



Greenhills

Paw Prints 2026/2027



Welcome to the 2026/2027 School Year!

We're thrilled to welcome our Greenhills Families back for another wonderful school year! Our dedicated teachers and staff have been hard at work preparing for an engaging start, and together with our PTC and DADs Club, we look forward to continuing to build a vibrant and supportive school community.

This year's theme is "Wild About Learning." Join us as we challenge students to explore new territory, track down big goals, and discover just how much they can achieve.

Warmly,
Helena Johnson
Principal, Greenhills Elementary



Important Safety Reminders!!

Morning Drop-Off: 7:35–7:48 a.m:

- Students may be dropped off starting at **7:35 a.m.** Please do not arrive or enter campus before this time.
- Use the crosswalk when crossing the street or the **parking lot**
- Staff in **PINK** or **YELLOW** safety vests will be supervising on the blacktop.
- A warning bell will ring at **7:48 a.m.** to signal students to line up and meet their teacher.



Car Drop-Off Guidelines:

- Car drop-off is allowed only in the school parking
- No student drop-offs are permitted on Greenhills Way.
- If using the car lane, please remain in your vehicle to keep traffic moving.
- Staff are available to assist with unloading if needed.



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Afternoon Pick-Up:

- Please make sure to communicate any transportation or after-school plan changes **directly** with your child's teacher. TK & MA Families: Please wait outside the gate until the bell rings. Your student's teacher will open the doors at dismissal, and you can pick your child up from the classroom door.
- Please **DO NOT** wait on campus before or after the dismissal bell.
- Refrain from coming onto the blacktop or cutting across the blacktop
- For TK/K parents, once you have picked up your student at 1:05pm, please exit campus to keep it secure for our other Cubs still learning.
- Kinder Families: Please pick up your student from the front of the school. Do not come to the classroom door.
- 1st-3rd Grade Families: Families may meet students at their classroom door at dismissal.
- Car pick-up is allowed only in the school parking lot.



TK Playground Coming SOON!!

Looking ahead: When the new TK construction is complete, we will be updating our morning drop-off routine. Beginning at **7:35 AM** and before the start-of-day bell rings, students can head to their designated play areas for their age group until 7:50 AM. More information will be shared with families, including updated instructions regarding play areas, as soon as the TK construction is complete.

Safety Reminders

Please slow down and follow ALL traffic laws near the school—**Student Safety is #1 priority.**

- No double parking or speeding
- No Cell Phone use in and around our school.
- No parking near a red painted curb and **do not** proceed past the cones at the end of Seeno Way.
- Do not block a crosswalk or driveway with your vehicle.
- Need help? Look for staff in **PINK** or **YELLOW** safety vests.



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Please see the flyer listed below for Session, Grades and Class Dates.

[Flyer](#)



Fall Picture day is Tuesday the 25th!

This photo will be included in the [2026/27 Yearbook](#) (with your permission). For more information and to order, visit mydorian.com.



Granite Bay Atelier at Greenhills School!

Through the generosity of **ESF**, we are able to provide **4 Atelier Sessions** for Greenhills Elementary School at no cost to families! These Art Classes will focus on art concepts and techniques and give students studio time to hone their skills. Each Session will have unique projects for the season. To make things as equitable as possible, students will only be able to attend one session per year & 24 students per class. First come, first served.

Please register for Atelier by **September 1, 2026**. Return forms to the office.
Please Note: Registration forms are available in the front office.



**Cubs Counseling Corner
August 2026**

Welcome!

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year. This year, Greenhills will continue to have a counselor on site daily!



My name is Ashley Reichardt, and I am excited to be returning to Greenhills for my



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14th school year in the Eureka Union School District. This year, my role at Greenhills is to facilitate the Toolbox Program, collaborate with families and staff regarding student needs, and support students through classroom, group, and individual lessons. I look forward to seeing the Cubs when I am on campus

Mondays-Thursdays!

While I am not helping our Cubs, I am a wife to an amazing husband and a mom of two VERY active kids that have turned me into an unpaid Uber driver.

If you have any questions or need information on local resources, please email me at areichardt@eurekausd.org.



My name is Hello! My name is Ms. Kat and I am excited to be serving Greenhills Elementary as your School Counselor on Fridays. This is my 3rd year as a counselor, but my 6th in education. Before counseling, I was a 1st grade teacher! I love helping students reach their full potential, inside and outside of the classroom, by giving them different SEL tools they can add to their toolbox.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my husband and 7-month-old baby, reading, baking, and seeing my friends and family. I am

really looking forward to an awesome school year!

