

December
2006

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Winter break is almost upon us. It is hard to believe half the year is complete. We have enjoyed so many fun activities such as our BTS BBQ, bingo, bowling and skate parties, fun fair, and field trips that were funded by PTO. These are the things that make our children's school year memorable.

There is much more fun to come for spring semester. Look inside for a listing of events for second semester. Gator Gallop/Silent Auction is our big event in April. Not only is it fun, but it is our second of two major fundraisers for the year. We look forward to seeing you there.

As winter break approaches we are all preparing for the holidays. However you and your family celebrate we hope it is a joyous occasion for you. May the New Year bring many blessings.

Happy Holidays!

Stephanie French and Sherry Hanson



- ?? Scholastic Book Fair from Dec. 11 - 15
- ?? Papa John's Night on Dec. 12
- ?? Papa John's night on Jan. 9
- ?? PTO Meeting on Jan. 16
- ?? After-School Clubs begin on Jan. 18
- ?? Applebee's night on Jan. 23



McGruff Says: Beware of Strangers

Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts. And it's not uncommon for people to try to take advantage of others' generosity during the holidays by going door-to-door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved. Ask for identification, and find out how the funds will be used. If you aren't satisfied, don't give. Help a charitable organization you know and like instead.

Last but not least, don't let holiday stress get the best of your holiday spirit. Make time to get together with family, friends and neighbors. And think about reaching out in the spirit of the season and helping someone who's less fortunate or lonely.

Do your part to make the holidays a safe and happy time for everybody—except criminals.

We are looking for Green Spring families to watch over the school grounds during the weekends. This entails picking up trash on school property and checking for any type of vandalism and calling the police if necessary. The families are assigned one weekend per month. If you are interested please call Nicole Scrivner at (913) 782-0528.

Stay Warm !! Remember to always dress warmly with mittens/gloves, hats, boots, and zippered up coats during the winter. If you're playing outside in the snow and an emergency happens, remember to look for the nearest McGruff House and go for help. McGruff says to have a happy holiday season, and remember to be careful about candles and plug-in decorations!



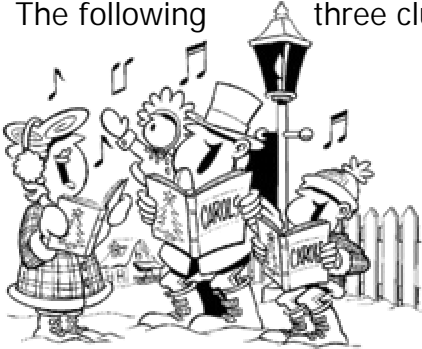
SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 19	Bingo	6:30-8:00
January 31	Skate Party	6:30-8:30
February 11	Bowling	1:00-3:00
March 1	Skate Party	6:30-8:30
April 20	Gator Gallop/Silent Auction	6:00-8:30
May 18	Ice Cream Social	6:30-8:00

The Green Springs PTO Proudly Presents: AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS 2007

After School Clubs provide our students with the opportunity to grow by learning new skills, spending time with peers, and challenging themselves in a setting that is educational and entertaining.

The following three clubs have been scheduled for early 2007:



Music and Movement

Thursdays, Jan. 18, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 8

Grades: K-3

Parent Sponsors: Dawn Foos, Tracy Devinney

Shake away those winter blues by moving and grooving to some rhythmic tunes.

Game Club

Tuesdays, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, Feb. 13, Feb. 20

Grades: K-6

Parent Sponsors: Suzette Garrelts, Angie Glenn, Debbie Horn, Kathleen Shryock

Strengthen your strategy planning skills by challenging other Gators to a friendly board game or two or three.

Science Club

Mondays, Jan. 22, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, Feb. 12

Grades: K-4

Parent Sponsors: Sarah Gilliland, Debbie Horn, Yvonne Miguel

Creative and curious? Fuel your curiosity with a four-week science club.



All clubs will take place immediately after school until 4:30 pm. Students will be provided with a light snack courtesy of the PTO.

Enrollment forms were sent home in early December and must be returned by December 15. Because seating availability is limited, please allow us to accommodate as many Gators as possible by selecting only one club per student. In the event that the number enrolled exceeds the capacity, attendees will be selected through a random drawing. Please contact Kathleen Shryock at 764-4443 or libertykws@yahoo.com with questions.

Gator Gallop/Silent Auction 2007 is coming this Spring

Raise money for our school and have fun doing it. That is what this is all about. Watch your kids run and earn money for our school.

Then come inside and bid on your favorite classroom baskets and auction items. It is a fun evening that everyone will enjoy.

