their generosity in supporting our STEAM program here at Greenwood School. After visiting our campus and experiencing firsthand the passion and potential of our students, Kiewit responded with a generous \$5,000.00 donation to help propel our STEAM initiatives forward. Below, we proudly share the incredible progress we've made so far this year, made possible by the unwavering support and belief in our mission.

ROBOTICS

Our high school robotics team, Mechanical Eagles Team #20324 and Middle School Robotic Eagles #61491 both successfully made it through district competitions to state competition this year. They managed to win a host of awards throughout the season including the coveted Champions Awards, recognizing their overall excellence in all aspects of the competition and the Rising All-star Award, which recognized their growth and potential and the Breakthrough Award, celebrating their significant advancement and innovative approach to robotics this season. Congratulations to Ms. Surowiec and our entire robotics team, our staff and students worked so hard to continue to develop both of our robotics teams this season and were rewarded with progress made in both middle and high school.

AGRISCIENCE

Greenwood Farm and Gardens have genuinely flourished this year, filling us with pride and hope. Our chickens are now happily producing eggs, and our vegetable garden is thriving beautifully. Our students have had incredible opportunities to develop their business skills, eagerly marketing and selling eggs and salad cups to our faculty and staff. This exciting venture is just beginning, and we are more inspired than ever to see it grow as we make ongoing progress in our agriscience department. With the addition of our FarmBot, made possible through the generous funds from our STEAM Annual Fund focus for the 2023-2024 school year, our students now have an exciting opportunity to deepen their hands-on learning. They can continue improving our garden while honing their coding and robotics skills, using the FarmBot to monitor soil pH levels and efficiently water the beds. Additionally, our dedicated woodshop class designed and built a retractable sunshade for the garden, protecting our vibrant oasis from the relentless Florida summer heat and ensuring it remains a thriving, beautiful space for years to come.

VISUAL ARTS

Through the generous donations to our STEAM fund last year and the unwavering support from PTO funding, our visual arts students were truly blessed with a kiln for the art room this year. This incredible addition has opened up countless possibilities, allowing us to create more pottery work and inspire every student to unleash their creativity. Mr. Kaz and Ms. Dieffenwierth dedicated so much effort this year, attending various workshops at the GTM Preserve with passion and determination to help us become a verified Guy Harvey Foundation School. This achievement fills us with pride and excitement, as it promises a wealth of future opportunities for our students in both art and science.



RESTRICTED GRANTS, DONATIONS AND PROJECT PROGRESS

\$50,000.00

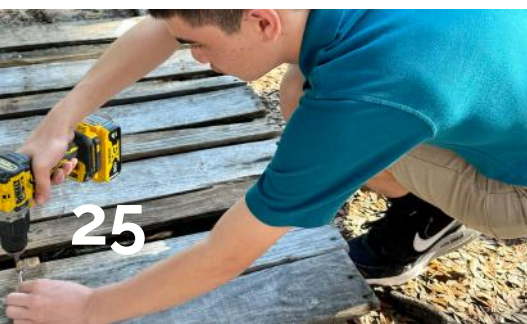
LIFE AFTER GREENWOOD PROGRAM LAUNCH

This year, we proudly launched the Life After Greenwood program. Led by Ms. Wimbish, a cherished former teacher at Greenwood School, this initiative is driven by a deep passion to support our graduates. For those who have left Greenwood but remain unsure of their next step—whether in college, the workforce, an apprenticeship, or full-time employment—these regular sessions offer a safe space to craft a personalized plan. It's about more than just guidance; it's about igniting hope and uncovering the path that truly inspires each student. We are profoundly grateful for the incredible generosity of the Prysock family, whose donation made it possible for this program to successfully complete its first year. As it grows for the upcoming year, our mission remains clear: to ensure every Greenwood graduate always has a place to turn to for support, encouragement, and clarity as they forge their unique path forward.

\$30,000.00

LUCY GOODING CHARITABLE TRUST FOUNDATION GRANT

For the past sixteen years, we have been incredibly grateful to receive funding from the Lucy Gooding Charitable Trust Foundation, a generous support that has played a vital role in the growth of our guidance program. This funding has enabled us to provide students at Greenwood with a dedicated full-time guidance counselor and mental health counselor, ensuring they are genuinely supported, secure, and empowered at every step of their journey at Greenwood.