Helping Your Cub(s) Transition to the New School Year

The start of a new school year is an exciting time! However, many students (and other family members) may experience some level of anxiety. Here are a few ways to help your Cub transition back to school:

Validate feelings before jumping to

reassurance: acknowledge, accept, and empathize with the feelings your child is experiencing. Once you name the feeling, you can help with problem solving.

Let your Cub know you believe in them!

Remind your child of ways they have been brave, or challenges they have faced in the past.

Establish a routine: routines and rituals help students to cope. A calm routine in the morning helps to set the tone for the day; additionally, a routine after school helps the student and caregiver reconnect.

Create a “goodbye” ritual: come up with a special way to separate at school and stick with it! **Tip- lingering can make separation**

anxiety worse for your student. School staff is available to help if needed so that you can make a speedy exit!

Remind yourself that this is an adjustment for your child and family. However, with support from you and school staff, your child will adapt.

Establish a "reconnection" ritual: Ask your child open-ended questions about school, such as: “How did you make someone smile today?” or “What was your favorite thing you learned?”

Manage your own feelings of anxiety: Your child picks up on your emotions and can feel anxious if you show anxiety. Good news! If you show curiosity and excitement, your child may feel the same way about the start of school!



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The Toolbox Program

This year, the Cubs will be relearning/learning the Toolbox program. Toolbox “supports children in understanding and managing their own emotional, social, and academic success.

The foundation of TOOLBOX is 12 human capacities that reside within all of us. Through its simple and profound metaphor of Tools, TOOLBOX brings forward a set of skills and practices that help students access their own inner resilience at any time, in any context” (www.toolboxproject.com).

During the month of September, the students will be learning the first 2 tools- the Breathing Tool and Quiet/Safe Place Tool.

Lunch Clubs and Recess Opportunities

Lunch Clubs will resume this school year! Lunch Club is a structured recess opportunity for students on specific days of the week throughout the school year. Lunch Club creates a smaller group for positive engagement to practice positive communication, initiating play and problem solving. More information regarding this opportunity to come!

Community Resource Spotlight

[211 Placer](#) (call 211, text zip code 898211)
Placer County’s 24/7 comprehensive resource for referrals for food/housing assistance, mental health care, employment services and more.



Volunteer Clearance

To volunteer on campus for the 2026/2027 school year, all adults—including grandparents, aunts, uncles, and others—must complete the [volunteer clearance form](#). Returning volunteers will receive an updated name card for their lanyard, and new volunteers will be provided with a yellow lanyard. Name cards and lanyards will be sent home in Wednesday folders. PTC already has two volunteer opportunities open!

[Crossing Guard](#): Help keep our cubs and their families safe! Two people needed for 30 minutes per day -- sign up for as many days as your schedule allows.

[Recess Remix](#): One hour during lunch recess. We have all of the supplies. You just need to facilitate the activity of your choice (examples include Legos, Playdoh, Yoga, paper airplanes, card games)





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SAVE THE DATE!

Jog-A-Thon, Friday October 9th!

JOGATHON is PTC's only major fundraiser! Before the Oct 9 event, cubs are encouraged to fundraise by sending their link to family and friends. Family and friends then either donate a set amount or a per-lap pledge. On the day of the event, the cubs will have 20 minutes to run as many laps as possible.

Parents/Guardians/Supporters are invited to come cheer them on. Classes wear their class colors, we take lots of awesome pictures, the cubs get popsicles and a pizza lunch, swag bags go home, and they generally have the BEST DAY EVER! Our goal this year is to raise \$60,000 for our programs, activities, and teacher support.

Our first JOGATHON Committee meeting is THIS Friday at 9:00am in the small multi (check in at the office first) - AND WE NEED YOU!

We need help with all aspects of the event (setup, clean up, volunteers, lunch, sponsors, emcee, photography, videography, etc.)

[Click here to purchase a \\$35 Family Sponsorship](#) and have your name added to the back of the official Jog Shirt! **Deadline is FRIDAY, September 11!**

Individual student fundraising links will be sent by September 1.

Do you own a small business? Corporate sponsorships make our JOGATHON possible and include perks like PTC social media shoutouts, race day thanks, sending home swag on jog day, signage and more! [Click here to sponsor the 2026 event!](#)

DADs Club Thank You!

