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Presidents' Letter



Bingo once again was a success! We had a packed house, lots of prizes and great fun. Big thanks to Denise Mersmann and Jenny Nehrbass for coordinating this event. A special thanks to all the parents and student who assisted in clean up.

Looking ahead to the rest of the school year and upcoming PTO activities:

- * First ever Soups and Hoops scheduled for Friday, March 9th.
- * Gator Gallop and Silent Auction scheduled for Friday, April 20th.
- * Ice Cream Social scheduled for Friday, May 18th.

The PTO Board has one board position at this time open for the next school year 2007-2008.

- * **Member at Large, Community Services - Organizes skating and bowling parties. Oversees Gator Clothing committee. Supports board in PTO events.**

Please review the duties involved for this position inside the newsletter. Feel free to contact any board member for with questions you may have.

The next PTO meeting is Tuesday, February 20th, at 7:30 PM., we hope to see you there!

Stephanie French and Sherry Hanson

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* Papa John's Night on Feb 13.

* Parent-Teacher Conferences Feb. 15-16.

* PTO Meeting on Feb. 20.

* Applebee's Night Feb. 27.

* Skate Party on March 1.

* Soups & Hoops on March 9.



Practice giving directions to your house with your parents in case of emergency. Don't let anyone know you're home alone. If you answer the phone, say "Mom/Dad can't come to the phone right now, can I take a message?" Make sure you know how to use your door and window locks at your house. If you have an alarm system, have your parents show you how to use it. McGruff says, "Immediately check in with a neighbor or your parents if you come home from school alone."

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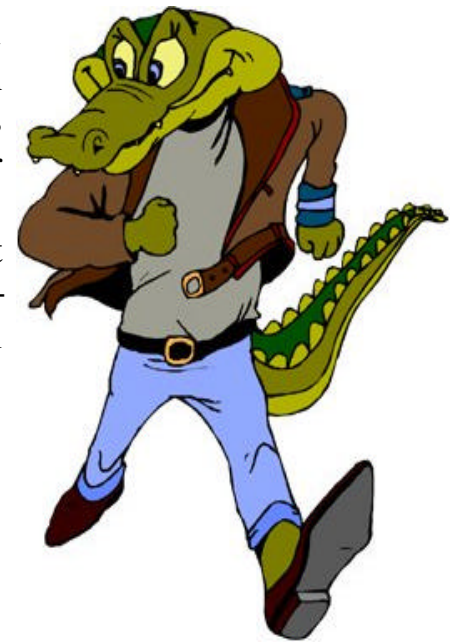
Mark your calendar for the first ever
"Soups and Hoops"

March Madness is coming! On Friday, March 9th, we will have a fun family evening watching the Big Twelve Basketball Tournament and sharing our homemade soups. A big screen TV set up in the multi-purpose room so that we can catch all the action. We will be sending home a flyer and you can sign up to bring a soup/chili, desert or other items. You can also bring along throw pillows to sit on to watch the big games!



GATOR GALLOP

Gator Gallop/Silent Auction is coming on April 20th. This is Green Springs' major fundraiser for the year. It will help support some classroom supplies, field trips and all the PTO events for next year.



To start off the evening, students run a mile and ask their family, friends, and neighbors to make a cash donation. The second part of the night is a Silent Auction with many fun and luxurious items to bid on. The most endearing items are those designed by each classroom. It is a must see!

We really need it to be a great success! We are still looking for donations for the auction and businesses to become T-Shirt sponsors. If you can help with this, please call Jenny Nehrbass at 397-0102 or email nehrbo@sbcglobal.net.

SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 1	Skate Party	6:30-8:30
March 9	Soups & Hoops	TBA
April 20	Gator Gallop/Silent Auction	5:30-8:30
May 18	Ice Cream Social	6:30-8:00

Read-A-Thon

Read-A-Thon Reminder: Students should all have their pledge sheets and start finding pledges to sponsor them for the one week reading time. We encourage everyone to participate to make this a successful Green Springs PTO Fund-raiser. Some important dates to remember:



- ?? Feb. 5th the Pledge Sheets went home
- ?? Feb 12th Reading Time Begins
- ?? Feb 19th Reading Time Ends
- ?? Feb 26th Pledge Cards and Money are Due to the Front Office.

Yearbook Info

Update on yearbook sales dates:

The new dates are February 13 to March 2. The price is \$11.00, please be on the lookout for a flyer to address any questions you may have.

Dining to Donate

Thanks to all of you who were able to help Green Springs earn funds by eating during one of our Dining to Donate evenings!

The first Tuesday of each month is Wendy's Night. Wendy's will donate 10% of all sales between the hours of 5PM and 8PM from that evening to Green Springs PTO. Also, the class with the greatest participation will win a Frosty Party.

The second Tuesday of each month is Papa John's pizza night. On that night, when anyone places and order with Papa John's and mentions Green Springs, 15% of the sales will be donated to our school. As an added bonus, the class that raises the most money will win a free pizza party for that month. Keep ordering those pizzas!

The fourth Tuesday of each month is Applebee's night. An Applebee's flyer will be sent home from school and you just take that with you to the Applebee's at The Great Plains Mall and they will donate 20% of your purchase that evening to Green Springs.

After School Clubs

The Green Springs PTO sponsored three successful After School Clubs in January and February. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the following parents who volunteered their time and energy to host a club:

Music and Movement - Tracy Devinney and Dawn Foos

Science Club – Sarah Gilliland, Debbie Horn, and Yvonne Miguel

Game Club – Suzette Garrelts, Angie Glenn, Debbie Horn, and Kathleen Shryock

Thank you also to Kristy Urman and Jean Stutzman for allowing us to use facilities and equipment, to Colleen Lattimer for her assistance with scheduling, and to Dr. Brenda Traugher for her enthusiastic and generous support of the science club. An extra pat on the back is extended to Sarah Gilliland for coordinating the creative experiments for our young scientists.

The After School Clubs were a great way for our Gators to spend quality time with their peers while learning something new in a fun environment. PTO hopes to offer additional clubs during the 2007-2008 school year. We are always on the lookout for new ideas and for volunteers who can help us make our clubs a success. Planning for 2007-2008 will start early in the next school year so please let us know if you have an idea for a new club or if would like to offer your time and talent by serving as a host. Contact Kathleen Shryock at 764-4443 or libertykws@yahoo.com. Or speak with any of our PTO board members.