\$10,000.00

RED COATS' COMMUNITY GRANT

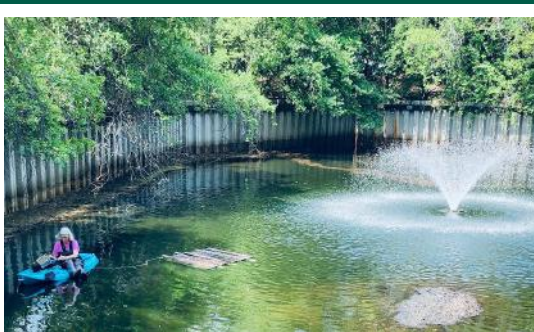
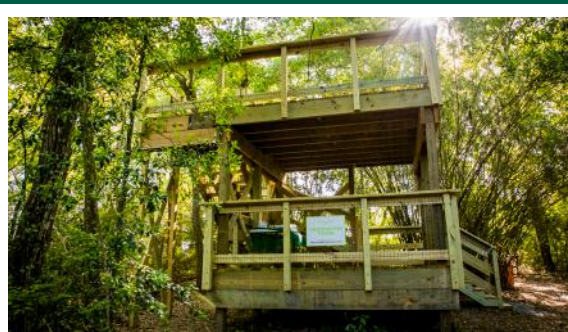
In 2023 The PLAYERS Red Coats grant funds were used to construct an overlook tower in our highlands area. Original planned contractors were over budget for the project so the students, with the help of staff and a master carpenter constructed the tower which is used daily for classes such as art and ornithology. Throughout the construction, our students not only gained invaluable carpentry skills but also discovered the true power of teamwork and problem-solving. This project and structure will be integral to the environmental education at Greenwood School for a number of years to come.

In 2024 Greenwood School received a generous \$10,000.00 grant to construct a dock in our detention pond so that students could have access to the area and incorporate it into our curriculum spaces. Currently the pond is only accessible to adults. Access is situated down a steep ramp directly into the pond and water access is via kayak only. Students are unable to access this diverse learning environment and the visibility of the area is limited though the fence. We want to ensure students can regularly and easily access this area with supervision on a daily basis.

Activities the students and staff plan to complete using the pond and dock as a resource include:

- Leaf pack experiments to determine the types of Macroinvertebrate life within the pond, which determines the quality of the water.
- Research and build a variety of basking platforms for the yellow-eared sliders in the pond and see which one(s) they prefer.
- Grow and raise native species of lily pads.
- Use the dock to quietly listen for vocalizations and use FrogWatch to identify species.
- Stock pond with native fish to increase natural diversity.
- Research various water plants that will attract native wildlife.
- Learning how to kayak.

Although dock construction has not yet started due to changing water levels in the pond resulting in changes to the dock design, the students have continued to work to improve the area, creating and using turtle basking platforms to allow for wildlife to flourish.



GREENWOOD EXPANSION LETTER

Dear Members of Our Greenwood Community,

As Greenwood School proudly enters its 40th year, specializing in education for students with learning differences in Jacksonville, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support over the past four decades. Without your dedication, Greenwood would not be the leading institution it is today—providing a comprehensive education founded on strong mental health support and guidance, empowering our students to achieve their highest potential both in the classroom and beyond.

Whether you've been with us since the pioneering campaign led by Mr. David Stein to fund our current building, or you're a more recent addition as a new family or business partner, your commitment has been instrumental to our success. As we embark on our 40th year, I promise to ensure that everyone involved with Greenwood is kept informed. You can expect regular updates on our progress, our students' successes, and how your continued support is helping them flourish and strengthening the Jacksonville community.

The remarkable success of our students has led to our current campus reaching its capacity of 200 students. We now have waiting lists across all grade levels and an exceptionally low attrition rate. Students come to Greenwood for support, but they stay for the vibrant community. The addition of programs like our successful robotics program and Thespian Troupe, both of which compete at state and district levels, along with other enriching opportunities such as our guidance-based classes and agriscience courses, ensures that students are not only challenged but also gain access to unique experiences that prepare them for college and the workforce. We also recognized the need to extend our support beyond graduation. For students who may need support in college or the workforce, our "Life After Greenwood" program now offers a pathway to reset goals, explore apprenticeships, or find college courses better suited to their needs. This initiative ensures that all Greenwood alumni become confident and productive members of the broader community.

As a school, we understand that thoughtful growth is essential to meet the evolving needs of our students and the wider community. However, we are committed to preserving the core essence of what makes Greenwood so successful. I am incredibly excited to embark on this next chapter of the Greenwood School journey with you all and will keep you updated as our programs continue to grow.

In gratitude,

KATE FRASER

DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

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We wish to honor the treasured memory of **Mr. David Stein (1938-2024)**. David's unwavering dedication and efforts were crucial in securing the funds that brought our current campus to life. His steadfast support for programming and scholarships at Greenwood School truly reflected his passionate commitment to our mission. We are committed to preserving and expanding the extraordinary legacy he has left behind, ensuring his impact continues to inspire and uplift for generations to come.

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