Thank you to DADs Blake, Allan, Chris, Eric, Nick, Brian, Yong, Ethan, and Rich for their hard work this month assembling equipment, pressure washing, weed pulling, and picking up trash on campus. [Fill out this form](#) to be added to the DADs Club Contact List, and SAVE THE DATE for their kickoff on **August 27 @ 7pm @ GB Brew Co.**



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Spiritwear Sale

Sport Tees
T-Shirts
Caps

ORDER BY
SEPT. 7



See All Items & Pricing Available Online

<https://stores.inksoft.com/gre208>

EPI CUSTOM APPAREL

Important Upcoming Dates

August

- 21 Jogathon Committee Kickoff
- 25 Fall Pictures–SMILE!!
- 26 PTC Meeting @ 11:15am
- 27 DADs Club Kickoff

September

- 4 No School-Prof Development Day
- 7 No School-Labor Day
- 11 Jogathon Shirt Sponsors Due
- 15 Art Docent Orientation @ 6pm
- 22 Cubs Night Out: Casa del Lago

October

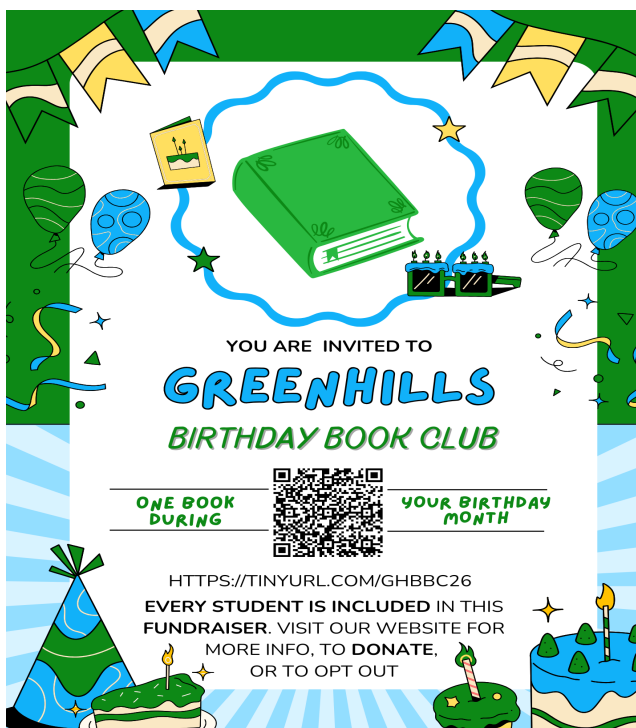
- 9 JOG-A-THON
- 15 Fall Retake Picture Day

ESF Annual Giving

Investing in Excellence: Partnering for Our Students As we jump into a great new school year, we want to spotlight our incredible partnership with the **Eureka Schools Foundation (ESF)**. Last year EUSD received nearly **\$8,000 less per student** in state funding than many neighboring districts, a structural gap totaling nearly **\$29 million district-wide**. While state funds cover basic operations, our district spends **\$2 million annually on vital enrichment programs** like libraries, athletics, performing arts, visual arts, technology/STEAM, and teacher collaboration. ESF works directly with our community to help cover these costs and bridge the funding gap.

How You Can Help Make a Difference:

- **Our Target: \$45/month per student** (or a \$500 annual gift). Every contribution directly impacts our classrooms!





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Back-to-School Incentive: Donate this month (\$45/month or \$500 one-time) to be entered into our Back-to-School Raffle to win prizes like

1. \$100 Hawks gift card
2. 2 Kings tickets,
3. A day with the Superintendent!

Plus Mark Your Calendars – Upcoming ESF

Events:

- **Granite Bay 5K & 10K:** Sep 13, 2026
[Registration Open Now!](#)



GRANITE BAY 5&10K

5K 10K KIDS 1/4 MILE

REGISTER NOW
SUNDAY, SEPT 13, 8AM

LIVE MUSIC FUN ACTIVITIES COFFEE & MORE!



- **Online Auction:** Oct 27 – Nov 14, 2026
- **Annual Gala:** Nov 14, 2026
- **Night at the Kings:** Coming Soon!
- **World Arts Fair:** Apr 9, 2027
- **Daigneault Derby:** May 1, 2027
- **Golf Tournament:** May 24, 2027

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